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DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 15th



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

Pi Gamma Mu scholarships are intended for the first or second year of graduate work in the social sciences. If you are interested in applying, you should start putting your information together right away. Applications must be fully completed and received at the Pi Gamma Mu office in Winfield, Kans., with a postmark on or before **February 15**. Winners will be notified in the spring, with the grants awarded in the fall. Please check the Pi Gamma Mu website for information and the application form.

<http://www.pigammamu.org/scholarships.html>

ILLINOIS LAMBDA CHAPTER CELEBRATES NEW MEMBERS

The Illinois Lambda Chapter at Western Illinois University celebrated its new members at an induction ceremony on October 28, 2018. The ceremony coincided with Parents' Weekend at WIU and many family members of the new initiates stayed in town for the event. The chapter faculty sponsor is Dr. Jennifer McNabb, Professor and Chair of the Department of History.



NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

The 2018-2019 academic year marks the third consecutive year that chapters throughout Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in the Social Sciences have come together to participate in a society-wide service project to serve their respective communities. This spring participating chapters will collect donations for a charity in their community in support of the homeless. Please contact a shelter of your choice and ask them what they need and put together a donation box. Donations may include, but are not limited to: toilet paper, baby wipes, toiletries, coats, gloves, hats, scarves, pillows, blankets, and non-perishable canned foods. Once you have participated, please fill out the following form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XW7YDYV> Participating chapters will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Allison G. S. Knox, Chancellor of the Southeast Region: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.



VOL. 94, No. 3 OF THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW* IS NOW LIVE!

The latest issue of the *International Social Science Review*, Pi Gamma Mu's peer-reviewed professional journal, is now live! You can find it here at:

<http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/issr/>

This dynamic issue includes articles on:

- Bromance and Hookup Culture: A study in the Performance of Masculinity by College Men
- A Moratorium on the Presentation of DNA Evidence
- The Role of African Culture in the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Kenyan Experience
- U.S. State Government Economic and Social Performance: Unified vs. Divided and Democrat vs. Republican Controlled State Governments

The issue also includes book reviews, an extended commentary on Military Service without the Common Rule, and Pi Gamma Mu news. Be sure to check it out!

The *ISSR* transitioned from a print format to a digital format in 2014 making the journal accessible to everyone – no subscription required.

You can also submit articles and book reviews to be considered for publication via the website or by emailing the article to the journal's editor, Candice Quinn, at quinn.issr@gmail.com. Please be sure to visit <http://pigammamu.org/international-social-science-review.html> for details and to view instructions on submitting a manuscript. Dr. Quinn also welcomes Pi Gamma Mu members to share important updates for possible inclusion in the journal (members having new publications, faculty positions, etc.).

Enjoy!



HONOR STOLES NOW AVAILABLE

For the first time in Pi Gamma Mu history, the Society is offering Pi Gamma Mu stoles for sale via our [website](#)!



Show off your affiliation with Pi Gamma Mu during commencement by wearing this custom stole. This white satin graduation stole is 76 inches in total length and has royal blue embroidery. On the left side are the Greek Letters and Society name and on the right is the Society's key. *Only members of Pi Gamma Mu may wear this graduation regalia. \$24.*

Buy a Pi Gamma Mu stole and honor cords bundle and save \$5!
10 or more: \$21 each (chapter sponsors only).

Pi Gamma Mu's exclusive merchandise not only gives you the opportunity to proudly display your achievement and affiliation with the society, but merchandise purchases also support the activities of Pi Gamma Mu and help us finance our programs and awards. Other items include t-shirts proudly displaying the Pi Gamma Mu logo and name on the front and the mission statement on the back, tote bags, coffee mugs, and bumper stickers are also available.

HOW TO JUDGE THE CREDIBILITY OF AN HONOR SOCIETY

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) has asked its member societies, including Pi Gamma Mu, to help educate the public on how to judge the credibility of honor societies and provides the following information on their website, achsnatl.org:

At any given time, a handful of organizations call themselves honor societies while operating more like profit-making ventures. In ACHS's opinion, these societies offer little or no benefit in advancing student scholarship and leadership, and membership in them does not indicate that a student has attained "superior scholastic achievement" as defined by both the Association of College Honor Societies and the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Membership in ACHS guarantees that a society meets strict criteria designed to ensure student growth and tangible, lifelong benefits to belonging. Certification for membership is provided by the ACHS credentialing body only to organizations that complete a qualifying petition for membership.

ACHS strongly encourages all students and their parents to carefully examine invitations to join a society that is not certified by ACHS. The ACHS and Pi Gamma Mu recommend that you do not commit to a financial obligation until you have verified that membership in any non-certified group is, in fact, an honor.

