



ALPHA PSI OMEGA

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was pleased to receive your request for information about Alpha Psi Omega. I have enclosed an application form, an article on the history of Alpha/Delta Psi Omega, and a list of some often-asked questions.

To apply for membership, complete the application form and return it to me with a check for \$75. This fee includes your charter, three ceremony booklets, and two copies of the constitution. This fee does NOT include the initial initiation fee for \$30 (lifetime) for each of the petitioners who sign the application form. Should you not be accepted for membership, your check will be returned. In addition, I will need the following information:

- 1) The number of students in your theatre program (not just majors).
- 2) The course work required for a major in theatre.
- 3) A list of faculty members in your speech/theatre program.
- 4) A list of your productions over the last three years.
- 5) The name of your university president.
- 6) A university catalog listing the associations by which your school is accredited.

I am looking forward to receiving your application for membership. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your interest in Delta Psi Omega.

Sincerely,

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THE GRAND CAST

ALPHA PSI OMEGA National Theatre Honor Society

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER GRANT

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF PETITIONS

All petitioners must be regularly enrolled students in a fully recognized and accredited college or university. The petitioning group must receive the approval of the national officers of APO.

PETITION

We the undersigned petitioners and bona fide students of _____
(college or university) hereby petition the Grand Cast of Alpha Psi Omega to extend to us the charter privileges of membership in the national organization. We are qualified to merit the honor of membership in APO for our participation in the dramatic activities of this institution and we agree to uphold the honor standards of the society (as described in the national constitution) at all times. Signatures of petitioners:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

CERTIFICATION OF FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

I hereby certify that each applicant is a full-time student and, as such, qualified for membership in Alpha Psi Omega.

(Department Chair and/or theatre faculty member)

(date)

It must be understood that Alpha Psi Omega is not a social or secret society or fraternity. It must be maintained as an honor society to stimulate and reward worthy participation in college theater and drama.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ALPHA PSI OMEGA

- 1. How many petitioners are necessary for a charter?** There is no definite number required. On the application form there are several spaces for charter members; you should have your charter members sign the application.
- 2. Do we need a faculty sponsor?** Yes, a faculty sponsor is required. The sponsor should be in the theatre, speech, or some other related department, depending on where the theatre program is administered. Most of the correspondence will be with the sponsor unless the sponsor prefers another arrangement.
- 3. Are faculty sponsors allowed to join?** The faculty sponsor becomes an honorary member and will receive a membership card. Other members of the faculty, who have contributed much to your productions, may become honorary members. You need to submit a letter with the person's qualifications as an honorary member and a membership card will be sent. Dues for the honorary member are required (\$20.00), but should be paid by the department or APO membership (and not by the individual being honored). A certificate of merit for the honorary member is available on request from the national office.
- 4. What are the qualifications for membership?** Qualification for membership is based on records supplied by the theatre staff and/or advisors. Most chapters operate by point guidelines. A suggested point system is outlined in the constitution and can be adjusted to each chapter's needs.
- 5. How much are dues?** National dues are \$30.00 per member and are paid only once. Upon receiving your initiation report and dues, membership certificates, cards, and pledge cards for each new member on the report will be sent. The pledge cards are then kept in your chapter's files.
- 6. Are supplies available?** Your chapter may purchase the following supplies: a. scroll (\$35.00); b. Constitution and ceremonies book (\$15.00); c. banner (\$50.00); d. charter certificate (\$35.00).
- 7. Can we order pins?** Yes, APO pins are available at \$14.95 each from the national office.
- 8. Where do we write for supplies and information and where do we send initiation reports and dues?** All correspondence should be sent to the National Business Manager:

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APO/DPO JEWELRY

Pins can be ordered directly from the National Office of Alpha and Delta Psi Omega with this form. If you are interested in ordering, please fill out the form below and return it, with your check or money order, to the National Office.

JEWELRY ORDER FORM

I would like to order _____ (number) **ALPHA PSI OMEGA** pins (\$14.95 each).

SUBTOTAL for APO pins _____

I would like to order _____ (number) **DELTA PSI OMEGA** pins (\$14.95 each).

SUBTOTAL for DPO pins _____

TOTAL for order _____

(Please make out check or money order to: ALPHA PSI OMEGA)

Please send the pins to me at the following address:

Daytime phone number: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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ALPHA PSI OMEGA

SUPPLIES ORDER FORM

NOTE: Supplies with a cost attached must be paid for before the order can be sent.
Please attach a check to cover the cost of the order. Prices effective December 1, 2005.

