

# BETA ALPHA PSI – ETA CHI CHAPTER #183 CANDIDATE & MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

## CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

One must be a **Candidate** of the Eta Chi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi for a minimum of one semester prior to being initiated as a Member. To become a Candidate, one must meet both the national and local chapter requirements described below.

- Be enrolled at Montana State University - Bozeman as one of the following:
  - An undergraduate student in the accounting or finance option and have completed at least one year of collegiate courses (30 semester hours)
  - A post-baccalaureate student in the accounting or finance option (one who has previously earned a degree in some other field)
  - A graduate student provisionally or officially accepted in the Master of Professional Accountancy program
- **For Accounting Students:**
  - Be currently enrolled in or have completed ACTG 327 or higher
  - Overall GPA of at least 3.000 **or** have attained at least a 3.250 cumulative grade average on the most recent 30 semester hours
  - Option GPA of at least 3.000 (Calculate GPA based on grades earned in any accounting courses, including ACTG 201, ACTG 202, ACTG 223, and upper-division ACTG rubric courses)
- **For Finance Students:**
  - Be currently enrolled in or have completed BFIN 322 or higher
  - Be currently enrolled in or have completed ACTG 327 or higher
  - Overall GPA of at least 3.000 **or** have attained at least a 3.250 cumulative grade average on the most recent 30 semester hours
  - Option GPA of at least 3.000 (Calculate GPA based on grades earned in any finance and accounting courses, including ACTG 201, ACTG 223, and upper-division ACTG and BFIN rubric courses)
- **For Transfer Students:** Check with the faculty advisor and Beta Alpha Psi National Handbook at [www.bap.org](http://www.bap.org)
- **For Graduate Students:** Check with the faculty advisor and Beta Alpha Psi National Handbook at [www.bap.org](http://www.bap.org)
- Submit a properly completed Membership Application
- Pay the appropriate candidate fees:
  - \$40 annual local chapter dues
  - \$65 one-time, nonrefundable National Candidate fee

To remain a **Candidate in Good Standing** (Continuing Candidate) of the Eta Chi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, one must meet both the national and local chapter requirements described below.

- Be an active participant in Beta Alpha Psi (as described in the Participation Guidelines)
- Pay semester dues on a timely basis; failure to pay semester dues will result in loss

of candidate status

- Maintain the GPA requirements described above
- Uphold the national constitution and by-laws
- Applicants will lose Candidate status if they do not qualify to be initiated once the upper-division option area course requirement above has been completed
- Applicants will also lose Candidate status if they do not remain active in the local chapter, or if they are no longer enrolled in an accounting or finance option

## **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

To become a **Member** of the Eta Chi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, one must meet both the national and local chapter requirements described below.

- Have been a Candidate in Good Standing for a least one semester
- Be committed to remaining active once initiated as a member
- Have paid annual local chapter dues of \$40 (\$20 if initiated in spring semester)
- Meet the national requirements for membership as described below:

**If you are a degree-seeking undergraduate student or a non-degree post-baccalaureate student, you must:**

- Overall University GPA: Have attained at least a cumulative GPA of 3.000 **or** have attained at least a 3.250 cumulative grade average on the most recent 30 semester hours
- Have attained a cumulative upper division grade average of at least 3.000 in your accounting or finance option upper division courses (i.e., ACTG or BFIN 300 and 400 level courses counted toward your degree option)

**If you are a degree-seeking graduate student, you must:** be officially accepted and enrolled in the Master of Professional Accountancy program. If so, you qualify for membership without GPA requirements. If you are **provisionally** accepted, you must meet the GPA requirements above.