

Pi Gamma Mu

International Honor Society in Social Sciences

Benefits of Membership

www.pigammamu.org

What is Pi Gamma Mu?

Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent honor society in the social sciences. Our mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service. Currently, there are around 150 active chapters in the United States and overseas.

A Multidisciplinary Approach

Our multidisciplinary approach allows people in various disciplines/majors to socialize with and learn from each other. Some chapters operate social-service projects including volunteers from various departments.

Recognition

At Pi Gamma Mu we make sure that honor students receive appropriate recognition and an array of membership services including: **lifetime membership**, an elegant membership certificate, a membership card, a lapel pin, the online Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter, and online access to the *International Social Science Review*.

Scholarships

If you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu, you could qualify to be the recipient of a \$2000 or \$1000 award to attend graduate school. Pi Gamma Mu's scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in certain social science fields of study.

The applications deadline is February 15. **See website for full application requirements.** Pi Gamma Mu awards 10 scholarships each year. Why not be one of the next recipients?

Publication Opportunity

Students (as well as professors) have an opportunity to publish in an international journal. Virtually every edition of the *International Social Science Review* contains the work of at least one chapter sponsor and at least one student member of the honor society, and publishers have asked and received permission to reprint student-written articles in other widely distributed publications.

Students can run for Office!

Student members participate actively in governing Pi Gamma Mu. At each triennial convention, the student members elect two students to serve on the international Board of Trustees for the new three-year period. Both student trustees then attend the annual board meetings during that triennium.

Show your Pi Gamma Mu Pride

Pi Gamma Mu helps its members to *look* like Pi Gamma Mu members! We make attractive and fun items available to our members including honor cords, clothing, and novelty items available on our Web site and on our CafePress storefront.

Present Research Papers

Students can propose to present their research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions. Presenting a paper can help jump-start student's desire to pursue a graduate degree—and Pi Gamma Mu often will help pay for some of their travel expenses.

Federal Benefits of Membership

According to a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission (now U.S. Office of Personnel Management) stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service..." This affords a very tangible acknowledgement that organizations maintaining honor society standards merit distinction and is another benefit of membership in Pi Gamma Mu.