

PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY

A NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

PURPOSE

“Through knowledge - the challenge to serve”

The purposes of Phi Alpha Honor Society are to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarships and achievement in social work.

HISTORY OF PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY

The concept of a national social work honor society came from a group of undergraduate social work students at Michigan State University in 1960. Investigation revealed that local chapters existed at three schools. Those three schools along with a few others schools formed a National Honor Society Committee in November, 1960. For more than a year this committee worked on the constitution and other administrative matters. The name Phi Alpha and the key were adopted from the local chapter which existed at Florida State University. The constitution and formal organization were completed in 1962, and six chapters qualified to become “charter chapters.” They were: Florida State University, Michigan State University, Ohio Northern University, Central State College, University of Dayton and the University of Tennessee. Over 110 chapters are now in existence, and the addition of new chapters is continuing.

Phi Alpha offers membership to social work students and faculty, and each chapter is free to develop a program to meet local needs. The National Council is the policy-making body and meets each year at the time and place of the Annual program meeting of CSWE. Each chapter has one voting representative on the Council.

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

1. A chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society may be established at Colleges and Universities with MSW and/or BSW program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or accepted into candidacy status.
2. A college or university must designate its desire to become a chapter of Phi Alpha by filing an application with the Nation Faculty Advisor. The application must be signed by six applicants including one faculty member.

3. The application shall contain a brief history of the college or university and brief history of the social work program. The chapter constitution and By-Laws, indicating compliance with National Standards, are part of the application process.
4. Local Chapters shall be designated according to the letters of the Greek alphabet.

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

1. An undergraduate student is eligible for membership after achieving the following national requirements and meeting local chapter requirements.
 - A. Declared social work as a major.
 - B. Achieved sophomore status
 - C. Completed 8 semester hours of 12 quarter hours of required social work courses.
 - D. Achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
 - E. Achieved a 3.25 grade point average in required social work courses.
 - F. Local chapters may establish higher eligibility requirements.
2. A graduate student is eligible for membership after achieving the following national requirements and meeting local chapter requirements.
 - A. Completing one term of coursework with the minimum number of social work credits as determined by the local chapter.
 - B. Achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (bases on a 4-point scale)
 - C. Local chapters may establish higher eligibility requirements.
3. Membership is available to a full-time social work faculty.
4. Each chapter may select two persons each year for honorary membership. This recognition is available to persons outside the program who have made a significant contribution to the program and/or society. Memberships certificates for honorary members are provided by the National Office without cost to local chapters.\

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE

1. Annual meeting in conjunction with the CSWE-APM.
2. A chapter membership certificate.
3. Phi Alpha banner for each chapter.
4. Individual membership certificate.
5. A Phi Alpha ribbon and button for each member.

6. Brochures.
7. Information about ordering items with the Phi Alpha logo, Pins, pendants, medallions, plaques, shirts, caps, and other items are available from outside vendors.
8. Consultation from the National Office.

PHI ALPHA CHAPTERS

Alabama

- *Alabama A & M University
- Chi Iota
- *Jacksonville State University
- Delta Beta
- *Talladega College
- Delta Theta
- *The University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa
- Psi
- *University of Montevallo
- Delta Tau
- *University of North Alabama
- Xi

Alaska

- *University of Alaska, Anchorage
- Epsilon Chi

Arizona

- *Arizona State University
- Alpha Eta
- *Northern Arizona University
- Epsilon M

California

- *California State University - Long Beach
- Alpha Zeta
- *California State University - Sacramento
- Epsilon
- *Pacific Union College
- Beta Alpha

Colorado

- *Metropolitan State College of Denver
- Epsilon Lambda
- *University of Southern Colorado

Zeta Delta

Connecticut

- *Central Connecticut State University
Chi Upsilon
- *Southern Connecticut State University
Beta Rho
- *Western Connecticut State University
Chi Sigma

Florida

- *Florida A & M
Beta Zeta
- *Florida Atlantic
Delta Xi
- *Florida International University
Delta Iota
- *Florida State University
Alpha
- *University of South Florida
Delta Sigma
- *University of West Florida
Omicron