If an honor society has **not** been certified as meeting the high standards of the Association of College Honor Societies, examine the following criteria:

- **Minimum Scholastic criteria**

- Undergraduate (Specialized and Leadership) – Rank in the upper 35% of the class. That rank converts to a 3.2 or 3.3 GPA in most cases—3.0 is likely too low in this age of grade inflation. Honor societies that advertise a minimum 3.0 are probably more appropriately labeled Recognition Societies (a definition that has been generally accepted since 1925).
- Undergraduate (General) - Rank in the upper 20% of the class.
- These criteria are minimum ones; many societies have higher standards.

- **Governance**

- Membership participation in setting authority for control of the affairs of the organization.
- Governance by officers/board members elected by the membership.
- Membership participation in approving and amending bylaws.
- Full financial disclosure.
- Recognized as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

- **Campus Chapters**

- Formal chartering of each campus chapter by institution and college/department petition, approved by official action of the governing body of the national organization.
- Candidate selection by the campus chapter.
- Membership invitation by an official chapter.
- Chapter representation in national governance.

- **Web Site** – the following items are accessible by the general public (missing items raise questions of credibility):

- National Officers and Headquarters Staff
- National Office mailing, telephone, fax, and e-mail addresses
- Criteria for membership
- Benefits of membership
- Membership fee
- Bylaws
- Chapter charter policies and procedures

- **Factors that Raise Questions about Credibility**

- Address limited to Post Office Number
- Web site items (above) missing, especially bylaws - thus transparency is lacking
- Chief Executive Officer contact information missing
- Online application - certified honor societies issue invitations to all qualified candidates from institutional chapters
- Vague and flexible eligibility standards
- No institutional chapter structure
- Lack of non-profit status. (Not sure if it's a non-profit? See <https://www.guidestar.org/Home.aspx>).

Certified member societies of the Association of College Honor Societies can be found at http://achsnatl.org/quick_link.asp

MAKE YOUR CHAPTER A "Pi Gamma Mu Star"

Become a Pi Gamma Mu Star Chapter by increasing your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year.

Increasing your chapter's membership helps Pi Gamma Mu accomplish its mission to encourage and recognize superior scholarship by extending the benefits of membership to more eligible students. It is the collection of the lifetime membership fees from new members that sustains Pi Gamma Mu and we ask for your continued support in this area. Increasing membership will also benefit more of the high performing students at your school with opportunities for scholarships, publications, networking, and more. Increase your chapter's number of new initiates by 20% or more as compared to the previous academic year and we will send you a Pi Gamma Mu gift and will recognize your chapter in the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter and on our website. Our fiscal year ends on August 31.

To see a listing of how many members each chapter initiated in 2017-18, see the Membership Report in the [September 2017 Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter](#). Note: The Star Chapter program was started in 2014-15.

2017-18 Star Chapters

California Kappa, California State Polytechnic University, Claudia Garcia-Des Lauriers
California Omicron, Mount Saint Mary's University, Jane Crawford-Muratore
Colorado Epsilon, Colorado College, Dana Wittmer
Delaware Alpha, Delaware State University, Sam Hoff
Florida Kappa, Warner University, Winnifred Whittaker
Florida Nu, University of Central Florida, Michael Armato
Georgia Epsilon, Shorter University, Linn Pitts
Georgia Mu, Emmanuel College, Robert J. Fulton, Jr.
Hawaii Alpha, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Lorey Takahashi
Illinois Lambda, Western Illinois University, Keith Boeckelman
Illinois Omicron, Benedictine University, Patrick Polasek
Illinois Pi, Mckendree University, J. L. Kemp
Kansas Eta, Baker University, Timothy Buzzell
Kansas Iota, Emporia State University, Michael Smith
Louisiana Epsilon, Southern University, Shawn Comminey
Louisiana Iota, Dillard University, Robert Collins
Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Randy Bertolas, Jean Karlen
Nebraska Epsilon, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Gregory Petrow
New Hampshire Gamma, Plymouth State University, David Starbuck
New York Theta, Keuka College, Jessica MacNamara
New York Nu, St. Joseph's College, Kirk Lawrence
New York Phi, Nazareth College, Virginia David
North Carolina Delta, North Carolina Central University, Carlton Wilson
North Carolina Iota, Johnson C. Smith University, Deborah B. Quick
North Carolina Nu, St. Andrews University, David Herr
North Carolina Alpha Beta, Chowan University, Danny Moore
Oklahoma Zeta, Northeastern State University, Suzanne Farmer
Pennsylvania Lambda, California University of Pennsylvania, Beverly Ross
Pennsylvania Alpha Kappa, University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, Geoffrey Wood
Pennsylvania Alpha Lambda, Lincoln University, Jernice Lea
Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron, Washington & Jefferson College, Zheya Gai
Philippines Beta, De La Salle University, Romeo Lee
South Carolina Gamma, Winthrop University, Jeannie Haubert
South Dakota Alpha, Dakota Wesleyan University, David Mitchell
Tennessee Eta, East Tennessee State University, Jill Hayter
Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Rick Bell
Texas Eta, Texas State University, Dennis Dunn, Jeremy Pena
Texas Upsilon, University of Houston-Downtown, Joanna Kaftan
Virginia Zeta, University of Mary Washington, Bradley Hansen



