



OUTSTANDING WEBSITE AWARDS (up to \$250 each)

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Sigma Tau Delta Website Awards, worth up to \$250 each, were established to honor outstanding achievement in creating websites that support or advance the purposes and principles of Sigma Tau Delta as outlined in our Constitution. Website awards are given to both individual members for distinguished personal websites and to chapters for creating and maintaining an outstanding chapter website. Websites are judged on creativity, usability of design, and content. (Please note that individual websites must, in some form, advance or display principles key to the goals of Sigma Tau Delta. See the description under website 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 Website Awards
Department of English
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115-2863

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Following the 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 website category, I affirm that I am the sole individual responsible for not just the content but also the layout and design of the website 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 website is entirely the result of the applicant's own work.

Chapter Sponsor's Signature

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 website award or an individual website award.

II. Identify the Website 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 web designer(s) and/or chapter webmaster/-mistress

V. Your Website Philosophy

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

Entries in the Individual Website 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).