# **Scholarships**

If you are a member of Pi Gamma Mu, you could qualify to be the recipient of a \$2000 or \$1000 award to attend graduate school.

Pi Gamma Mu's scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the areas of sociology, anthropology, political science, history, economics, international relations, public administration, criminal justice, law, social work, psychology, and human/cultural geography.

Other interdisciplinary fields will be considered on an individual basis based upon the degree to which the social sciences are an integral component of the overall course of study.

Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield—or postmarked—no later than February 15. See website for full application requirements.

Pi Gamma Mu awards 10 scholarships each year. Why not be one of the next recipients?

### **Federal Benefits of Membership**

According to a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission (now U.S. Office of Personnel Management) stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply." This affords a very tangible acknowledgement that organizations maintaining honor society standards merit distinction and is another benefit of membership in Pi Gamma Mu.



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## What is Pi Gamma Mu?

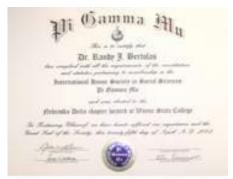
Pi Gamma Mu is the oldest and preeminent honor society in the social sciences. Our mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service. Pi Gamma Mu serves the various social science disciplines which seek to understand and explain human behavior and social relationships as well as their related problems and issues. Currently, there are around 150 active chapters in the United States and overseas.

Pi Gamma Mu's constitution defines the social sciences to include the disciplines of history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, psychology, international relations, criminal justice, social work, social philosophy, history of education, and cultural/human geography. Membership is also extended to interdisciplinary social science areas that build on the core social science disciplines, such as business and society, education, minority studies, public administration, international studies, public finance, leadership studies, consumer behavior,

## Recognition

At Pi Gamma Mu we make sure that honor students receive appropriate recognition and an array of membership services including:

lifetime membership, an elegant membership certificate, a membership card, a lapel pin, the online Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter, and online access to the *International Social Science Review*.



Our membership certificate

## A Multidisciplinary Approach

Our multidisciplinary approach allows people in various disciplines/majors to socialize with and learn from each other. Some chapters operate social-service projects including volunteers from various departments.

## **Present Research Papers**

Students can propose to present their research at Pi Gamma Mu conventions. Presenting a paper can help jump-start student's desire to pursue a graduate degree—and Pi Gamma Mu often will help pay for some of their travel expenses.

### **Publication Opportunity**

Students (as well as professors) have an opportunity to publish in an international journal.

Virtually every edition of the *International Social Science*Review contains the work of at least one chapter sponsor and at least one student member of the honor society,



and publishers have asked and received permission to reprint student-written articles in other widely distributed publications.

#### Show your Pi Gamma Mu Pride

Pi Gamma Mu helps its members to *look* like Pi Gamma Mu members! We make attractive and fun items available to our members. For example, we offer honor cords (in blue and white, Pi Gamma Mu's colors) to drape over your graduation regalia when you graduate. We also have clothing and novelty items available on our Web site and on our CafePress storefront.

#### Students can Run for Office!

Student members participate actively in governing Pi Gamma Mu. At each triennial convention, the student members elect two students to serve on the international Board of Trustees for the new three-year period. Both student trustees then attend the annual board