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APPLY TODAY!

Each year, Pi Gamma Mu awards 11 scholarships to outstanding members. Three scholarships are worth $2000 each, and the other eight are worth $1000 each. These scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together right away.

Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield, Kans., with a postmark on or before February 15. Winners will be notified in March, with the grants awarded in September. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form. The URL address is http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html

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Mailing address: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.
THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW

In general, service on the Board of Trustees offers many rewards. Perhaps the most important reward involves recognition of student excellence and seeing the joy students show upon their recognition. Sometimes Trustee responsibility involves making hard decisions—raising membership fees exemplifies a hard decision.

Each year the Trustees create a budget that maintains our service to students and chapters but keeps cost within the revenue; revenue comes primarily from membership fees. As the task of keeping costs within revenues has become increasingly difficult, the Trustees turned attention to the membership fee.

The first serious review occurred during a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee during the summer of 2014. As the committee worked on crafting plans for the future, the committee considered several significant facts. First, the membership fee has been stable—set at $40—since 2005. Counting the current academic year, the fee remained unchanged for 10 years. Second, while the membership fee stayed the same for years, the operating costs increased significantly. A check with an inflation calculator indicated that an increase of nearly $10 would be required to keep up with inflation. Finally, a comparative analysis of membership fees for other honor societies suggested that Pi Gamma Mu fees remain low compared to others. With these three facts in mind the committee concluded that an increase of $10 seemed reasonable to permit the honor society to keep up with inflation and continue to provide appropriate service.

During the October 2014 Trustee meeting at the Triennial Convention, the Trustees considered a recommendation to increase the membership fee by $10. The related discussion was lengthy, considering many aspects of an increase. In the end, the Trustees reluctantly agreed to raise the fees by $10 to $50, to become effective for the 2015-16 academic year.

Good news comes with the increase. Service to members and chapters will continue at the same high level. The membership—a lifetime membership—remains a good value, with benefits for a lifetime, without any additional membership fees. Finally, Pi Gamma Mu will continue financially sound operations, to stay strong now and in the future.

The Pi Gamma Mu Trustees and staff continue to need the support of all our constituencies—students, faculty, sponsors, and alumni to keep the honor society strong and effective. The Trustees and staff will continue to work to keep existing chapters strong and healthy and to promote the development of new chapters. In this way, we will continue our great heritage and pursue our mission to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

C. Laurence (Larry) Heck
International President

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

News in this issue comes from the Georgia Xi chapter at Brewton-Parker College, the Texas Eta chapter at Texas State University, the Colorado Theta chapter at Adams State University, and the North Carolina Omega chapter at Livingston College.

The Georgia Xi chapter at Brewton-Parker College participated in and hosted multiple events during the 2013-14 academic year. Members of the chapter assisted with the college’s Historic Village Day in which many of the chapter’s current members dressed in authentic era clothing and participated in cooking and crafts. Members of the chapter also provided a tour of facilities on campus to a class of eighth graders from the community. In December 2013, the chapter held a Christmas celebration at a local inpatient treatment facility in which they sang carols and provided gifts to 21 developmentally disabled adults. During the spring semester the chapter assisted with a tutoring program on campus, held an Easter celebration for the same inpatient treatment facility they visited at Christmas, and assisted the college with its alumni day activities. Dr. Vance Rhoades is the chapter sponsor.

The Texas Eta chapter at Texas State University created an International Dialogue Series during the 2013-14 academic year. Members of the chapter invited faculty members to participate in discussion regarding current events in an effort to educate students on global matters. Topics included global security, the crisis in the Ukraine, the industrialization of China, and the conflict in the Middle East. The Texas Eta chapter also organized a screening of "The Square" documenting the recent events in Egypt. Members of the chapter also volunteered with the Multicultural Refugee Coalition in Austin, TX several times throughout the year. The Multicultural Refugee Coalition aims to empower refugees through education and professional development. The chapter sponsors are Mr. Jeremy Pena and Dr. Dennis Dunn.
The **Colorado Theta** chapter at **Adams State University** made a special push in 2013-2014 to develop several social events per semester to provide opportunities for students to interact with one another and to promote the chapter in recruiting for membership. An annual initiation ceremony was held on May 1, 2014. In October 2013 two student members, Kaitlyn Kruger and Mark Mabry, gave a discussion on gun control during a department-wide social. In November 2013, Jan C. Vigil, class of 2013 alumni member of the chapter, won election to the Alamosa City Council. In December 2013, the chapter hosted an event to get to know the new lifetime members and those petitioning for membership. Chapter president, Mark Mabry, presented a paper at the university's Student Scholar Days and at the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial International Convention and was elected to serve as Student Representative on the International Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu for the 2014-2017 term. Dr. Edward Crowther is the sponsor of the chapter.

