



PI SIGMA ALPHA

The National Political Science Honors Society

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. There are now over 658 chapters located on college and university campuses in every state of the United States and in Guam. One of the stated purposes of Pi Sigma Alpha "to stimulate scholarship and intelligent interest in political science". More information about the national organization can be found at: <http://www.apsanet.org/~psa>

What we will do:

- Promote Distinguished Speaker series (hear tapes of academic giants such as Robert Dahl, Fareed Zakaria, and Lani Guiner and discuss them with your peers)
- Submit proposals for Activity Grants (and here YOU control what you want to do with your peers)
- Participate in competitions for scholarships for graduate schools, for Pi Sigma Alpha's Washington Internship Program, and for essay contests (both class papers and honors theses)
- Host the second annual in-house undergraduate research conference for political science majors to showcase their work

Who can join:

Undergraduates must meet the following criteria: They must have completed at least one-half the credits required by their institution for the baccalaureate degree; they must have completed at least ten semester-credits of work in political science including at least one upper-division course, with an average grade of B or higher in those courses; they must have achieved an overall GPA placing them in the top one-third of their whole class (e.g., junior or senior class). They need not be political science majors to qualify for membership.

Junior requirement: 3.08

Senior requirement: 3.31

What you have to do:

- Fill out the attached application form
- Pay mandatory \$35 lifetime initiation fee to Dr. Forestiere
- Pay an additional \$17 for cords, \$17 for medallion or \$30 for both (for graduation) – not required
- Pay an additional \$1 for a pin – not required

Everything – membership, cords, medallion, and pin = \$66

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Carolyn Forestiere, Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor at (410) 455-8160 or forestie@umbc.edu. Her office is PUP



Membership Application

Applications must be accompanied by an unofficial transcript for verification purposes.

Name of applicant: _____

Email address: _____

Current GPA _____

Number of college credits completed (including current semester) : _____

Number of POLI credits completed: Lower level (100 or 200-level) _____

Upper level (300 or 400-level) _____

Please return your application, an unofficial transcript, and check or money order payable to Pi Sigma Alpha, to:

Pi Sigma Alpha
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Applications are generally accepted in October. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Carolyn Forestiere, Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor at (410) 455-8160 or forestie@umbc.edu. Her office is PUP 306.