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Connect with us on LinkedIn

Here at Pi Gamma Mu, we see social media as another way for us to carry out our mission to encourage scholarship and to foster cooperation and service among our members. Now you can connect with us and other members and supporters of Pi Gamma Mu on the social networking sites you like to use. We welcome your comments, posts, and photos of chapter activities. Be sure to *like* us on [Facebook](#), *follow* us on [Twitter](#), and *connect* with us on [LinkedIn](#) to see announcements, opportunities, and deadlines.

Please note that several Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts will come up when you search for "Pi Gamma Mu" as we encourage our chapters to stay connected via social media. Use the links below to ensure that you have connected with the official pages managed by the Pi Gamma Mu international office.

 [Like us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PiGammaMuHonorSociety/) <https://www.facebook.com/PiGammaMuHonorSociety/>

 [Follow us on Twitter](https://twitter.com/PiGammaMu1) <https://twitter.com/PiGammaMu1>

 [Connect with us on LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pi-gamma-mu-international-honor-society-45733695/>

SUPPORT THE SOCIAL SCIENCES BY DONATING TO PI GAMMA MU

Pi Gamma Mu is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation and is able to accept tax-deductible donations. If you would like to make a donation to our organization in honor / memory of a professor, sponsor, loved one or friend, or to support our scholarship program, you are encouraged to do so. Pi Gamma Mu gives scholarships to students going into a graduate program in social science each year, and much more.

To make a donation, simply go to our [website](#) and click on the [Donate Now!](#) button from any page. This will take you to the Online Donation Form. Online payment is by major credit card or PayPal account. Transactions are handled securely at the payment processor site. Pi Gamma Mu does not receive your sensitive financial data.

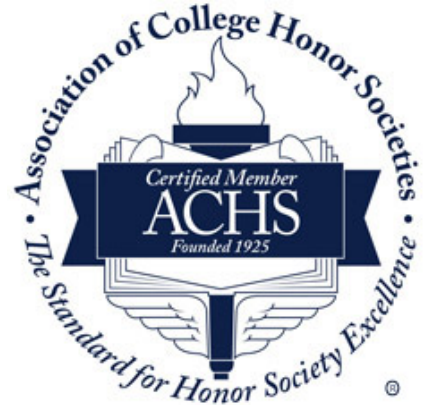
If you prefer to mail your donation, please complete the donation coupon below and mail it with a check payable to Pi Gamma Mu, at the following address: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington St., Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Pi Gamma Mu communicates with its lifetime members via email. Anytime your email address changes, such as after graduation or when you change jobs, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your emails from being interrupted or discontinued. Simply email your new email address to executivedirector@pigammamu.org or go to our Web site (www.pigammamu.org) to change your address information. We will need both your old email address and your new email address to update our records. Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to keep your information current.

ACHS MEMBERSHIP PROTECTS THE LEGITIMACY OF HONOR SOCIETIES

Pi Gamma Mu is one of 69 members of the **Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)**, which is the authority on standards and definitions for the honor society movement. ACHS has stepped up efforts to alert the higher education community to the standards of traditional honor societies. In contrast, some new so-called honor societies exist online and allow self-nomination, accepting fees with no questions asked. If in doubt about an organization, you can check out the ACHS website (www.achsnatl.org) for the [list of honor societies](#) that are members.



MISSION OF PI GAMMA MU

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IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. “Where there is no vision the people perish.” We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.
7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

SYMBOLS OF PI GAMMA MU

The **motto** of the Society is the epigram of the Master Teacher, “Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

The society’s **key** has a wreath at the bottom to suggest that social science is the outgrowth and fulfillment of natural science. The running figure is reminiscent of the ancient Greek torch race and symbolizes humanity bringing knowledge to the solution of its own problems and passing on the light from generation to generation.

The **colors** are blue and white - for truth and light.

The official **flower** is the blue and white cineraria.