



## OUTSTANDING BLOG AWARDS (up to \$250 each)

### ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Sigma Tau Delta Blog Awards, worth up to \$250 each, were established to honor outstanding achievement in creating blogs that support or advance the purposes and principles of Sigma Tau Delta as outlined in our Constitution. Blog awards are given to both individual members for distinguished personal blogs and to chapters for creating and maintaining an outstanding chapter blog. Blogs are judged on creativity, usability of design, and content. (Please note that individual blogs must, in some form, advance or display principles key to the goals of Sigma Tau Delta. See the description under Blog philosophy, below.)

Applicants must send 15 copies of the completed application packet, postmarked by midnight or, if sent special delivery, received no later than 4:30 p.m. (CST), **November 30**, to:

Sigma Tau Delta  
Outstanding Blog Awards  
Department of English  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, IL 60115-2863

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Following directions on page 2, create an application cover sheet (materials will not be returned) and make 15 copies.
2. Sign Applicant's Declaration below.
3. Have your chapter sponsor sign the Nomination Statement below.
4. Handwritten, late, incomplete, or faxed applications will not be considered.

### APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true. Further, if submitting in the individual blog category, I affirm that I am the sole individual responsible for not just the content but also the layout and design of the blog whose URL I am providing in this application. I agree that the application package becomes the property of Sigma Tau Delta and may be used for publicity purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual Applicant's Signature (For Individual Application)  
or Chapter President's Signature (for Chapter Application)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### NOMINATION STATEMENT

I verify that the information provided herein is true and, in the case of an individual application, certify that the nominee is a member in good standing and that the blog is entirely the result of the applicant's own work.

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Chapter Sponsor's Signature

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Date

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### Format

Use a word processor (Times New Roman [12pt] or Courier [10 cpi] font, single-spaced lines) to document the information. Set margins for 1 – 1.25". Staple multiple pages together. Do NOT attempt to “dress up” your application by changing fonts/type sizes. DO label and present information in the order listed for the judges. Only clear, legible, complete applications will be considered. Do NOT use a header or footer with your name.

### I. Type of Application

Identify your application with a title indicating if you are applying for a chapter blog award or an individual blog award.

### II. Identify the Blog URL

### III. For an Individual Application, type the following information:

1. Full name
2. Permanent address/telephone (indicate both work and home)
3. Email address
4. College mailing address/phone number (if different from above)
5. Name of Sigma Tau Delta chapter you were inducted into and year of induction

### IV. For a Chapter Application, type the following information:

1. Name of chapter and university affiliation
2. Name of chapter president, phone number, and email address
3. Name of sponsor, address, phone number, and email address
4. Name(s) of your blog designer(s) and/or chapter blogmaster/-mistress

### V. Your Blog Philosophy

Briefly (1–2 short paragraphs) describe your blog. Include information about why you or your chapter created this blog, what you/your chapter hope to convey with the blog, how the blog reflects the individuality of you or your chapter, and how you believe the blog reflects the purposes or principles of Sigma Tau Delta.

Entries in the individual blog category should ideally have content that predominantly focuses on or highlights literature, language, writing, literacy, or a subset of one of these four areas (e.g., a particular author or literacy period; psycholinguistics; a compilation of one’s own creative and/or critical endeavors; one’s own studies of literacy events or a single literacy event).