

What is Psi Chi? Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 with two primary purposes:

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- To encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and
- To advance the science of psychology.

Membership in the **Loyola University Chicago chapter of Psi Chi** is open to undergraduate students who are majoring or minoring in psychology, and who meet the minimum qualifications. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Psychological Science (APS). Psi Chi's sister honor society is Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges. Students become members by joining the chapter at the school where they are enrolled. Psi Chi chapters are operated by student officers and faculty advisors. Together they select and induct the members and carry out the goals of the Society. Over 1,100 Psi Chi chapters are located around the globe. All chapters register their inductees at the Central Office. The total number of memberships registered at the Central Office is now over 600,000 lifetime members. To learn more visit the national Psi Chi website at http://www.luc.edu/psychology/orgs_psichi.shtml.

Lifetime Membership. Membership for Psi Chi is for life, requiring only an initial \$60, which includes national dues of \$55, plus a \$5 credit card processing fee. There are no annual dues. New members will be sent a web link from the national Psi Chi organization, to use to pay their \$60 lifetime membership fee.

Benefits of Membership. Psi Chi provides national academic recognition for academic excellence in psychology, an honor that can be noted on employment applications, vitae, and resumes. Also, as part of lifetime membership, members can receive membership certificates and honor cords which can be worn at graduation. Please visit http://www.psichi.org/?page=member_benefits to learn more about the benefits of membership.

Awards and Grants. Over \$400,000 is available annually in awards and grants for student members, faculty advisors, and chapters. Information about undergraduate funding opportunities can be found at http://www.psichi.org/?page=1_undergrad_main

Membership requirements:

- A major or minor in psychology
- <u>Completion</u> of at least 3 semesters of coursework (Spring semester of the current year doesn't count.)
- <u>Completion</u> of at least 9 credit hours (3 courses) of psychology courses (at least 6 semester credit hours at Loyola, and not including courses in progress.)
- Overall grade point average across all courses of **3.60**.
- Grade point average of **at least 3.30 in psychology courses** (average GPA in all Psychology courses that count toward the major, taken at Loyola or elsewhere)
- Fall semester of the current academic year grades must be included in calculation of overall GPA and PSYC GPA.

The deadline for application submissions is the Friday of the sixth week of the spring term. Applications will be reviewed by the Monday of the ninth week of the spring term.

Note that applications will be reviewed <u>after the deadline has passed</u>, and students will be informed of their status via email. The induction ceremony for new members will be held at the end of the Spring semester during the "Celebration of Students: Achievement, Scholarship, and Creative Works".



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Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in joining Psi Chi!

The deadline for completed applications for Psi Chi is **Friday of week 6 of the Spring term**. By this deadline, students must complete the following steps to be considered for membership in Psi Chi. Please review all steps before beginning to avoid errors or misunderstandings.

STEP 1–Online portion - National Application

Complete the Psi Chi Membership Application. Fill out and submit the online portion of the application: <u>https://memberapp.psichi.org/applicationformmember.aspx</u>

STEP 2-Student Transcript and Recommendation form

□A copy of the student **transcript** (LOCUS printout OK). Compute your PSYC GPA by summing the total grade points earned in all Psychology courses and dividing by the total number of credits earned in these courses (courses for which you have received credit toward the psychology major at Loyola, including courses taken at other institutions) and **write the Psychology GPA at the top of the transcript.** Transfer students need to submit unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended with all psychology courses they have received credit for toward the major highlighted. **Transcripts MUST INCLUDE Fall grades from the current academic year. Email transcript to Dr.Steve Davis at sdavis3@luc.edu with the subject line "Psi Chi Transcript".**

 \Box A completed online **"Recommendation Form"** filled out by a **Psychology faculty member** who knows you (must be a psychology faculty member, not a graduate student or faculty from another department). Please email your request to the faculty member, and include this link <u>https://forms.gle/Sk4oWDWddQZY9be1A</u>.

The induction ceremony for new members will be held in the late Spring during the "Celebration of Students: Achievement, Scholarship, and Creative Works". If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to receiving your application.

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