



THETA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

"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

This annual scholarship awards and supports women who have been accepted to or are enrolled at Bryn Athyn College of the New Church, earning a graduate degree/certificate and desires New Church education, to prepare them to contribute to their community, and have a financial need.

Scholarship

A scholarship award of \$2,000 is granted annually, up to two recipients who exemplify and embrace the teachings of the New Church. The scholarship amount will be paid directly to Bryn Athyn College, and may be used towards tuition, books or fees. These are merit- and need-based scholarships and may be students may reapply in subsequent years.

Applicant Criteria

Applicants for the scholarship must the following criteria:

- A woman who wishes to attend and has been accepted to BAC to pursue a graduate program
- Has maintained least a "B" or 3.0 GPA average or equivalent in most recent educational transcript

Application Requirements

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

1. Application Form

2. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

- one from a New Church priest
- one from a teacher or administrator

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

3. 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.

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

4. Transcript

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

5. Interview

Applicants **may** be asked to attend an interview with representatives from Theta Alpha International. This may occur 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.