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# Invitation to Membership

For chapter records and verification—do not send to National Office

### Congratulations!

Your academic record (which was submitted and verified from your application) qualifies you for membership in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. We are pleased to invite you to complete and return this Membership Acceptance form.

To accept membership in Psi Chi, **please fill out the form** and return to one of our chapter officers at your earliest convenience. We look forward to having you as a new member. We need your talents to help us make Psi Chi the most viable honor society on this campus. We hope you will accept our invitation to membership in Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

Sincerely,

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*Psi Chi Chapter Officers*

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*Psi Chi Faculty Advisors*

*Date*

Psi Chi Membership Acceptance Form		
Candidate's name		Student ID number
Current mailing address   Street or PO Box		City   State   Zip
Phone	Best time(s) to call	Email
Permanent address [if different]   Street or PO Box		City   State   Zip
Phone		Email
Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate student <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty		Estimate date of graduation: [mo/yr]
<p>The Psi Chi National Membership fee is <b>\$35</b>. This <b>one-time fee</b> pays for lifetime Psi Chi membership, a certificate of membership, a membership card, and a lapel pin. The <i>Eye on Psi Chi</i> magazine is provided to the chapter to distribute to members while they are in school. Although there are no annual national dues, I understand that there may be Chapter dues.</p>		
		National Membership fee: <b>\$35.00</b>
		Chapter fee \$
		<b>Total submitted \$</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order is enclosed
Signature   Date		<b>[Cash is not accepted]</b>
<p>Please return your invitation and fee(s) to the faculty advisor or Psi Chi chapter officer as listed to the left. <i>(Keep a copy of your check or money order for your personal records.)</i></p>		



## What is Psi Chi?

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 for the purpose of promoting excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate students who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests and who meet the qualifications. Psi Chi functions as a federation of chapters located at more than 1,000 senior colleges and universities, and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association of Psychological Science (APS). Membership in Psi Chi offers unique advantages that cannot be found elsewhere—particularly for the price. Almost all applications for graduate school and employment ask for honors, which are difficult to obtain after one leaves school. Membership in Psi Chi is open to you as a student; after you graduate, it is too late to join.

**The Psi Chi Experience.** The first and foremost benefit of Psi Chi membership has always been the honor and recognition of academic excellence, but that is just the beginning of the Psi Chi experience. In reality, Psi Chi is much more than an honor society. It is an exciting network of like-minded colleagues and experienced psychologists—a springboard for professional and personal growth. When you become a member, you unleash a myriad of new opportunities—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 numerous educational and career-building programs and events, to serve your campus and greater community, and much more.

**A Psychology Network Without Equal.** When Psi Chi was founded in 1929, its membership was limited to outstanding graduate students from the top graduate schools in psychology. As the field of psychology grew, undergraduate students with exceptional academic records were also admitted to membership, and Psi Chi's network of chapters spread to over 1,000 campuses across the U.S.<sup>†</sup> 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.

**Lifetime Membership.** Membership in Psi Chi is for life, and the \$35 national registration fee is the only payment to the national organization, which does not charge annual dues.

**Recognition.** Psi Chi provides national recognition for academic excellence in psychology, an honor which can be noted on employment applications, vitae, and resumes. Also, as part of lifetime membership, members receive membership certificates, cards, and lapel pins and are eligible to wear honor cords, medallions, and stoles at graduation.

**Membership Verification.** The Psi Chi National Office provides verification of membership throughout each member's lifetime.

**Awards and Grants.** Psi Chi's current award and grant programs total over \$300,000 with over one hundred research awards including the highly esteemed Newman and Bandura Awards for graduate research, the Guilford and Allyn & Bacon Awards for undergraduate research, the Erlbaum Awards in Cognitive Science for both graduate and undergraduate research, and the Regional and National Convention Research Awards. National and regional awards are also available for outstanding chapters and faculty advisors. Psi Chi also awards numerous grants of up to \$1,500 for graduate and undergraduate 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.

**Publications.** The *Eye on Psi Chi* magazine provides national recognition for members and chapters and features informative articles on careers in psychology, graduate school advice, and personal development—plus special articles by distinguished psychologists on topics of interest. 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 psychological association meetings. Members benefit not only from the programs, but also from the opportunity to meet and network with leading psychologists and students from other chapters.

**[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.

<sup>†</sup>and a chapter in Canada

\* contingent on the policy of each institution