



2018 Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Competition

Purpose: To encourage medical students to write creative narratives or scholarly essays relevant to medicine. Publication of winning essays in *The Pharos* provides the student with the ever-important achievement of getting articles published.

Eligibility: Authors must be enrolled in medical schools that have an active AΩA Chapter or association, but need not be members of AΩA. However, if the author is an AΩA member, he/she must be an active member. Only one entry per student may be submitted.

The Award: Cash awards of \$2,000 for first place, \$800 for second place, and \$550 for third place. Winning essays will be published in *The Pharos*. Prizes will be paid after the receipt of required documentation (see Requirements, below).

Dates: Entries must be submitted using the online form on the AΩA website (alphaomegaalpha.org) no later than **January 31, 2018**. Winners will be announced **May 1, 2018**.

Requirements:

1. Essays must be written while the student is in medical school, must be the work of a single author, and must be an original work.
2. The essay may be on any nontechnical subject related to medicine.
3. The essay must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages of 12-point type with minimum 1-inch margins, exclusive of reference listing. The author's name and essay title must be on each page, and all pages must be numbered.
4. Unique references, numbered consecutively, are limited to 20. (Reference citation of websites is not acceptable unless a site is the sole source of the information or has official academic credentials. Examples of acceptable sites are official government web pages such as that of the National Institutes of Health.)
5. The paper must not be offered to, or published by, any other journal or entered in any other contest prior to submission to the AΩA, or during the AΩA selection process. Essays that are not selected as winning essays in this AΩA Student Competition may be submitted to other contests/publications after the winners are announced.
6. Essays not meeting all requirements will not be considered.

Requirements for winning essays: When notified of award receipt, authors of all winning papers must provide documentation of references in photocopy as follows: title pages of all books cited; the first and last pages of book chapters cited; the table of contents of the particular issue of the journal in which a cited article appeared; and all quotations, from the primary sources, including page numbers.

Essays not receiving an award: Essays not selected as the top three, may be revised and submitted for standard review for publication in *The Pharos*.

For more information contact Jean Holzwart at 720-859-4149, or studentessay@alphaomegaalpha.org.

Alpha Omega Alpha is committed to upholding a high standard of professionalism, compassion, and humanism in medicine. Patients should be treated with dignity and their privacy respected. We will not accept submissions to any of our programs that conflict with these values, or contain bigotry, or highly politicized content.

2017 Student Essay Winners:

1st Place (tie): Brit Trogen, "Medicalization of the Sexually Peculiar: Lili Elbe, The Danish Girl and the History of Transgender Medicine in the 20th Century"

1st Place (tie): Rebecca Shulman, "Color Blindness and Its Illuminations"

3rd Place: Rachel Stern, "A Phantom Disease"