

Sigma Tau Delta  
*International English Honors Society*  
Website: English.org

- The 2016 Sigma Tau Delta convention will be held in Minneapolis March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.
  - You must register for the convention January 4<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>.
  - The theme is “Finding Home.”
  - Submissions for the convention are accepted from September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  
- If you are not yet a member of Sigma Tau Delta, you may apply through Professor Rutledge. You must be a member in order to submit work to the convention.
  
- The convention literature is *The Soul Thief* by Charles Baxter. It can be purchased on Amazon for around \$10. It is not required that you read this book to attend the convention, but the convention will revolve very much around the themes present in it. I have purchased it and will read it.
  
- Regarding Submissions:
  - You may submit two works:
    - ONE critical essay, creative nonfiction, poetry collection, fiction, or drama
    - AND ONE additional critical essays or other genre submission that deals with *The Soul Thief*
      - This category is eligible of awards up to \$600.
    - AND/OR a proposal for a roundtable session.
  - Acceptance or denial notifications will be sent on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Regarding Awards:
  - There are many awards for exceptional works presented at the conference; these vary in amounts that may be viewed further on the website.
  
- Regarding Scholarships:
  - Junior Scholarship (March 21, 2016)—must be an undergraduate student in junior year; amount up to \$3,000.
  
  - Senior Scholarship (March 21, 2016)—each chapter may nominate 3 members; must be an undergraduate in their senior year; the student must be enrolling in a fall undergraduate or graduate program following the end of the Spring semester in which it is awarded; amount up to \$4,000.

- William C. Johnson Distinguished Scholarship (March 21, 2016)—primarily involvement in the Society at some level; additional submission material is required; amount up to \$5,000.
- Part-Time Undergraduate Scholarship (March 21, 2016)—must be a part time student; amount up to \$2,500.
- P.C. Somerville Awards for Future Teachers (March 21, 2016)—must be teaching English by September of the following year; amount up to \$2,000.
- Study Abroad Scholarship Fall Round (November 9, 2015—President Chelsea’s birthday, if you want to get her a present)—undergraduate student planning to study a term or a year in a certified undergraduate program abroad; amount up to \$3,000.
  - There is also a Spring Round; see website for more information.
  - These applications will be accepted September 7<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Program Scholarship (November 9, 2015—applies toward summer of 2016)—current undergraduate members, but including seniors about to graduate; to go toward a summer program at home or abroad that follows with Sigma Tau Delta’s mission; amount up to \$1,500.
  - These applications will be accepted September 7<sup>th</sup>—November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Scholarly Paper Awards (March 21, 2016)—for English related papers submitted at other conferences or respectable places; undergraduate students; amount up to \$250.