



Psi Chi/Ruth Hubbard Cousins Chapter Award

Deadline: February 1

email inquiries [awards@psichi.org]

Award Description

The Psi Chi/Ruth Hubbard Cousins Chapter Award is presented annually to the one chapter that best achieves Psi Chi's purpose: "to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology." The award is intended to perpetuate the chapters, to identify one chapter as a role model for others, and to promote the purposes of Psi Chi.

The award honors former Psi Chi Executive Director Ruth Hubbard Cousins for her 33 years of dedicated service. Ruth's visionary leadership enabled Psi Chi to make the transition from an honorary fraternity to one of the largest disciplinary honor societies in the world.

The winning chapter receives:

1. A check for \$3,500, presented at the American Psychological Association (APA) convention in August of the winning year.
2. Travel expenses for one chapter officer to attend the APA/Psi Chi Society Annual Convention to receive this prestigious award and to make a short presentation on "How to Become a Successful Psi Chi Chapter". If the chapter officer is unable to attend APA, he or she may present the essay at the school's regional convention.
3. A plaque to display in the winning chapter's department.

The winning chapter's essay on how to become a successful Psi Chi chapter will be published in *Eye on Psi Chi*.

Eligibility

All Psi Chi chapters are eligible to apply for the award except those that have won the award in the past three years. The criteria for selecting the winners are:

1. effective chapter activities for the past 3 years, including offering quality programming, voting in Society elections, showing an increase in membership, submitting annual and financial reports, and submitting activity reports to *Eye on Psi Chi*,
2. chapter involvement in Psi Chi activities and awards/grants program,
3. adherence to Psi Chi policies and procedures, including following proper policy related to induction criteria (e.g., using the upper 35% of each class rather than just a 3.0 GPA, not requiring service projects in order to obtain membership),
4. clear plan on how to use the \$3,500 award money, and
5. a concise essay that provides useful, creative information on how to become a successful Psi Chi chapter.

Style/Standards

1. An electronic document which conforms strictly to the instructions in APA's *Publication Manual*.
2. The text of the application should not exceed 15 pages in 12-point font (double-spaced). The paper should include references and any tables, figures, or notes that are necessary.
3. The application's clarity, grammar, syntax, and spelling will be considered.
4. Applications are not masked.

Submission Procedures

1. Current student officer(s) should prepare the application and submit it online at www.psichi.org under the AWARDS/GRANTS section. The link for submissions is available at least one month prior to the submission deadline.
2. Submissions are accepted online until midnight local time on February 1. Late applications cannot be accepted.

The application should include the information listed below.

1. Chapter information contained on the submission form to the right.
2. Cover letter prepared by chapter advisor and/or chair of department certifying information as correct.
3. One-page summary of why the applicant believes the chapter deserves to be considered for the award.
4. Roster of current members and officers.
5. Description of the chapter's membership application and induction procedures.
6. Calendar of chapter events.
7. Narrative account of the chapter's activities, for up to the past three years, indicating:
 - a. effective programming (community service, fundraising, socials, lectures, seminars, panels, symposia, colloquia, etc.),
 - b. effective membership practices/participation (recruitment, registration during the past three years, member participation in activities, chapter participation in campus-wide programs),
 - c. participation in local chapter and Psi Chi Society (elections, reports to *Eye on Psi Chi*, attending conventions, submitting annual and financial reports), and
 - d. contributions to the school, the community, the field of psychology, and other outstanding contributions (organizing student conventions, hosting a "Psychology Day," winning a poster contest, producing a newsletter or journal, other unique activities or achievements).
8. A concise essay of no more than 750 words on how to become a successful Psi Chi chapter (for examples, see previous winners' essays at www.psichi.org/awards/winners/cousins_win.aspx).
9. The proposed use of the \$3,500 award money to promote the chapter and Psi Chi. Possible examples are scholarships, book/journal purchases, travel to conventions, or other plans approved by faculty advisor and/or department chair.

Winner Responsibilities

The winning chapter will provide the Psi Chi Central Office with the following:

1. a digital photo (600KB file size) of the chapter by March 15 of winning year, and
2. an account of the use of the \$3,500 with receipts provided by the faculty advisor by March 1 (following year).

A representative of the chapter should attend the APA convention to receive the award and give a presentation on how to become a successful chapter (please RSVP to awards@psichi.org by May 1).

All proposals must be written in English.

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Please complete this form online by midnight local time on February 1 at www.psichi.org/awards/award_40.aspx

Name of chapter [school]	
Officer preparing submissions	
Office held	
Mailing address of submitting officer Department	
Street or PO Box	
City State Zip Country	
Officer's phone	Email
Name of faculty advisor	
Number of undergraduates in your college/university	
Number of graduates in your college/university	
Number of psychology majors in your college/university	
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