



The Harry A. Sicher Memorial Lecture Grants

The primary goal of the Harry A. Sicher Memorial Lecture Grants is to honor and memorialize the name and good deeds of Dr. Harry A. Sicher. There are additional goals that the Sicher Memorial Lecture Grant Fund embraces:

- Through providing grants to Alpha Omega chapters, Sicher Memorial Lecture will promote the names of Dr. Sicher and Alpha Omega in local AO chapters and dental communities to:
 - Encourage the retention of membership by promoting a prominent continuing education lecture;
 - Encourage the initiation of new members and the reactivation of lapsed members by inviting them to a prominent continuing education lecture.

Guidelines:

- Grants are available from \$250 - \$1,000. A total of \$5,000 per year will be granted.
- A Sicher Fund Committee will be established each calendar year on or before January 1st to accept and review applications. The Sicher Fund Committee may accept applications each year without establishing strict submission deadlines. Awards may be given anytime during the year, but early submissions are encouraged.
- The Sicher Fund is administrated by the Alpha Omega Finance Committee, which is led by the International Treasurer.
- The Harry A. Sicher Memorial Lecture may be hosted by an alumni and/or student chapter. The Sicher Fund Committee establishes the amount given in grants each year.

- Chapters requesting funds from the Sicher Memorial Fund may apply each calendar year with the application available from the Alpha Omega Headquarters Office.
- Chapters should first attempt to use speakers from the **Alpha Omegan Speakers Bureau**. The Speakers Bureau book can currently be found on ao.org. An updated version will be available in April-May 2018.
- A preliminary lecture budget should be included with the application.
- If awarded the chapter is awarded a grant, these deliverables will be executed:
 - Promotional marketing will be created and distributed by the chapter to local members and non-members. Alpha Omega Headquarters will share the information with the entire membership.
 - The event date and information will be placed on the AO website calendar and Facebook page.
 - A post-event written summary and photos will be submitted by the chapter for Alpha Omega Headquarters to use for publicity.
- During the AO International Convention, the Sicher Fund Committee will share the list of Sicher Memorial Lectures. If possible, a member of each chapter that is awarded a grant should try to attend convention to give a personal summary of the event.

Chapters are encouraged to submit applications to Heidi Weber, Executive Director. For more questions, please contact Heidi at hweber@ao.org.