

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 undergraduates declared social work students 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 \$40.00 application fee for membership into Phi Alpha.

Honor Society 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.