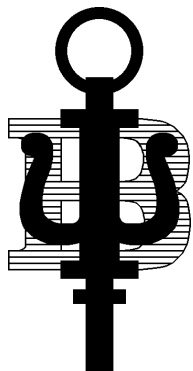


PSI BETA®

The National Honor Society in Psychology
for Community and Junior Colleges



MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETIES

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WHAT IS PSI BETA?

Psi Beta® is the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges. It is the first two-year college honor society approved for membership in the Association of College Honor Societies, which regulates membership requirements. The mission of Psi Beta is professional development of psychology students through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service. The society functions as a federation of chapters located at accredited two-year colleges. Psychology students become members through chapters at their colleges. The chapters are operated by the Psi Beta student members and faculty advisors. A National Council composed of Psi Beta advisors guides the affairs of the organization and determines policy. The national office in Tennessee coordinates and records activities and maintains membership files. Psi Beta participates with other organizations at APA, APS, and regional conventions.

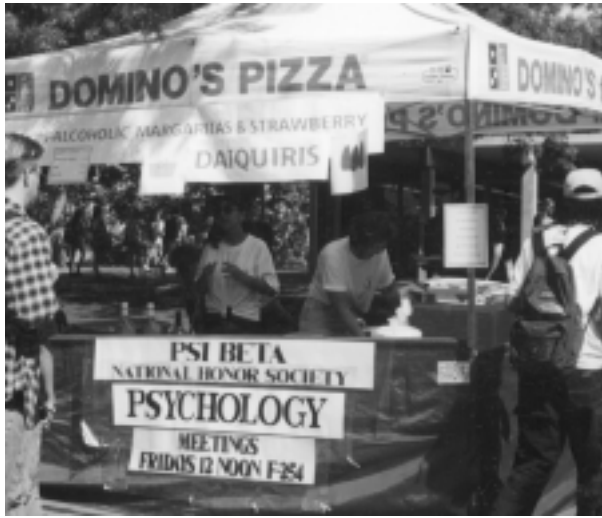


WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS?

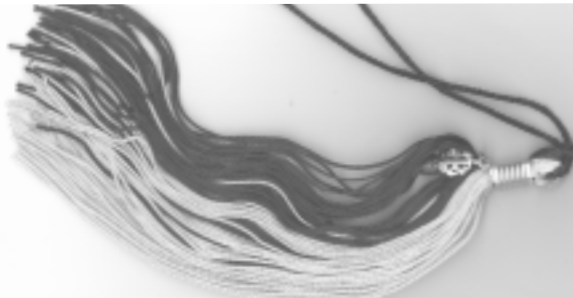
Membership is obtained through a local Psi Beta chapter and is open to faculty members of the department(s) sponsoring the chapter and to students who

1. are enrolled at an accredited two-year college with a Psi Beta chapter
2. rank in the top 35% or have an overall GPA of 3.0 (in a 4.0 system), whichever is higher, and have at least a "B" average in psychology (your chapter may set higher standards)
3. have completed at least two quarters or one semester of a psychology or psychology-based course and 12 semester hours or the equivalent quarter hours total college credit
4. have demonstrated a genuine interest in psychology and high standards of personal behavior and integrity
5. have been approved by the chapter and received a written invitation to membership
6. have signed a completed membership registration card accepting Psi Beta's bylaws and policies
7. have paid the once-in-a-lifetime national registration fee of \$50

[The faculty advisor or candidate submits the registration card information online by a certain deadline using an Invitation Number from the chapter. The card and fee go to the chapter. The advisor sends the fee to the Psi Beta National Office. The Psi Beta inductee receives a membership certificate and card and a Psi Beta pin from the national office during the chapter induction ceremony. New members' names are published in the next *Psi Beta Newsletter* following the registration and ceremony. For 18 months following registration, members will receive the newsletter at the address in the database, which can be updated online by members. Newsletters are preserved in the Archives of the History of American Psychology in Akron, Ohio.]



During Club Day at San Diego Mesa College, California, the Psi Beta chapter holds successful fundraisers.



The Surry Community College, North Carolina, Psi Beta Chapter participates in the national community service project, Heather's Teddy Bears. New bears are collected and donated to the local Emergency Medical Services for children in trauma.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

1. Psi Beta provides a means of national recognition by providing
 - awareness of the honor by Psi Chi, the APA, APS, and psychology departments at colleges and universities
 - verification of membership for references throughout member's lifetime
 - eligibility for national research awards (Allyn & Bacon research paper awards are \$500, \$300, and \$200)
 - eligibility for national community service, chapter, college life project, or faculty advisor awards
 - publication of membership and activities in the nationally distributed *Psi Beta Newsletter*, which is preserved in the National Archives of Psychology
 - opportunities for ethnic minority students to participate in mentoring leadership programs
2. Psi Beta offers the experience of operating a chapter and provides opportunities to
 - acquire leadership skills
 - interact with faculty outside the classroom
 - learn more about the professional and educational choices available
 - meet outstanding professionals in psychology
 - participate in community service
 - meet peers with similar interests
 - communicate with other Psi Beta members online on the national Psi Beta member Web site
3. Psi Beta membership contributes to the member's confidence and feeling of self-worth
4. Psi Beta offers the opportunity to participate in national, regional, and local psychological association programs, including paper and poster presentations.
5. Psi Beta student members are eligible for student affiliate membership in the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS).
6. Psi Beta membership meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level (2 levels higher) in numerous occupations in the Federal service.

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The Mesa Community College, Arizona, Psi Beta Chapter received the 1998 Harcourt Brace Outstanding Chapter Award in San Francisco at APA.



Psi Beta members learn about careers in psychology, research, and four-year college options during field trips.



Special items can be ordered for Psi Beta members to wear.