



THETA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

"FROM WOMEN, FOR WOMEN"

Mission of Theta Alpha

Theta Alpha was originally founded in 1904 as a women's alumnae association of the Academy of the New Church Girls' School. Its mission today is to provide a forum for women, for the advancement and support of New Church education in its many forms, and to support each other in our personal spiritual growth, based on and guided by the truths as given in the *Three-fold Word (the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg)*.

Eligibility for Application

Women who have been accepted to or are enrolled at Bryn Athyn College of the New Church, who desire to become New Church teachers and who plan to pursue education as a major, minor, or as part of an Interdisciplinary Degree, are eligible to apply for this award.

Scholarship

A scholarship award of \$2,100 is granted to up to two recipients annually. One award is granted to a student who is new to Bryn Athyn College of the New Church (incoming freshman or transfer student), and one award is granted to a student who is currently enrolled at Bryn Athyn College (see specific criteria below). One-third of the scholarship (\$700) will be paid directly to Bryn Athyn College at the beginning of each trimester in the following academic year. Scholarships may be used toward tuition, fees and/or on-campus room and board. The award is granted for one year. Students who receive the award may reapply in subsequent years.

Applicant Criteria

Applicants for the scholarship must meet all criteria for one of the following awards:

1. Award for a student who is new to Bryn Athyn College of the New Church

- a woman who is in her final year of high school (or the equivalent) OR is transferring from another institution of higher learning
- has maintained a 3.0 GPA¹ (high school – most recent three terms; college – most recent cumulative)
- plans to attend Bryn Athyn College during the following academic year
- plans to enroll in education as a major, minor, or part of an interdisciplinary degree (ID)

¹ Or its equivalent: 3.0 GPA (Grade Point Average) is equivalent to a letter grade of B

2. Award for a student currently enrolled at Bryn Athyn College of the New Church

- a woman who is currently enrolled in, or intends to enroll in Education as a major, minor, or part of an interdisciplinary (ID) degree
 - has maintained a 3.0 cumulative GPA¹ while at Bryn Athyn College
 - plans to attend Bryn Athyn College during the following year
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Application Requirements

All materials, submitted as a complete packet, must be postmarked on or before MARCH 8th. A completed application will include an application form and the following supporting documents.

1. Three (3) Letters of recommendation

- one from a New Church priest
- one from a teacher or administrator
- one from an employer or supervisor of paid or volunteer work

Letters of recommendation may **either** be emailed by the referent directly to Sarah Wong, Theta Alpha International Liaison (see email address below), **OR** applicants may enclose recommendations with their applications provided they are in a sealed envelope bearing the signature of the referent across the sealed edge of the envelope.

2. An essay

Students new to Bryn Athyn College - Please describe why you believe you are the person for the scholarship. We would like to hear about your interest in New Church education, your religious background, any previous experience you have had with New Church education, and anything else you would like us to know about you. Essays should be 1-2 double spaced pages, font size 12.

Current students - Choose one doctrine or teaching from the Writings for the New Church and describe why it is particularly meaningful to you as a future educator. Include ways in which you see the doctrine applying to life in general and to teaching, in particular. Your essay should be 2-3 double-spaced pages, font size 12.

3. Transcript

Please have your most recent official transcript (academic record) sent showing the requested GPA (see Applicant Criteria section above).

4. Interview

Applicants **may** be asked to attend an interview with representatives from Theta Alpha International. This may be in person or online.

Completed applications and all supporting documents should be submitted as a complete packet to:

Theta Alpha International c/o Sarah Wong
P.O. Box 717
Bryn Athyn, PA 19009, USA

OR

sarah.wong@brynathyn.edu

Applications must be postmarked on or before **MARCH 8th**. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you choose to mail your documents, please notify Sarah via email that you have done so.

Award recipients will be notified by April.
The decision of the Theta Alpha International Scholarship committee is final.

Questions, please contact Sarah Wong, at sarah.wong@brynathyn.edu.

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