Illinois

- *Aurora University
Zeta Epsilon
- *Illinois State University
Beta Psi

Indiana

- *Saint Mary's College
Epsilon Eta

Iowa

- *University of Iowa
Delta Nu
- *Wartburg College
Alpha Sigma

Kansas

- *Fort Hays State University
Epsilon Omicron
- *Pittsburg State University
Delta Lambda
- *Wichita State University

Beta Delta

Kentucky

*Western Kentucky University

Delta Mu

Louisiana

*Lousiana College

Epsilon Sigma

*Northeast Louisiana University

Chi Beta

Maryland

*Frostburg State University

Epsilon Zeta

*Hood College

Beta Pi

*Salisbury State Maryland

Chi Eta

*The University of Maryland - Baltimore County

Delta Omicron

*Western Maryland College

Epsilon Rho

Massachusetts

*Bridgewater State College

Beta Chi

Michigan

*Andrews University

Epsilon Nu

*Grand Valley University

Chi Epsilon

*Madonna University

Beta Gamma

*Marygrove College - St. Mary Friary

Beta

*Saginaw Vallege State University

Delta Omega

*Spring Arbor College

Delta Psi

Minnesota

*Moorehead State University

Chi Omega

Mississippi

- *Jackson State University
- Alpha Kappa
- *Mississippi College
- Epsilon Psi
- *Mississippi Valley State University
- Alpha Delta

Missouri

- *Central Missouri State University
- Beta Theta
- *Columbia College
- Epsilon Theta
- *Missouri Western State College
- Delta Epsilon
- *Southeast Missouri State University
- Chi Lambda
- *University of Missouri - Columbia
- Chi Delta

Montana

- *University of Montana
- Delta Pi

Nebraska

- *University of Nebraska - Kearney
- Beta Tau

Nevada

- *University of Nevada - Las Vegas
- Delta

New York

- *Daemen College
- Zeta Zeta
- *Keuka College
- Alpha Theta
- *Marymount College Tarrytown
- Epsilon Gamma
- *Mercy College
- Omega
- *Mollowy College
- Zeta Alpha
- *Niagara University
- Delta Gamma
- *Siena College
- Delta Upsilon
- *State University College at Brockport
- Alpha Psi
- *Syracuse University

Zeta Gamma

North Carolina

*Appalachian State University

Epsilon Beta

*East Carolina University

Chi Zeta

*North Carolina State University

Epsilon Kappa

North Dakota

*Minot State University

Alpha Psi

*University of Mary

Alpha Eta

*University of North Dakota

Theta

Ohio

*Ashland University

Epsilon Tau

*Capital University

Upsilon

*Cedarville College

Epsilon Omega

*Cleveland State University

Delta Zeta

*Loures College

Delta Alpha

*Ohio University

Alpha Beta

Oklahoma

*Northeastern State University

Delta Eta

Pennsylvania

*Bloomsburg University

Epsilon Xi

California University of Pennsylvania

Beta Nu

*Elizabethtown College

Epsilon Pi

*Juniata College

Sigma

*Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Epsilon Phi

*Shippensburg University

Alpha Lambda

*West Chester University

Chi Gamma

South Carolina

*Winthrop University

Epsilon Alpha

Tennessee

*East Tennessee State University

NU

*University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Epsilon Iota

*University of Memphis

Epsilon Upsilon

Texas

*Lubbock Christian University

Epsilon Epsilon

*Midwestern State University

*Our Lady of the Lake University of San Antonio

Delta Delta

*Southwest Texas State University

Alpha Chi

*Texas Woman's University

Beta Sigma

*University of North Texas

Zeta Eta

*West Texas A & M University

Alpha Nu

Virginia

*Christopher Newport University

Chi Kappa

*George Mason University

Chi

*James Madison University

Chi Alpha

*Radford University

Beta Xi

*Virginia Intermont College

Beta Kappa

Washington

*Pacific Lutheran University

Delta Rho

Wisconsin

*Marian College

Delta Phi

*Mount Senario College

Zeta Beta

Wyoming

*University of Wyoming
Epsilon Delta