

University of Portland
Dorothy Day Social Work Program
Phi Alpha Honor Society
Student Application

Constitution

The purpose of Phi Alpha honor society is to prepare students for professional practice as social workers. Trained as generalists, graduates are competent and competitive for case-management and similar positions in human service agencies. The focus of the honor society is professional problem solving through value based social work knowledge and skills. The path for training is further delineated by a focus on continued education and academic achievement that will prepare graduates for leadership roles in social change and social justice especially as they relate to disenfranchised groups such as the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and minority communities.

Membership Requirements

1. Any undergraduate declared social work student at the University of Portland who meets the qualifications set forth in the By-Laws and the National Phi Alpha standards shall be eligible for active membership.
2. Sophomore status is required for membership eligibility.
3. An overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for membership.
4. An achieved grade point average of 3.25 within the social work major (on a 4.0 scale) is required for membership.
5. Completed 9 semester hours of required courses for the major, which includes 3 credits from a SW course and 6 credits from any combination of Psych, Soc, or SW courses, including the introductory courses.
6. Honorary membership may be granted to two students each year whose support of social work education and practice merit such recognition by approval of the chapter.
7. Faculty members having an official connection with the social work curriculum may be granted membership upon invitation and approval of the chapter.
8. There is a \$30.00 application fee for membership into Phi Alpha.

Membership Benefits

A national honor society for social work students, the purposes of the Phi Alpha Honor Society are to provide a closer bond among students of social work and to promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Dr. Rogers serves as the advisor for UP's chapter, Mu Theta.

The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors and Phi Alpha Honor Society have partnered to deliver a scholarship program for undergraduate Phi Alpha members. Each year, three scholarships will be awarded. They are: (1st) \$2,500, (2nd) \$2,000, and (3rd) \$1,500. The focus of the application is the student's service, scholarship, and leadership. The first place selection will be sponsored to present as part of the conference program at the BPD annual conference each spring. Students must be members of Phi Alpha to apply. Applications are due May 30th. Awards are announced by September 1st.

See the UP social work website, under Student Resources, Phi Alpha Honor Society, for more information on how to apply.

Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____

Overall GPA: _____ GPA in Social Work Courses: _____

Status (circle one): Sophomore Junior Senior

Social Work Courses Completed: _____

* Are you applying for honorary membership? Yes _____ No _____

If so, please attach a short personal statement to this document (150 words or less please).

To be completed by the Department:

_____ Application Approved Date: _____

_____ Application Denied Date: _____

Reason: _____

* There are two honorary membership slots available in the Phi Alpha Honor Society. If a student's GPA does not meet the membership requirements, a student may apply for one of these slots.

Submit application, with the \$30 application fee, to Dr. Rogers in BC 140 or to the SBS office in BC 135.