

Celebrate Alpha Chi's Centennial! — March 24-26, 2022

Alpha Chi National Convention in Austin, Texas

Sheraton Austin at the Capitol, 701 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701



Alpha Chi's 2021 convention will take delegates on a trip through Alpha Chi's past and present, and together we'll imagine what the future of Alpha Chi might look like. Of course, the convention will also feature student presentations, roundtables of ideas for chapter life, a plethora of exciting awards, and panel discussions for advisors and student members alike. You'll also have an afternoon free to explore Austin or even head over to the campus of Southwestern University where the meeting took place that started our honor society into motion and our Society archives are housed. Events begin on Thursday afternoon and wrap up on Saturday night at our awards gala!

COVID-19 Information: As you're well aware, the state of recent COVID surges and variants have made planning any kind of in-person event complicated. The leadership of Alpha Chi has decided to plan with high hopes for an in-person event with the following restrictions in place at this time.

- All delegates wishing to participate in the convention will be required to upload a copy of their COVID-19 vaccination record/card to pre-register for the convention.
- Each delegate's vaccination paperwork must also be presented upon checking in at AX central at the start of the convention.
- Delegates will be required to wear CDC-approved masks during all convention events that occur indoors, in both meeting rooms and common areas. This will be enforced throughout the event and any delegate found unwilling to comply will be asked to leave the convention floor.
- Due to COVID-19 considerations, Shared Doubles will not be arranged by the national office this year.

Alpha Chi leadership and staff are working closely with the Sheraton to plan all events with proper distancing and sanitation in order to provide as safe an environment as possible.

Chapter Registration: Starting mid-January, each chapter can pre-register its delegation via the Registration tab on the Conventions page online. All convention registration fees can be paid by credit card or check. Once pre-registered, all changes to your delegation will need to be made by phone or email to the National Office.

Registration Fees: \$85 per Alpha Chi student and/or advisor delegate for badge access to all sessions and meal events; \$150 for an all-access guest badge; \$55 each for an opening dinner or closing dinner guest pass. Guest passes may still be available for purchase after March 1, but please call the office for availability.

Hotel Information: The AX room rate is \$199 (with tax about \$233) for 1-4 people per night for a king or double-full (not 2 queens) room. To reserve rooms, call the Sheraton Reservations Center at 1-888-627-8349 and reference the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. A booking website will also be available later this fall. Sheraton check-in is at 3 pm with check-out by noon. Guestroom wi-fi, indoor pool, and fitness center are complimentary. The special self-parking rate is \$15 per vehicle, per night. Late cancellations/early departures will be handled according to hotel policy. Each room will require guarantee by credit card. All room reservations must be made directly with the Sheraton.

While Alpha Chi's room rate and block are available through March 1, don't wait to book your rooms. Since we won't have unlimited access to the hotel's entire guestroom inventory, it's a best practice to reserve a block of rooms as soon as you have an idea of what you'll need. You can call the hotel later to release a room or provide guest details.

Student Presentations: From mid-January to February 15, **students will submit their own presentation information** via an online method we'll communicate in January.

Deadlines: Feb. 15 is the deadline for convention pre-registration and fee payments, as well as student presentation entries. The deadline to request a registration fee refund is March 1.

Questions? Call 800.477.4225

Travel & Housing Grants for 2022 Convention Participation



Here are some ways Alpha Chi will financially support your chapter's participation in our centennial convention this year! The desire of Alpha Chi leadership is to encourage each chapter to bring a variety of students to experience an Alpha Chi convention and have the chance to present their work among their peers. While chapters are welcome to bring students to more than one convention, we believe the experience should be shared with as many members as possible.

Please carefully review the information below as national and regional funds have now been merged and combined into one process. If you have any questions, please ask for Lara or Katie at 800-477-4225.

Travel Grants

For one voting advisor delegate, one voting student presenter, and up to three additional student presenters, chapters may request travel grants as follows:

- For chapters **driving** to the convention, the Travel Grant per delegate listed above will be \$100 (**\$500 max.**)
- For chapters **flying** to the convention, the Travel Grant per delegate listed above will be \$200 (**\$1,000 max.**)
- For chapters flying from Hawaii, an extra \$200 per voting advisor and voting student may be requested.

All travel-granted students must be presenters. To receive more than three travel grants total, at least one student presenter in your delegation must be attending their first Alpha Chi convention.

Housing Grants

Each chapter may request housing grants as follows:

- \$175 per night for an advisor room for up to 3 nights
(room can be shared with no more than 3 additional delegates at no charge)
- \$175 per night for a student delegate room for up to 3 nights
(room can be shared with no more than 3 additional delegates at no charge)

Under this housing grant structure, basically all but \$57 per night per room is covered for 1 advisor and 1 student or up to 8 total delegates, depending on your delegation size. **Housing Grant maximum per chapter is \$1,050.**

To be eligible for these grants, each granted delegate must:

- be an official chapter advisor or a current student member still enrolled at the institution requesting the grant and be registered for the convention by the deadline;
- lodge at the official convention hotel*;
- participate in any chapter-strengthening events; and
- attend the entire convention.

*The use of online reservation services such as Expedia will exclude you from Alpha Chi's contracted room block. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel or, in case of the Shared Doubles, directly with Alpha Chi.

To receive these convention grants, a chapter must complete and return the official grant request form (on green paper) that will be in its check-in registration packet. Completed forms may be brought to AX Central no sooner than Saturday evening at 5 p.m. After the convention, request forms will be reviewed for accuracy and checks mailed within 30 days of the convention.

Region I chapters are eligible for reimbursements from their region and are therefore only eligible this year for the Travel Grants from the National Office. Dr. Karl Havlak, Region I Secretary-Treasurer, will email with additional details (karl.havlak@angelo.edu).