Joining is as easy as 1, 2, 3
With more than 600,000 members inducted since its founding in 1929, Psi Chi is the largest student psychological organization in the world. Find out today how you can become a part of Psi Chi.

Undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members are eligible to join Psi Chi through their local Psi Chi chapter if they meet the criteria outlined below.

**Undergraduate**
1. Academic requirements include
   - complete at least three semesters or five quarters and declare psychology major/minor
   - complete at least nine semester hours or 14 quarter hours of psychology courses
   - rank within the upper 35% of your class AND have at least a 3.0 overall GPA*
   - have at least 3.0 GPA in psychology courses*
2. Maintain a high standard of personal behavior
3. Have a 2/3 affirmative vote of those present at regular chapter meetings

*Any chapter may establish higher minimum scholastic requirements. However, no chapter may establish service or attendance requirements such as helping at service projects, participating in fund-raisers, attending chapter meetings, writing special papers/essays, making presentations, etc. for membership eligibility.

**Graduate**
Complete at least one semester with a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all graduate courses, including psychology, and maintain a high standard of personal behavior. In addition, you must have a 2/3 affirmative vote of those present at regular chapter meetings.

**Faculty**
You must be a full-time faculty member at your school with a doctoral degree in psychology or a psychology-related field.

To learn more about Psi Chi, contact your local chapter.

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For additional reading about Psi Chi opportunities, please see the following:


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**Local chapter contact information**

Name ______________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City, State, Zip ________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________________
Email _______________________________________________
Student ID number __________________________________
Estimated date of graduation __________________________
☐ 2nd sem Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate Student ☐ Faculty
**Career**

As you enter your sophomore or junior year, get specific about what you want to do with your degree. Psychology can open the door to a variety of careers from clinical, counseling, educational, experimental, forensic, industrial/organizational, and social psychologist—just to name a few. If you decide to major in psychology, now is the time to prepare for your career. Through [www.psichi.org](http://www.psichi.org) and [Conventional Programming](http://www.psi.org), Psi Chi can help you learn about career options, plan for graduate school and employment, discover networking opportunities, and make the most of your educational experience.

PsChi can be more than a listing on your resume. Psi Chi can help you build a distinctive resume through unique opportunities, hands-on experience, and international recognition. With over $300,000 in grants and awards for undergraduate and graduate student members and chapters, Psi Chi can support your participation in these activities and recognize your outstanding accomplishments.

Since its inception in 1929, Psi Chi is an organization that provides support and encouragement for its members to excel in scholarship and advance psychology. Psi Chi’s network of chapters now extends to over 1,000 colleges and universities. With over 85,000 psychology bachelor’s degrees awarded annually (National Center for Education Statistics, 2006), participating in a certified honor society will give you a distinct advantage over other psychology majors.

**Leadership**

“As a leader, I have learned that it is essential to set high standards and goals such as strategy planning, communication, meetings, marketing, presentation, and reliability. I encourage the members to reach goals as effectively as possible, while also working selflessly to strengthen the bonds among all members. I have also learned as chapter president to lead through example.”

—Krustena M. Kons

2005-06 Wilson Leadership Award winner

How can you acquire experience as a leader while still an undergraduate? As an officer in your local Psi Chi chapter, you will develop leadership skills by making decisions that help your chapter and community. Opportunities to organize service projects, research conferences, or your chapter website are other ways Psi Chi can help you acquire valuable skills to add to your resume (Koch, 2007). In addition, as a chapter president, you may have the opportunity to expand your leadership skills at one of our regional conferences.

**Internship Work Experience**

“When I first submitted my application for the NCACV internship, I had no idea of the extent to which I would be involved in researching America’s most violent offenders, firing weapons next to FBI agents, or attending classes from world-renowned law enforcement professionals. This internship was the best experience of my life thus far and has drastically shaped my future career goals.”

—Jason Keller

2005-06 Psi Chi/FBI NCACV Internship Grant winner

With the FBI NCACV internships, you have a firsthand opportunity to work for a national organization and gain invaluable professional experience.

**Research**

“This project provided me with the opportunity to work at a large research institution with a professor involved in community outreach and development, a field in which I am particularly interested but not able to study at my home institution. I was able to examine the nature of adolescent violence in an urban location, which provided a unique and insightful experience.”

—Christina Bruno

2005-06 Summer Research Grant winner

Do you plan to continue your education beyond the baccalaureate degree? Conducting research is one of the most popular and important criteria in graduate school selection (Appleby, 1999; Collins, 2001). Psi Chi has the resources and the opportunities for you to acquire this invaluable team-building experience.

—Psi Chi provides research grants of up to $1,500 each to help defray the cost of research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students ($55,000 available annually)

—Psi Chi funds undergraduate summer research experiences ($120,000 available annually)

—Psi Chi sponsors student research poster sessions at regional and Society meetings with awards for the best research presenter

Along with these advantages, remember with Psi Chi:

—You pay a one-time registration fee and are a member for life;
—You receive a membership certificate and card; and
—You are eligible to wear an honor cord, medallion, and stole at graduation.

**Networking**

“In March, the chapter helped fund members to travel to the 2007 EPA Conference in Philadelphia to present their research. While at the conference, members had the opportunity to attend seminars on a range of topics and interact with psychology students and faculty from around the world.”

—Belmont University (TN)

Chapter Activities Report (fall 2007)

One of the best ways to gain a competitive edge in your career is to network with people in your area of interest. By being actively involved in Psi Chi, you have opportunities to connect with psychologists locally, nationally, and internationally through our sponsored conventions.

—Connect locally with students, professors, guest speakers, and the community through meetings and fund-raisers
—Attend regional and Society annual Psi Chi conferences and connect with faculty and students from other institutions, invited speakers who are leaders in their field, and attending professionals
—Join national organizations as student affiliates and receive special discounts

**Build a distinctive resume with Psi Chi**

Four of the top qualifications that employers look for in their candidates are leadership skills, professional experience, research experience, and networking skills.