



Orientation Packet Alpha Beta Gamma, Chi Epsilon Chapter

Alpha Beta Gamma® is an International Business Honor Society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students in business curricula. To achieve this goal, Alpha Beta Gamma® provides leadership opportunities, forums for the exchange of ideas and the stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Since its founding, over 52,000 students from accredited community, junior, and technical colleges have been initiated in the Society. Alpha Beta Gamma® is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, and an affiliate member of both the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and The Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC).

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- To be eligible for membership Alpha Beta Gamma, a student shall be regularly enrolled in a business curriculum in an educational institution empowered to offer Associate Degrees in Business Areas; shall be carrying a full-time load (as defined by the local institution), or if a part-time student, shall have completed 15 credit hours.
- At least 12 hours of the student's work must be in courses leading to a business degree.
- In addition to these requirements, a student shall also be of good moral character, shall possess recognized qualities of citizenship, and shall have established academic excellence or a 3.0 GPA or its equivalent in business courses as well as a 3.0 overall average and shall be in the top 35 percent of the class.
- In addition to the National Organizations requirements students MUST attend the Induction rehearsal and ceremony to become a member of the Chi Epsilon Chapter.

MEMBER BENEFITS

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Recognition of individual academic achievement
- Leadership opportunities through chapter officer positions
- Opportunity to write for The Honors Journal, the Official newsletter of the society
- Distinctive membership diplomas Use of Alpha Beta Gamma Resume Forms
- Travel discounts at Choice, Quality and Clarion Hotels
- Car rental discounts at Alamo
- Exchange of intellectual ideas at local chapter functions and at a national leadership conference
- Networking opportunities with other business students and business leaders
- Enhancement of employment applications and applications to four-year colleges and universities
- Over \$500,000 in scholarships to four-year colleges reserved for ABG members
- Graduation stoles, tassels, membership keys and other regalia available
- Name listed on the National Dean's List

TWO TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE AVAILABLE:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

A regular member is one who is currently enrolled in classes and meets all the requirements outlined for membership by the International Organization. 3.0 GPA/Completion of fifteen credit hours with at least twelve hours in your declared degree field, excluding developmental and credit given for work with a P grade. As a regular member, you are required to attend 2 meetings per semester not including orientation and work toward the betterment of the organization. Fund-raisers and service projects are suggested. The lack of participation may disqualify you from some events. You are required to purchase your stole and tassel for Graduation.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

An active member is someone who meets the requirements above and participates by attending two meetings not including orientation, working three fund-raisers and two service projects for one semester.

You will receive special recognition at the Induction Ceremony. One student that goes beyond what is required of them, as an active member will receive special recognition for their dedication and faithful work. Active members may earn their Tassel and Stole to be worn at commencement in two semesters by participating in the required events.

MANDATORY EVENTS

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Each member that decides to accept membership into the society must attend the official Induction rehearsal and the Induction Ceremony where the said member is sworn in by the Chapter Advisor and Chapter President. **Please note you are not officially a member until you have gone through the official ceremony.** *You must attend the rehearsal in order to participate in the ceremony. At the ceremony all new inductees are asked to wear business attire in a combination of the chapter colors of Red, White and Black.*

FEE REQUIREMENTS: Make checks payable to **Alpha Beta Gamma**

Chapter Dues-\$65.00 (*This is a one-time, non-refundable fee. \$40 to National ABG and \$25 to finance Chi Epsilon Chapter*) **T-Shirt -\$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00** (*T-shirt's must be worn during all ABG fundraisers/service events*)

For Regular Members **Stoles \$25 and Tassels \$7** Please fill out *Stoles and Tassels Link* on chapter website.

For further information about the chapter and society please check our websites:
<http://www.abgchiepsilon.com> and <http://www.southwest.tn.edu/clubs/clubs.htm> or
the national site: <http://www.abg.org>

Chi Epsilon Chapter Application

Southwest Tennessee Community College, 5983 Macon Cove, Memphis, TN 38134

Fill out and return to an Officer with your membership dues. Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____

First Name _____ Initial _____

Phonetic Pronunciation of Last Name (if appropriate) _____

Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Telephone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Work Phone () _____

Please print clearly the name **EXACTLY** as you wish it to appear on your membership certificate:

Email Address: _____

() Full-time student () Part-time student

Cumulative GPA _____ Total credit hours earned to date _____

Business Major: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Do you expect to transfer to a four-year college? YES _____ NO _____

If Yes, Please list your top 3 Choices

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

Other Clubs/Activities/Organizations at College:

Are you currently employed? Yes () No ()

Name of Employer _____

Please describe any community service you perform:

I certify that the above information is correct. I accept the invitation to join the Chi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society. I understand that induction is mandatory and will make every effort to attend the Ceremony.

Signature _____ Date _____

Approved: _____ Date _____