The **North Carolina Omega** chapter at **Livingstone College** had a very active year. The chapter co-sponsored a program in collaboration with the campus honors program to promote scholarly initiatives on campus. To raise funds the chapter asked faculty and staff to donate materials to make themed literature baskets for silent auction. The chapter also co-hosted the African American Read-In program with another group on campus. Attendees read and listened to works read by African American authors. Over 300 students were in attendance from the college’s 1000 student population. The chapter also hosted a Women's Read-In, which was also had excellent attendance. The chapter also co-hosted two sessions of the National Endowment for the Humanities Created Equal Project. Chapter members engaged in panel discussions and facilitated forums to introduce and expose Livingstone College students and the Rowan-Salisbury community to conversations defining freedom and democracy in the United States. Dr. Toni Sims-Muhammad and Dr. DaTarvia Parrish are the chapter sponsors.

**MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE**

Pi Gamma Mu is a unique honor society in a number of ways, two of which I find particularly valuable to its members. First and foremost, Pi Gamma Mu recognizes excellence in all of the social sciences and, therefore, creates an environment in which individuals from a variety of disciplines can come together to share their interests, research, and lives. Secondly, this honor society is comprised of members from across the globe. At the most recent Triennial Convention there were representatives from numerous countries, each of which brought something undoubtedly worthwhile to the convention. In few other societies will you find these strengths to be comparable to those found within Pi Gamma Mu.

With such high praise it should be of little surprise that I wanted to further my involvement with this great society. This was made possible at the Triennial Convention, where I was elected to serve as Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. As a Student Representative on the Board of Trustees I hope to expand the honor society’s membership by showing new institutions what Pi Gamma Mu has to offer their students. I have certainly found this to be a worthwhile organization and I believe others will share this conclusion. Of course, I am responsible for representing the students who constitute the foundation and purpose that has driven Pi Gamma Mu forward these past ninety years. This is truly an exciting opportunity that I plan to pursue with alacrity over the next three years. I encourage all students to join the Pi Gamma Mu community in order to benefit from the many opportunities that this society has to offer its members. I look forward to working with each and every one of you and continuing the tradition of excellence that is Pi Gamma Mu.

*Mark McDaniel Mabry Jr*

*Student Trustee*
Dear Chapter Sponsors,

As you know, 2014-2015 is an important year for Pi Gamma Mu. The society celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2014 and this year we are focusing on growth. In order to maintain fiscal stability and prepare for a strong future we must continue to grow by inviting more outstanding students who deserve to be honored by an invitation to become lifetime members and we ask for your help.

Please review the following suggestions for increasing your chapter’s membership:

- Utilize your school’s registrar or data specialists to request a list of all eligible students and invite all of those students to join.
- Remember that graduate students are eligible to join.
- Invite all faculty and administrators to become lifetime members.
- Invite international visitors to your campus to join Pi Gamma Mu under the International Affiliate Membership category. Criteria for membership: Students, professors, administrators, and distinguished guests from other nations who have an interest in the social sciences. These individuals generally are not invited to full membership because of their brief tenure on campus; consider honoring them with an invitation.
- Does your school have a growing online student population? Remember that both online and on-ground students are eligible to join.
- Promote the benefits of lifetime membership in your invitation letter:
  - Recognition for your high scholastic achievement,
  - Lifetime membership,
  - A handsome certificate worthy of framing,
  - A membership card,
  - A gold-plated keypin,
  - Access to the society’s online newsletter and peer-reviewed professional journal,
  - The opportunity to apply for Pi Gamma Mu scholarships,
  - The opportunity to wear Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at graduation,
  - The opportunity to present research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions, and more!

Please remember that we are here to help you. If there is anything we can do to assist you with your chapter’s membership drive or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Rupp
Executive Director

Volume 90, Issue 1 (2015) of the International Social Science Review is now live!

Visit http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/ or type "International Social Science Review" into any search engine to view the issue. The ISSR, Pi Gamma Mu’s peer-reviewed professional journal, transitioned from a print format to a digital format in 2014 making the journal accessible to everyone – no subscription required.

You can also submit articles and book reviews to be considered for publication via the site or by simply emailing the article to the journal’s editor, Candice Quinn, at quinn.issr@gmail.com. Dr. Quinn also welcomes Pi Gamma Mu members to share important updates for possible inclusion in the journal (members having new publications, faculty positions, etc.).
MERCHANDISE UPDATE

We are excited to announce that new Pi Gamma Mu merchandise is now available on our merchandise webpage. Our exclusive merchandise not only gives you the opportunity to proudly display your achievement and affiliation with the society, but merchandise purchases also support the activities of Pi Gamma Mu and help us finance our programs and awards.

New items include gray men’s t-shirts and pink women’s t-shirts proudly displaying the Pi Gamma Mu logo and name on the front and the mission statement on the back for $20 and navy and white polo shirts embroidered with the Pi Gamma Mu seal for $25.

Display your accomplishments by wearing Pi Gamma Mu honor cords at commencement ceremonies. Honor cords are $17 each (or $15 each for orders of 10 or more).

Visit our merchandise page

Thank you for your continued support of Pi Gamma Mu!
NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS ONLINE

Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and is able to accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation to our organization in honor / memory of a professor, sponsor, loved one or friend, or to support our scholarship program, you are encouraged to do so. Pi Gamma Mu gives 11 scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year.

