



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR HUMAN SERVICES HONOR SOCIETY

TAU UPSILON ALPHA
National Honor Society

Excellence in Service to Humanity
“τελειότητα στην υπηρεσία στην ανθρωπότητα”

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AT-LARGE-MEMBERSHIP

Qualifications for At-large-Membership - A member at-large is any person who is currently enrolled in or teaching in a Human Services degree program, or related field within the social sciences, where there is not a local Tau Upsilon Alpha chapter available and the individual meets all the required qualifications of a chapter member in either the student or faculty status. In addition, a member at-large shall (a) provide two letters of recommendations, and (b) provide documentation from their educational institution stating why a chapter cannot be started at the institution and that the institution is fully accredited by its regional accrediting agency. At-large-members request approval for Society membership directly through the National Office.

Student Members shall:

1. be full-time or part-time students enrolled in associate, baccalaureate or graduate programs of fully accredited institutions that has an established Society Chapter at the time of initiation.
2. have membership applications approved and signed by the chapter advisor.
3. have declared a major or minor in human services or the most closely related major at the college within the social sciences.
4. be in the highest thirty-five-percent of their class and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale demonstrated by providing an official transcript with the application form.
5. agree to abide by the NOHS Code of Ethics found at <http://nationalhumanservices.org/ethics>.
6. show evidence (requested on membership application form) of awareness of the value of leadership and service to a successful career in human services.
7. In addition:
 - a. *Associate Level students* shall have completed at least 12 hours in courses leading to the Associate degree.
 - b. *Bachelor Level students* shall have completed at least the equivalent of three full-time semesters or five full-time quarters of college coursework. Please see special instructions for transferring students below in article 4.3.A.ii.
 - c. *Graduate Level students* shall have an accumulation of the number of graduate credit hours used by the college to designate one full-term equivalency for one academic term.

Faculty Members:

The Society recognizes and encourages faculty and administration involvement. Candidates for membership must be full-time or part-time faculty in a Human Services or closely related field within the social sciences. They must have completed a minimum of one year full-time teaching or two years of part-time teaching at the College/University where they are inducted and must have maintained an overall scholastic average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale while enrolled in their education program. All faculty should be chosen for their interest, ability to work effectively with students, and desire to promote the ideals of the Society.

Completing and Submitting an Application -

The applicant should:

1. Complete sections A - E of the *At-Large-Membership Application Form* for Membership in Tau Upsilon Alpha.
 2. Arrange to have a full-time faculty member within the human service program complete sections F - G and sign the application form attesting to that fact that a Chapter cannot be started at the institute of higher education at this time.
 3. Obtain two letters of recommendations to be mailed with the application form.
 4. Organize to have an official transcript mailed to the address below.
 5. Obtain a cashier's check or money order, made payable to **NOHS – TUA**, in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the lifetime membership fee to be mailed with the application form.
6. **Check list for submission of required documentation and fees:**
- Completed and signed *At-Large-Membership Application Form*
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Official Transcript
 - A cashier's check or money order covering the payment for Membership Fees of \$40.00. Check to be made payable to **NOHS - TUA**.

No applications will be accepted via email.

All documentation and appropriate payment should be returned to:

Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

c/o NOHS

9600 SW Oak St. Ste. 565

Tigard, OR 97070

If the application for At-large-membership in Tau Upsilon Alpha is approved, the National Office will mail the applicant a certificate and pin to the address provided on the application form. However, should the application be unsuccessful for any reason the National Office will send a letter to that effect and a refund of \$35.00 of the membership fee submitted. Please note - \$5.00 will be retained by the National Office for administrative costs. For further information or clarification on the *At-Large-Membership Application* process, please e-mail Tau Upsilon Alpha National at tua@nationalhumanservices.org.