

Beta Alpha Psi/AICPA Medal of Inspiration

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Overview of Program

Beta Alpha Psi students are already “good” students. They have strong GPAs, they contribute to their communities through service, and demonstrate commitment to professional ideals and ethics. We want to encourage them to go the next level and strive to be “great.” An integral part of this encouragement is for students to hear life stories of other students who been particularly inspirational.

This year, Beta Alpha Psi and the AICPA are once again jointly sponsoring a program whereby such inspirational stories can be shared, thereby encouraging others to reach within and find the “greatness” in themselves.

Criteria and Eligibility

We invite current Beta Alpha Psi students to nominate either themselves or another current Beta Alpha Psi student. We also encourage faculty advisors to consider nominating one of their members. Any student currently enrolled as a junior, senior, or graduate student is eligible to be nominated. Nominators will be required to write an essay describing why and how this individual inspires them.

There are two criteria whereby students can win. First, they may have experienced extreme hardships in their lives in pursuing their education, and demonstrated an unusually high level of success in spite of that adversity. Or, second, they may have done something particularly inspirational in the course of their young lives that had tremendous impact on someone else’s life. Either path is acceptable. Students are encouraged to participate in the program, not to bring honor or glory to themselves, but to inspire students to want to affect on the world around them in a positive way.

Up to three winners will be selected by a panel of Beta Alpha Psi Board and/or Advisory Forum members and a representative of the AICPA. These students will receive the “Medal of Inspiration” award at the Beta Alpha Psi 2009 annual meeting and a cash scholarship award of \$5,000, made possible by the generous funding of the AICPA.

Beta Alpha Psi/AICPA Medal of Inspiration Nomination Form

Instructions: Please complete this form in its entirety. Responses and the essay must be typed.

Part I. Personal Information

Name of Nominee: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Member of which Chapter?

Chapter Number: _____

Chapter Name: _____

School: _____

Date Joined Beta Alpha Psi: _____

Degree Currently Seeking: _____ Major: _____

Overall GPA: _____

Expected Date Current Degree Will be Conferred: _____

There are two possible paths for being awarded a Medal of Inspiration. Either 1) the nominee has overcome extreme adversity to achieve remarkable success, or, 2) the nominee has engaged in an activity that has had a significant positive impact on the lives of those around him/her.

Which category does the nominee fit into (check one)?

The nominee has:

- Overcome extreme adversity to achieve remarkable success
- Had a significant positive impact on the lives of those around him/her

Part II. Leadership and Activities

Please describe in detail the nominee's activities in Beta Alpha Psi, and other organizations.

I. Beta Alpha Psi Leadership Positions

II. Other Leadership Positions

III. Beta Alpha Psi Activities

IV. Other Activities

Part III. Essay

Submit an essay describing why the nominee should receive a Medal of Inspiration. The essay should be no longer than 3 single-spaced pages, 12-point font. Supporting document from an external (unrelated) party will strengthen the nominee's application. The nominee may attach any amount of supporting documentation. The nominee must submit a signed statement, names, and phone numbers from 3 references who have read the essay and who can attest to the truthfulness of the content of the essay. An application not accompanied by three signed attestation statements (see below) will not be considered. The statement should be copied from the below language and signed.

"I have read the essay submitted by (Nominee's Name) for the Beta Alpha Psi/AICPA Medal of Inspiration award. I attest to the truthfulness and accuracy of the contents, without reservation. I understand that I may be called by someone from Beta Alpha Psi or the AICPA to verify this attestation."

By (Sign Name) _____

Print Name _____

Relationship to the Nominee: _____

Phone Number: _____

Part IV. Submission of Nomination Packet

Please submit the following information via email, no later than May 1, 2009.

- Completed nomination form
- Essay
- Supporting Documentation
- Signed attestation statements from 3 references

All of the above information should be scanned in as one PDF file. Email the file to Dr. Stephanie Bryant (sbryant@coba.usf.edu) by midnight, May 1, 2009. Nominations received after this date and time will not be accepted. You should receive a confirmation email from Dr. Bryant stating that your nomination has been received. Please keep this confirmation email.

Notification of Winners

Deadline for entries:	Midnight, May 1
Winners notified:	By June 1
Presentation of international awards:	August 2009

Questions?

Email Dr. Stephanie Bryant at sbryant@coba.usf.edu.