

# 2009 ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY AWARDS

**Purpose:** To encourage medical students to address nontechnical topics in medicine, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society instituted this competition to recognize and reward excellent and thoughtful student compositions.

**Prizes:** \$2000 first, \$750 second, \$500 third, and honorable mention awards of \$250 each. Prizes will be paid after the receipt of required documentation (see **Requirements for winning essays**, below).

**Eligibility:** Authors must be enrolled at medical schools with active AΩA chapters (Class of 2009 or later), but need not be members of AΩA. Only one entry may be submitted by an author.

**Dates:** Entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2009, and sent by first-class mail, express mail, or by courier. Winners will be announced about May 1, 2009.

## **Requirements for the essays:**

1. Essays must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must represent original work.

2. The essay may be on any nontechnical subject related to medicine, including ethics, history, education, philosophy, and policy. Well-referenced, scholarly fiction is an acceptable genre.

3. The manuscript must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins.

4. Unique references, numbered consecutively, are limited to 20. (Reference citation of web sites is not acceptable unless a site is the sole source of the information or has official academic credentials. Examples of acceptable sites are official government web pages such as that of the National Institutes of Health.)

5. The paper must not have been offered to or published by any other journal and must be submitted to *The Pharos*, the official publication of AΩA, which has the right of first refusal.

6. Four stapled single-sided sets of the essay (pages typed and numbered, with author's name and essay title on each page; no covers or binders) and a single sheet with the author's full name, address, phone number, e-mail, name of medical school and year of graduation, and essay title should be sent to:

*Alpha Omega Alpha Student Essay Competition*  
525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130  
Menlo Park, California 94025.

7. Essays not conforming to the instructions will be returned.

8. A committee of the editorial board of *The Pharos* will review the essays and select the winners. Judging will be on the basis of originality, scholarship, style and composition, and relevance.

**Requirements for winning essays:** When notified that they have received an award, authors of all winning papers must provide documentation of references in photocopy as follows: title pages of all books cited; the first and last pages of book chapters cited; the table of contents of the particular issue of the journal in which a cited article appeared; all quotations, from the primary sources, including page numbers. The author's Social Security number will be required for payment of the award.

**Errata:** Authors may present their essays at national meetings. Papers not accepted for *The Pharos* but published elsewhere should include the following acknowledgment: Submitted as an entry in the 2009 Alpha Omega Alpha Student Essay Competition.

**More information:** Contact Managing Editor Debbie Lancaster at (650) 329-0291 or [d.lancaster@alphaomegaalpha.org](mailto:d.lancaster@alphaomegaalpha.org). Examples of several winning student essays, reference style information, and optional forms are on AΩA's web site: [www.alphaomegaalpha.org/programs/StudentEssayAwards.htm](http://www.alphaomegaalpha.org/programs/StudentEssayAwards.htm).

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HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION**

Mr/Ms/Mrs:		First name		Last name	
Address:					
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Title of Essay:					

**CHECKLIST:**

	Margins 1 inch or larger		20 or fewer references
	Type size 12 point or larger		Four sets, stapled
	15 or fewer double-spaced pages, <b>single-sided</b>		No cover or binder
	Author's name and essay title on each page		Single sheet with name, address, telephone, e-mail, school, year of graduation, and essay title

**DEADLINE:** January 31, 2009

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