



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

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Sigma Tau Delta Individual 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. Individual Blog Awards are given to individual members for distinguished personal blogs. Individual 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 on page 2.)

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Following directions on page 2, create your applicant information page as a Word document (doc or docx) with your name (last name first) and the award as the title of the attachment.
Example: SmithMaryIndividualBlogAward.doc [or .docx].
2. Sign Applicant's Declaration below.
3. Have your Chapter Sponsor sign the Nomination Statement below.
4. Scan this form, with the above signatures, as a pdf file with your name (last name first) and signature form as the title of the attachment.
Example: SmithMarySignatureForm.pdf
5. Submit your application by email:
 - a) address the email to sigmatdapply@niu.edu ;
 - b) in the subject line, type INDIVIDUAL BLOG AWARDS ;
 - c) ATTACH your applicant information page (see item 1 for title instructions);
 - d) ATTACH this signed signature form (see item 4 for title instructions).
6. All entries must be received by **November 8**.

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true. 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 Blog Applicant's Signature

Date

NOMINATION STATEMENT

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

Chapter Sponsor's Signature

Date

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Format

Use Times New Roman [12pt] or Courier [10 cpi] font, single-spaced lines, to document the information. Set margins for 1 – 1.25". 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 that you are applying for 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. Your Blog Philosophy

Briefly (1–2 short paragraphs) describe your blog. Include information about why you created this blog, what you hope to convey with the blog, how the blog reflects your individuality, 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).