Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant

The Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant was established by a legacy from Florence A. Cook, Alpha Chapter of Lambda State. It was originally established to provide recruitment grants to Illinois high school students planning to enter the field of education. Beginning April, 2013, the grants will be awarded to female college/university students who have been accepted into a certified teacher education program. Each chapter may select one application to send to the Lambda State Educational Excellence Committee.

The number of grants and the size of each grant are determined on an annual basis depending on the total amount in the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Fund. The goal of the state Educational Excellence Committee is to administer the fund so that it provides \$1000 grants to be awarded to recipients within each of the six regions of Lambda State.

The interest recorded at the end of the previous fiscal year from the invested fund will be added to the principal. "The committee has the discretion of awarding grants of equal value to recipients with consideration given to the six areas of the state." (SR 1.23 B. 9/12, C. 4/04, P 2 a)

Applications must be submitted by February 1.

Contact: Lambda State Educational Excellence Chair.

The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.

The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. exists to provide financial assistance to Lambda State chapters, or coordinating councils in Lambda State working on an educational research project or a special innovative project that will improve and enhance education in Illinois. The amount of the stipend will vary and shall be determined by the Foundation Board. Stipends will be awarded as determined by the income balance in the Lambda State Foundation Fund.

Application for proposals must be submitted by November 1 or May 1.

Contact: Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies Chair.

Grant-in-Aid Fund

The Grant-in-Aid is awarded to a full-time female Illinois college/university student who is pursuing a degree in any field of study. The recipient must also be an Illinois resident. The recipient must be a present or former chapter recruitment grant or grant-in-aid recipient. Only one application per chapter may be submitted.

The account shall receive contributions from chapters, individuals, foundations or other income sources. The Grant, not to exceed \$2,000, may be given annually. Monies received at the end of the fiscal year shall be distributed by the Educational Excellence Committee for the grant(s). The remaining money shall be reinvested. (SR 1.24 A. 4/00, B 7/13, C. 4/00, P 2 c)

Applications are due by February 1.

Contact: Lambda State Educational Excellence Chair.

Women in the Arts Fund

The Women in the Arts Fund presents the M. Josephine O'Neil Award biennially to a female college student studying in one or more fields of the arts. The applicant must be approaching her junior year at an accredited college or university or be a sophomore at an accredited community college. Other criteria

can be obtained by contacting the Women in the Art Chair. A maximum of \$6000 is awarded in odd numbered years.

Applications must be submitted by February 1 of odd numbered years.

Contact: Lambda State Women in the Arts Chair.

Scholarship Fund

Lambda State offers scholarships to members based upon the availability of funds in the scholarship program. The number of scholarships/stipends is recommended to the Executive Board at the state convention. Scholarships are given in the following categories:

- For one academic year of full-time foreign or domestic study
- For a minimum of twelve semester hours or the equivalent of foreign or domestic study to be completed in one year.
- For a minimum of six semester hours for graduate work during the academic year or summer
- For special study stipends to develop skills or meet professional needs and recertification requirements.

To qualify for a special study stipend, the applicant must meet certain criteria. She shall have completed three years of membership in Lambda State and provide evidence of active participation and leadership in The Society. Retired members may apply. The course, seminar or workshop must have been completed from 1/1/12 through 12/31/12 to receive the award in 2013. Other criteria may be obtained by contacting the Lambda State Scholarship Chair.

To qualify for a state scholarship, the applicant must meet certain criteria such as she shall have completed five years of membership in Lambda State for the scholarship for full-time study and three years of membership in Lambda State for all other scholarships. The applicant must provide evidence of active participation and have shown leadership in the Society. Other criteria may be obtained by contacting the Lambda State Scholarship Chair.

In 2013 Lambda State will award the following scholarships:

- 1 for \$3,500 for one year of full time graduate study
- 2 for \$2,500 for 12 hours or more of graduate study
- 3 for \$1,500 for six hours or more of graduate study
- \$3,000 for special study stipends for the calendar year 1/1/12 12/31/12
- \$800 for the Emma Reinhardt Scholarship
- \$2,000 for the Emilie U. Lepthien Scholarship for study in Educational Administration

Applications must be submitted by January 10.

Contact: Lambda State Scholarship Chair.