



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Alpha Chi Student Scholars Awarded \$75,000

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Alpha Chi National College Honor Society is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 National Scholarship and Fellowship Competition. With twenty-six student members being awarded a total of \$75,000 this year, these scholarships and fellowships recognize the academic achievement and dedication of Alpha Chi members and support their continued education in various fields of study.

Each of these awards is named for an influential leader in Alpha Chi’s history, and each Alpha Chi chapter may submit undergraduate nominations annually based on the number of new undergraduate members inducted by the chapter in the previous academic year. Undergraduate nominees compete for awards for senior-year baccalaureate or first-year graduate study, while graduate student and alumni applicants may apply independently for fellowships for later study at the master’s and doctoral levels. If a recipient becomes unable to enroll in the fall semester, the award will pass to an alternate.

#### **For undergraduate members in their senior year of study in Fall 2026:**

##### **\$3,000 Edwin W. Gaston, Jr. Scholarships**

Sarah Andersen, Tennessee Eta, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Tessema Meredith, New Mexico Gamma, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM

##### **\$2,000 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarships**

Judith Flores Mora, California Zeta, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA

Roman Harvey, West Virginia Beta, Concord University, Athens, WV

Sarah Harvey, California Iota, California State University, Bakersfield, CA

Jennie Higdon, Arkansas Beta, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR

Emily Huhn, Indiana Beta, Huntington University, Huntington, IN

Melissa Nascimento, Florida Lambda, Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL

Isaac Thomas, Missouri Delta, Westminster College, Fulton, MO

Rebecca Tier, Florida Beta, Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL

##### **Ranked Nolle Scholarship Alternates:**

1. Sydney Newton, South Carolina Eta, Anderson University, Anderson, SC
2. Kadence Berry, Missouri Pi, Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO
3. Grace Doss, North Carolina Chi, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC

**\$2,000 Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship for a Cooperative Project**

Talia Bernstein, Texas Iota, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

**Nolle Cooperative Alternate**

Darren Pratt, Texas Psi, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

**For undergraduate members in their first year of graduate study in Fall 2026:**

**\$4,000 Robert W. Sledge Fellowship**

Mackenzie Hodge, Texas Alpha Kappa, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX

Lindsey Johnson, Virginia Zeta, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA

**\$3,000 H. Y. Benedict Fellowships**

Benjamin Arnett, Mississippi Beta, William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS

Helen Ball, Missouri Pi, Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO

Ruby Grafton, Arkansas Iota, Lyon College, Batesville, AR

Jack Graman, Texas Kappa, Austin College, Sherman, TX

Sophie Guthrie, Tennessee Eta, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Jordan Hoffman, Louisiana Alpha, Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA

Allaina Mace, Missouri Lambda, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO

Joshua Payne, Virginia Gamma, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA

**Ranked Benedict Fellowship Alternates:**

1. Abigail Ketchum, Texas Alpha Iota, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX
2. Eliza Rohda, Nebraska Epsilon, York University, York, NE
3. Adam Canler, Oklahoma Theta, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK
4. Jordan Hulse, North Carolina Epsilon, Mars Hill University, Mars Hill, NC
5. Kylee Lookabaugh, Texas Psi, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

**\$2,000 H. Y. Benedict Fellowship for a Cooperative Project**

Rochelle Maxson, Indiana Eta, University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

**Benedict Cooperative Alternate**

Lily Simpson, Tennessee Iota, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN

**For members pursuing master's degree study in Fall 2026:**

**\$4,000 Dennis M. Organ Fellowship**

Shalet James, Florida Eta, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**\$4,000 Walden S. Freeman Fellowship**

Kingsley Amoateng, Texas Alpha Xi, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

**Organ/Freeman Fellowship Alternate:**

AmyLynn Miller, Ohio Alpha, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH

## For members in doctoral study in Fall 2026:

### **\$6,000 Joseph E. Pryor Fellowship**

Sergio Carvajal-Leoni, Texas Iota, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

### **Pryor Fellowship Alternate:**

Holly Huckabee, Texas Beta, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX

### **\$3,000 Pryor Fellowship for a Cooperative Project**

Behnam Ghabel Damirchi, Texas Alpha Theta, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

One of last year's recipients shared her gratitude, writing:

"Thank you for supporting my education financially but also in other unforeseen ways. I used the Organ Fellowship funding to support my research in climate resiliency in Peru this past summer. I'm deeply grateful to Alpha Chi for investing in students like me and supporting continued scholarship."

—L. Sermersheim, 2025 Dennis M. Organ Fellowship Recipient

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## **About Alpha Chi**

Alpha Chi National College Honor Society invites to membership juniors, seniors, and graduate students from all disciplines in the top ten percent of their classes at its member institutions. Chartered on more than 300 campuses nationwide, chapters induct approximately 8,000 students annually. Since the Society's founding in 1922, Alpha Chi members, charged with upholding the tenets of Truth and Character, have dedicated themselves to "making scholarship effective for good." Alpha Chi is a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

For more information about Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, its scholarships, and the nomination process, please visit <https://alphachihonor.org/scholarships>.