

# Cornell Alpha Zeta Scholarships

**For AZ members ONLY: Members may apply or be nominated by other AZ members; application instructions on the next page**

## **The Jeffrey DeGumbia Award**

Type: Local, not need-based, \$1000 (may be split between more than one student)

To be awarded to someone who best represents the spirit of Jeff: enthusiastic, involved, dedicated to Alpha Zeta and Cornell, academically, serious, ambitious, friendly and fun loving. To be awarded in the fall, preferably early October or actually on March 11, the anniversary of Jeff's birth. Money to be deposited directly to their bursar account for education

- 1) Alpha Zeta member, brother or sister, who is actively involved in AZ, not just a "token" member.
  - 2) Junior, senior or graduate student at Cornell.
  - 3) Teaching Assistant, currently or prior years.
  - 4) Preference for majors in Biological Sciences or Linguistics, but open to all majors
  - 5) Strong academics very important, but should be someone with zest for life.
  - 6) Financial need not required
  - 7) Outside interests, such as trivia, games, baseball cards, rocks & minerals, bowling
- Items 1) and 2) are requirements. Item 4) would be desirous. All others are guidelines, not rigid requirements.

## **The Middaugh Award**

Type: Local, not need-based; Several awards of \$1000 or more (may be split between more than one student)

The Middaugh Memorial Fund was established in 1965 in memory of Wessels S. Middaugh, Class of 1926, who dedicated his life to service through a career in international agriculture. In 1972, his son Stephen, Class of 1962, died unexpectedly and a Trustee action changed the name of the Fund to include the gifts received in his memory.

- 1) Preference for Alpha Zeta Members at the end of their Junior year
- 2) Upper 2/5 of class, good character
- 3) Demonstrated Leadership Ability
- 4) Award amount and number of awards vary

## **The James & Velva L. Rose Family Scholarship**

Type: Local, need based only open to those eligible for financial aid; award amount and number of awards vary, usually \$1000-2500, depending upon need and appropriateness. Usually awarded only to students who meet the criteria, including intended career (see below).

"In 1982, family and friends established the Fund in the College. The Rose family prize is awarded each year to encourage the study of agricultural cooperatives and international development. As an undergrad, James Rose was a member of Alpha Zeta, staff member of the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN and a member of the Cornell Crew from 1929 to 1932. He had a long and distinguished career managing agricultural cooperatives locally, nationally and in Canada. He directed many special overseas projects for industry and the government with several countries involved."

Preference to juniors or seniors who intend to pursue a career in agricultural cooperatives and/or international development.

## **The Kent Wells Memorial Scholarship (must be nationally initiated)**

Type: National; \$250, but the Cornell AZ Corporation Board has often matched the National Scholarship amount.

The Kent L. Wells Alpha Zeta Memorial Scholarship was established in 1969 following the untimely death of Brother Wells, class of 1964. This was the first endowed scholarship set up through the National Alpha Zeta Foundation. Income from the fund is awarded to a deserving Junior or Senior member of Alpha Zeta. Criteria for the Scholarship are financial need, strong academic performance, and "evinced the spirit of Alpha Zeta". The awardee must be nationally initiated.

"Selection: The recipient must be selected each year by the guidelines set forth below. However, one recipient may receive the award two years in a row.

"The active chapter, under the leadership of the Chancellor or his/her delegate, shall recommend to the Scholarship Committee of the College of Agriculture, a brother or sister from the present sophomore and/or junior class as candidate(s) for the award. The Scholarship Committee of the College of Agriculture shall have the authority to make final recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the National Alpha Zeta Foundation of America, Inc. The Trustees would then make the award to the individual.

"Disbursement: a) The entire award must go to one recipient. b) The Alpha Zeta Foundation shall mail the entire check to the Secretary of the College of Agriculture who shall arrange presentation of the award together with the Chancellor of the Cornell Chapter of Alpha Zeta Fraternity at the time of the annual scholarship banquet in October, or such other occasion as they deem appropriate."

## **The Oblas Scholarship**

Type: Local, Need-based, open only to those eligible for financial aid. Typically \$500 - \$900 (depends on pay-out of interest); This is paid directly into the bursars account the following fall and therefore is not available to graduating seniors

Description: Financial need (as determined by Cornell) and enthusiasm for Alpha Zeta.

## **The Jeremy R. DeBlock Award**

Type: Local, \$1000

The Jeremy R. DeBlock Award was established in 2005 following the untimely death of Brother Jeremy R. DeBlock, Class of 2005, shortly after graduation. The criteria are financial need, strong leadership, involvement and commitment to Alpha Zeta, to CALS and to the Ithaca community.

## **Robert C. Baker '43 Award**

Type: Local, Not need-based - \$500 Preference will be given to students majoring in horticulture or food science and who have demonstrated significant leadership and or commitment to Alpha Zeta.

This award is the first to come out of the AZ Alumni Leaders Fund, established to recognize the significant leadership and commitment for the fraternity by an AZ alum. Since graduating, Bob Baker was involved in one way or another with AZ, most significantly as President of the Corporation Board from 1981 to 2000. During this time the feasibility study and actual re-construction of the present house was undertaken under Dr. Baker's leadership, and \$1.6 million raised for the reconstruction of the house. Dr. Baker passed away in March of 2006.