We are excited to announce that we are now gratefully accepting donations of any size via the internet. Simply click on the Donate Now! button from any page. Online payment is by major credit card or PayPal account. Transactions are handled securely at the payment processor site. Pi Gamma Mu does not receive your sensitive financial data.

If you prefer to mail your donation, please complete the donation coupon at www.pigammamu.org/donate.html and mail it with a check payable to Pi Gamma Mu, to:

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For more information, call the executive director at (620) 221-3128 or visit our donations Web page: http://www.pigammamu.org/donate.html

Thank you for your generosity and support of Pi Gamma Mu.

MAKE YOUR CHAPTER A "PI GAMMA MU STAR"  
- Now there are two ways to become a Star Chapter!

1. Increase your chapter’s number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year.

Increasing your chapter’s membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more students. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more.

2. Add a link to the Pi Gamma Mu "Start a Chapter" webpage to your chapter’s website.

We request your help in raising awareness about Pi Gamma Mu by including a link to our "Start a Chapter" page. Has Pi Gamma Mu helped you by giving you the recognition that you have earned by facilitating your institution’s process of recognizing honor students? If so, please help us to create new chapters so that faculty members and honor students at other college and universities can benefit too. The URL address is:

http://www.pigammamu.org/start-chapter.html

The following graphic and others are available at http://pigammamu.org/graphics.html

Welcome to this Web Site! If you are located at a college or a university that does not have a Pi Gamma Mu chapter, and you would like to start a chapter, Pi Gamma Mu officers would like to talk to you! Click on this banner, or visit us at http://www.PiGammaMu.org/start-chapter.html

After you have uploaded the graphic to your chapter’s home page, alert the international office by emailing Suzanne Rupp at suzannerupp@pigammamu.org. Be sure to identify the URL address of your home page. We will send you a "Pi Gamma Mu Star" plaque, which will look great on your office wall on display in your department!

Thank you!
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The scholarship award is a time-honored tradition of Pi Gamma Mu. This award has been in use since the early days of the organization. Once a year chapters have the privilege of awarding one medal to a person who has distinguished him/herself in the social sciences. It has usually been given to an outstanding student as a prize for scholarship and/or service. However, it may also go to some other person deserving recognition in this field or to a faculty officer of a Pi Gamma Mu chapter.

Finished in gold plate, the award is available to chapters at a cost of $35. The name of the recipient and the date can be engraved on the back of the medal for no additional charge. You can order via the Pi Gamma Mu website.

FBI SEEKS APPLICATIONS FROM HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS – Application Deadline January 20

The FBI is conducting a career campaign to fill open cyber security positions and they are interested in receiving applications from honor society members. If you are looking for a challenge that puts your talents on the global stage, or one that unites your passion and your purpose with the power to literally transform your community, you should consider applying for a position with the FBI’s cyber security team. From investigating and preventing sophisticated technical threats worldwide, to thwarting illegal cyber activities that threaten America's infrastructure, interests and security, no organization will apply your technology skills like the FBI. The application deadline is January 20.

Membership in Pi Gamma Mu may affect the Civil Service rating at which a person enters Federal Service. Preferential treatment for honor-society members was granted by the U.S. Civil Service in 1973 and is continuing.

The basic requirement for GS-7 positions can be a bachelor’s degree and “membership in a national honorary scholastic society (other than freshman honor societies) recognized by the Association of College Honor Societies.” Pi Gamma Mu has been a member of ACHS since 1953. Someone with a bachelor’s degree and no experience is eligible to begin work at GS-5. However, if he or she has a bachelor’s degree and is a member of an honor society affiliated with the Association of College Honor Societies he or she is eligible for a GS-7 appointment. This is at the discretion of the individual department or agency and is not automatic. The increase in salary from GS-5 to GS-7 may be as much as $3300.

Apply now or visit www.fbijobs.gov/cybercareers for more information.

The following positions are open:

Special Agent (Cyber)

Apply here: https://www.fbijobs.gov/explore-careers/sa-apply.asp?emid=

Computer Scientist – Field Operations

Computer Scientist GS 13
Apply here: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/389689900?emid=

Computer Scientist GS 11/12
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Computer Scientist GS 7/9
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Information Technology Forensic Examiner

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Apply here: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/389688200?emid=

IT Specialist (Forensic Examiner), GS-7/9 (EX)
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Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we see social media as another way for us to carry out our mission to encourage scholarship and to foster cooperation and service among our members. Now you can connect with us and other members and supporters of Pi Gamma Mu on the social networking sites you like to use. We welcome your comments, posts, and photos of chapter activities. Be sure to like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and connect with us on LinkedIn to see announcements, opportunities, and deadlines (such as the scholarship application deadline). Keep your eye out for updates about the Triennial International Convention coming up this October!

Please note that several Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts will come up when you search for “Pi Gamma Mu” as we encourage our chapters to stay connected via social media. Use the links below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.
ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 66 members of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has stepped up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS Web site (www.achsnatl.org) for the list of honor societies that are members.

IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.

2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.

3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.

4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.

5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.

6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.

7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

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