

BETA ALPHA PSI ETA CHI CHAPTER

An overview of the participation requirements for pledges and members of Beta Alpha Psi

For the past ten years, we have been recognized as a Superior Chapter, the highest level of recognition, and received a monetary award funded by KPMG Foundation. With your help, our goal is to achieve that distinction again this year! The information below will acquaint you with how the national organization of Beta Alpha Psi evaluates the participation of our chapter as a whole and your role as an individual pledge or member.

If you are a pledge or member of our chapter, you need to earn:

- **An average of 5 hours per month in professional and service activities**
 - If you are a member or pledge for the *entire* school year, you should strive to earn a total of 40 hours of professional and service activities.
 - Minimum 15 professional hours + Minimum 15 service hours
 - Other 10 hours can be professional or service, your choice!
 - Total hours needed per year are pro-rated based on when you join, or if you are away from campus during an internship.
- It is not very difficult to average 5 hours per month or earn 40 hours in a year! You may earn hours by participating in:
 - Activities sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi
 - Individual activities
 - Activities sponsored/presented by other organizations
 - At least half the hours you earn must be in Beta Alpha Psi sponsored activities, but the remainder could be individual or other activities.
- 50 minutes = 1 hour

Examples of Professional Activities:

- BAP meetings and speakers
- Speakers at other clubs
- Campus/college speakers
- Off-campus speakers
- Seminars/workshops on and off-campus
- Attending professional organization meetings
- Field trips
- Attending BAP regional/national conferences
- Making presentations at BAP regional/national conferences
- Posting a resume to Job Link (on the national web site)
- Recruiting events
- And much more!

Examples of Service Activities:

- The usual types of service activities our BAP chapter usually does, such as Tutoring, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers & Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake, VITA, etc.
- Service you might do individually, like volunteering at elementary schools, nursing homes, College of Business things, anything!
- Service to the chapter as chairperson, officer, event coordinator, etc.

How does the national office evaluate our chapter at year-end?

- By the number and types of activities our chapter participates in at the local, regional and national level, and...
- By the total number of hours of professional and service activities earned by our members and pledges.
 - For example, if we have 30 members and pledges for the entire school year, we should earn 1,200 total hours (30 members/pledges x 40 hours).
 - It's a team effort, everyone counts!
 - At the end of the year, our chapter is allowed an adjustment to the total hours needed if a small percentage of the members do not earn enough hours, but if a large number of members do not actively participate, we may not reach Superior Chapter distinction.

What happens if I am a pledge or member for the entire school year and only earn 30 hours?

- In general, other pledges/members must earn the additional 10 hours.

How does the national office know how many hours each member earned?

- Our reporting officer, submits monthly reports to the national office.
- You must sign in at all Beta Alpha Psi events so the officer can report who was present and for how long.
- If you participate in a non-BAP activity, you must keep track of the date, time (minutes!), and details of the event, and submit that information at the end of each month.
- A form will be distributed for you to complete and submit.

The hours you earn will also be evaluated by our chapter in these ways:

- Awards will be presented to the most active pledges/members at the end of each semester and names will be published in our newsletter that is shared with alumni and recruiters.
- Determining which pledges/members are in "good standing"
- Determining if a pledge qualifies to be initiated as a member of Beta Alpha Psi.
- Determining which pledges/members may use chapter funds to subsidize the cost of attending regional and national meetings.