



## Psi Chi Information Sheet for New Members

### The Psi Chi Experience

*Welcome to Psi Chi!* You are now a member of the largest and most dynamic organization of psychology students in the world. Of course, the foremost benefit of Psi Chi membership has always been the honor and recognition of academic excellence, but that's just the beginning of the Psi Chi experience. More than an honor society, Psi Chi is an exciting network of like-minded colleagues and experienced psychologists—a springboard for professional and personal growth. Becoming a member unleashes a myriad of new opportunities—to develop leadership skills, to network and develop one-on-one relationships with faculty and other psychology professionals, to socialize with other psychology students, to take advantage of educational and career-building programs, to serve your campus and community, and much more.

### A Psychology Network Without Equal

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Psi Chi's membership originally was limited to outstanding graduate students. As the field of psychology grew, exceptional undergraduate students were also inducted, and Psi Chi's network of chapters spread to over 1,000 campuses across the U.S and Canada. Now Psi Chi has more chapters than any other honor society in baccalaureate institutions, and has the largest membership of any psychological organization in the world.

### Recognition

Psi Chi provides national recognition for academic excellence in psychology, an honor which can be noted on employment applications, vitae, and résumés. Members also receive membership certificates and cards and are eligible to wear honor cords, medallions, and stoles at graduation (contingent upon the policy of each institution).

### Lifetime Membership

Membership in Psi Chi is for life, and the initial registration fee is your only payment to the national organization, which does not charge annual dues. The Psi Chi National Office provides references throughout each member's lifetime.

### Awards & Grants

Psi Chi's annual award and grant budget totals over \$300,000. Ninety-five research awards include the following:

- Newman Award and Bandura Award for graduate research,
- Guilford Awards and Allyn & Bacon Awards for undergraduate research,
- Erlbaum Awards in Cognitive Science for both graduate and undergraduate research,
- the Regional and National Convention Research Awards, and
- national and regional awards for outstanding chapters and faculty advisors.

Psi Chi awards numerous grants of up to \$1,500 for undergraduate and graduate research projects, and fourteen \$5,000 summer research grants. The Thelma Hunt grant program provides up to \$3,000 for empirical research on questions directly related to Psi Chi, and 12 additional grants of \$2,000 each are available for research conducted by Psi Chi faculty advisors (see other side for a listing of Psi Chi awards/grants).

### Publications

*Eye on Psi Chi* magazine provides national recognition for members and chapters, and features articles on careers in psychology, graduate school advice, and personal development, plus special articles by distinguished psychologists. The *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research* offers a vehicle for undergraduates to publish their research in a national, fully reviewed journal.

### Conference Programs

Psi Chi sponsors outstanding programs at regional and national meetings, which include opportunities to present posters and papers. Members benefit not only from the programs, but also from the opportunity to meet and network with leading psychologists and students from other chapters. Be sure to find out more about the spring conference in your region. Students who have attended these meetings overwhelmingly attest to the excellent programs and opportunities Psi Chi offers. This is an experience you won't want to miss!

### Website ([www.psichi.org](http://www.psichi.org))

Our full-featured website allows members to keep in touch with Psi Chi's activities and new ventures, explore exciting opportunities, read outstanding articles and abstracts, download Psi Chi materials, and much more.

The **Forms** section gives you access to Psi Chi forms, booklets, logos, etc.—all of which can be downloaded. The **Chapter Handbook**, located in this section, provides a wealth of information to answer all your questions about Psi Chi membership and chapter activities. In the **Merchandise** section you can view pictures of all Psi Chi merchandise—including honor cords, medallions, stoles, jewelry, T-shirts, sweat-shirts, ball caps, etc.—and find out how to order through your chapter.

Our newly updated site, which features “member login,” now allows you to personalize the homepage for you and your chapter, update your contact information, connect with other members, subscribe to e-mail digests, order replacement certificates, view the latest psychology-related news, and much more. Be sure to record your member ID number (found on your membership card) in order to access all of these new features.

### Staying in Touch With Psi Chi

Copies of the quarterly magazine *Eye on Psi Chi* are distributed to each local chapter so that you can receive free copies while you are a student. After graduation, you may subscribe to *Eye on Psi Chi* for only \$10 a year. Each issue provides the latest Psi Chi-related news and includes articles ranging from tips on getting into graduate school to how to get a job with a bachelor's degree to features by distinguished psychologists.

If you will be going on to graduate school, stay active in Psi Chi by becoming involved with the chapter at your new school. If there is no chapter, you can provide the impetus to start one! Psi Chi is not just for undergraduates—graduate students are an important and active part of the honor society.

Of course, you can always touch base with Psi Chi through our website, where you can update your contact info as needed.

**If you have any questions about Psi Chi, be sure to check the national website ([www.psichi.org](http://www.psichi.org)) or contact the National Office (contact information listed above).**