



THETA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL RELIGION AND/OR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD *"FROM WOMEN, FOR WOMEN"*

Mission of Theta Alpha

Theta Alpha was originally founded in 1904 as a women's alumnae association of the Academy of the New Church Girls' School. Its mission today is to provide a forum for women for the advancement and support of New Church education in its many forms, and to support each other in our personal spiritual growth, based on and guided by the truths as given in the *Three-fold Word (the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg)*.

Eligibility for Application

This is an annual award for women who value a New Church higher education and who plan to attend Bryn Athyn College of the New Church (see specific criteria below).

Scholarship

There are three (3) separate, annual scholarship awards available – two for \$2,000 and one for \$1,000. They may be used toward tuition, fees, and/or on-campus room and board. The award is granted for one year and will be paid directly to the college. Students who receive the award may reapply in subsequent years.

Applicant Criteria

- A woman attending, or who plans to attend, Bryn Athyn College of the New Church.
- Has maintained a 3.0 GPA¹ (High school – most recent three terms; College – most recent cumulative)
- Plans to, or is
 - studying religion as a major, minor, or part of an interdisciplinary degree (ID), **OR**
 - an international student who desires a New Church higher education experience

Application Requirements

All materials, as a complete packet, must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2021. A completed application will include an application form and the following supporting documents.

1. Three (3) Letters of recommendation

- one from a New Church priest
- one from a teacher or administrator
- one from an employer or supervisor of paid or volunteer work

Letters of recommendation may **either** be emailed by the referent directly to Sarah Wong, Theta Alpha International Liaison (see email address below), **OR** applicants may enclose recommendations with their

¹ Or its equivalent: 3.0 G.P.A (Grade Point Average) is equivalent to a letter grade of B

applications provided they are in a sealed envelope bearing the signature of the referent across the sealed edge of the envelope.

2. An Essay

Students new to Bryn Athyn College - Please describe why you are choosing to attend Bryn Athyn College of the New Church over the many other options available, your religious background, any previous experience you have had with New Church education, and anything else you would like us to know about you. Essays should be 1-2 double spaced pages, font size 12.

Current students – Please describe what you feel you have gained by attending Bryn Athyn College of the New Church that you would not have received elsewhere. What do you believe is the value of a New Church higher education? Your essay should be 2-3 double-spaced pages, font size 12.

3. Transcript

Please have your most recent official transcript (academic record) sent showing the requested GPA (see Applicant Criteria section above).

4. Interview

Applicants **may** be asked to attend an interview with representatives from Theta Alpha International. This may be in person or online.

Completed applications and all supporting documents should be submitted as a complete packet to:

Theta Alpha International
c/o Sarah Wong
P.O. Box 717
Bryn Athyn, PA 19009, USA

OR

sarah.wong@brynathyn.edu

Applications must be postmarked on or before February 12, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you choose to mail your documents, please notify Sarah via email that you have done so.

Award recipients will be notified in March, 2021.

The decision of the Theta Alpha International Scholarship committee is final.

Questions, please contact Sarah Wong at sarah.wong@brynathyn.edu.