GENERAL INFORMATION & MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Founded in September 1929, Psi Chi (the National Honor Society in Psychology) has grown to be one of the largest honor societies in the United States, with over 990 chapters. Membership in Psi Chi is an earned honor which is for life. A permanent record of your membership is preserved at the Psi Chi National Office and may be used for reference purposes such as applications for graduate school and jobs.

The purposes of Psi Chi are to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology. To achieve these goals, Psi Chi offers a wide range of local, regional, and national programs, which you can access in more detail at www.psichi.org.

Our chapter programs here at Webster will be designed to augment and enhance the regular curriculum, to afford opportunities for our members to use their talents in roles that are meaningful, and to promote interaction among fellow members, and faculty. Towards these goals, we will hold our chapter's induction ceremony toward the end of the Spring semester, in conjunction with the Department of Psychology's end of the year gathering. Friends and family members are welcome. You will find the experience, fellowship, and recognition to be well worth your time and effort.

At the national level, Psi Chi holds conventions in conjunction with the annual meetings of both the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society; both of these meetings attract international attention. Psi Chi also sponsors national and regional undergraduate and graduate research award programs, and publishes a national magazine, Eye on Psi Chi, to inform members of Psi Chi’s opportunities at all levels (this publication is free to members through the Webster chapter during your undergraduate career, although you can also subscribe to the magazine after graduation to keep up with Psi Chi news). In addition, the Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research publishes papers authored by Psi Chi members; your membership in our chapter of Psi Chi will afford you the opportunity to publish the research you conduct at Webster in this nationally recognized, peer-reviewed journal.

Membership in Psi Chi offers unique advantages that cannot be found elsewhere, and 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 at Webster; after you graduate it is too late to join. In terms of expenses related to becoming a member of Psi Chi, all new inductees are required to register online (http://www.psichi.org/?page=become_member) and pay a once-in-a-lifetime registration fee of $55. This fee offsets national costs related to processing your initial induction into Psi Chi, in addition to maintaining your membership (throughout your lifetime) at the national office. Graduation cords are also available for an additional $18.00. Without a doubt, the fellowship, educational, and professional opportunities that Psi Chi affords members are worth the cost. If you meet all the requirements for joining, and choose to join, you must let Morgan Grotewiel, Webster’s Psi Chi advisor know you have done so. Additionally, the appropriate dues for graduation cords and membership fees are due to the department associate, Nicole Egelhofer-Wells (ISB 305), no later than Friday, April 12, 2019 (check or money order only, no cash).

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To be eligible for membership in Psi Chi, you must meet the following standards:

1. Must be a junior or senior majoring in Psychology, with at least one full semester (12 credits) completed at Webster.

2. Completion of 18 credit hours in Psychology, including at least one of the required core courses.

3. Demonstration of superior scholarship
   - a minimum GPA in psychology courses of at least 3.0
   - a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or be in the top 35% of their class

If you believe that you meet these standards, and have attempted to join Psi Chi online, please fill out the information below, and send it to the Faculty Advisor for the Webster chapter of Psi Chi, Dr. Morgan Grotewiel. She will then review your academic record for the sole purpose of determining if you are eligible for membership into Psi Chi.

1. Name__________________________________________ Student ID number _________________________

2. Current Address:____________________________________________________
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3. Telephone number:___________________________ E-mail Address:_____________________

4. Classification (circle one):    Junior       Senior

5. Estimated Graduation Date (month/year)___________________________________________

6. Estimated Cumulative GPA______________ Estimated Psychology GPA_____________

7. Please list all Psychology courses (and their grades) you have completed here at Webster (you may attach a separate sheet):
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