

The Alpha Chi Difference



Since 1922 Alpha Chi National College Honor Society has distinguished itself as one of the top national honor societies in the nation. Now with 500,000 alumni from nearly 300 chapters across 45 states, we recognize exceptional student scholars and unite them around one goal—channeling creativity and curiosity into scholarship that serves the greater good.

We're also dedicated to making college a better experience for our student members. By accepting your invitation, you will be recognized for your academic achievement by an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to promoting critical, constructive, inclusive, and respectful conversations about societal issues and solutions. We believe that the benefits and resources of being an Alpha Chi member will greatly contribute to your search for scholarly authenticity and personal development.

Why Join Alpha Chi?

Given your grades, you've probably received invitations to join several honors organizations. We know that you want to select the best, and we believe you've found it. Alpha Chi is an elite organization that invites to membership only the top 10% of eligible juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Alpha Chi is a nonprofit, [ACHS-certified](#) honors organization that offers not only an accolade for your resume, but an opportunity to engage within a community composed of the top student scholars from around the world in every academic discipline.

Focus on Scholarship & Character

Our mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence among college and university students, and by encouraging a spirit of service and leadership, to nurture those elements of character that make scholarship effective for good.

Member Benefits

- **Academic Recognition.** Each new member receives a membership certificate suitable for framing and the Alpha Chi key, a recognition lapel pin. Most chapters hold in-person and/or virtual induction ceremonies at which those items are presented and recognize members at graduation with Alpha Chi honors regalia.
- **Build your resume.** Alpha Chi membership and the different opportunities available to you will stand out on resumes and graduate school applications.
- **Be as involved as you want to be.** Ongoing commitments aren't required. You can be as involved as you want in chapter activities.
- **Collaborate across disciplines.** Unlike discipline-specific honor societies, Alpha Chi is interdisciplinary and encourages you to collaborate with members across majors.
- **Grow in leadership.** From the chapter level to the national level, Alpha Chi gives you the opportunity to practice being a leader—lead your campus chapter and practice project planning, public speaking, organizational development, and fundraising.

- **Get published.** Alpha Chi's online, peer-reviewed undergraduate research journal, *Aletheia*, gives you the opportunity to publish your scholarly and creative work. Graduate student members may gain valuable experience by serving as first-round peer reviewers. Additionally, *Kalo*, Alpha Chi's annual member magazine, offers further publication opportunities to all members.
- **Apply for scholarships.** Alpha Chi awards \$200,000 annually in a variety of grants, scholarships, fellowships, and prizes to support undergraduate and graduate scholarship.
- **Present your work.** Alpha Chi gives its members a rare platform to present original research and creative work to a multidisciplinary audience of your peers, both on campus and at our national annual conventions held in popular destination cities.
- **Receive convention travel and housing grants.** Alpha Chi offers travel and housing grants through its chapters so that presenters like you can participate in our annual national convention.
- **Work together in service.** Engage in leadership through service on campus and in your local community through our national service initiatives each year and through local events planned by chapter leaders.
- **Find your mentor.** Alpha Chi chapter advisors and their colleagues are some of the brightest faculty on your campus—you'll have special access to them. We have opportunities each semester for new members to connect with alumni members for mentoring.
- **Build a scholarly network and make life-long connections.** Getting involved with your Alpha Chi chapter is a wonderful way to make connections from induction to graduate school and beyond. The chance to build friendships and collaborate with others who share your intellectual curiosity is cherished by our members.

Our goal is to enrich and broaden your collegiate experience by:

- Encouraging Student Creativity and Research
- Fostering Excellence and Service in Action
- Promoting Personal Growth through Diversity
- Equipping Compassionate Listeners and Leaders
- Providing a Path for Academic and Professional Mentoring
- Exemplifying How to Make Scholarship Effective for Good

Alpha Chi Values

- Tenacity for improved communication skills and a willingness to reflect on our societal impact
- Respect and reason in discourse that leads to responsible and purposeful action
- Understanding different world views and truths with empathy
- Thoughtful and character-driven use of intellectual leadership
- Humility that encourages each other to growth

If you haven't received an invitation and think you qualify, please contact your local Alpha Chi chapter advisor to learn more.

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