The National German Honorary Society, Delta Phi Alpha, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German and to provide an incentive for higher scholarship. The Society aims to promote the study of the German language, literature, and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and which contribute to humanity’s eternal search for peace and truth. Delta Phi Alpha stands for Δαδουχος Φερων Αθρωπος signifying “Torchbearer of Human Spirit.”

Qualifications for student membership are:
- a minimum of two years of college or university German or their equivalent (at least 12 credits)
- completion of at least one upper-division course (must be taught at MSU Starkville campus)
- a minimum average of B+ (3.3 GPA) or its equivalent in all German courses
- a minimum cumulative average of B- (2.7 GPA) or its equivalent
- no honor code violations

Delta Phi Alpha offers several scholarships to recognize high-achieving Delta Phi Alpha undergraduate students.
- Spring / Summer German Study Abroad Scholarship ($1500 & $500- Deadline for Application November 15)
- Fall / Winter German Study Abroad Scholarship ($1500 & $500- Deadline for Application March 15)
- Future K-12 German Teacher Award ($500 – Deadline for Application March 15)
- Graduate Study in German Scholarship ($1000 – Deadline for Application March 15)

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