1. Pledge Cards (no charge) _____
2. Membership Cards (no charge, sent only after
an initiation report is received. Replacement
charge is \$10.00) _____
3. Forms for reporting new members (no charge) _____
4. APO Pins (\$14.95 each) _____
5. Alpha Psi Omega Song (\$2.50 each) _____
6. Constitution and Ceremonies book (\$15.00) _____
7. Membership Certificates no charge, sent only
after an initiation report is received. Replacement
certificates are \$10.00 each) _____
8. Chapter Charter (\$35.00 each) _____
9. Chapter Scroll (\$25.00 each) _____
10. Copy of the National Office File on
your Cast (\$15.00) _____
11. Back Issues of PLAYBILL (as available)
(\$5.00 each) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Send order to:

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Person Making Order:

Name:
Address:

HISTORY OF ALPHA AND DELTA PSI OMEGA

The organization, development, and growth of Alpha and Delta Psi Omega is a result of the widespread interest of colleges and universities of America in dramatic arts in the early twentieth century. By 1920 most colleges had some kind of a dramatic club that was staging annual play productions for students and the local community. The little theatre movement and dramatic workshop idea made its appearance about that time and greatly stimulated the importance of the college drama and the worthwhile nature of the programs presented. This was especially true in western colleges, and by 1920 several national honor fraternities to recognize and reward student participation in play production had been organized.

Alpha Psi Omega, the first of these societies to be founded in the East, was organized at Fairmont State College in Fairmont, West Virginia on August 12, 1925. The college theatre idea had begun to manifest itself in Fairmont about 1921, and, in 1923, a faculty director was employed, and an organization, called the Masquers, was instituted to present an annual program of four or five major productions for students and the public. In 1924, the Masquers began to consider membership in some national honor society in dramatics as a means of rewarding its most faithful and loyal workers. Plans for forming such a national organization were seriously studied by a committee, composed of Elinor B. Watson, Robert Sloan, and Paul F. Opp, faculty director of dramatics at Fairmont. A proposed national constitution was drawn up, and, on August 12, 1925, those members of the Masquers who met the qualifications of the honor society approved the constitution and adopted the name, Alpha Psi Omega. It was decided that each chapter was to be called a "cast", and Fairmont became Alpha Cast. The interest of Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia assured the immediate national character of Alpha Psi Omega with the establishment of Beta Cast. A member of Beta Cast suggested the name *Playbill*, for the national magazine.

During the course of the next year, eighteen new chapters were admitted, and twenty chapters were on the roll at the time of the meeting of the first national convention, at the Palmer House in Chicago on December 27-28, 1926. National conventions, called Grand Rehearsals, are held every five years.

Alpha Psi Omega has sponsored the formation of honor societies in high schools and junior colleges, thus encouraging dramatic production at every step in a student's career, from the preparatory school to college graduation. Delta Psi Omega was organized among the junior colleges in 1929, and now has a membership of more than 350 chapters. The Alpha Psi Omega Grand Rehearsal meeting at St. Louis in 1936 voted to recognize Delta Psi Omega as an affiliated junior college division.

Alpha Psi Omega has enjoyed continuous national growth, and with over 550 chapters is the largest national honor society in America. Membership in Alpha Psi Omega is granted only to fully accredited institutions with a four-year curriculum in theatre and drama leading to a degree.

The business of Alpha and Delta Psi Omega is supervised by national officers. Such names as Paul Opp, Yetta Mitchell, Donald Garner, and Jerry Henderson are familiar to longtime member casts as officers in earlier years. Current officers are Susan S. Cole (President), Teresa Choate (Vice President), and Bret Jones (National Business Manager and Editor of Playbill).

ALPHA PSI OMEGA/DELTA PSI OMEGA

NOMINATION FORM FOR STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the National Officers of Alpha Psi Omega/Delta Psi Omega will select from nominated candidates two recipients of Alpha Psi Omega/Delta Psi Omega Scholarships each in the amount of \$500 to be used by the recipient to further her/his education and/or professional goals in theatre. Nominations must be made by faculty sponsors of APO/DPO chapters or by the chapter itself. Nominees should be informed of the nomination and the following materials should be submitted to the National Office **no later than January 15th of each year**. Winners will be announced at the annual national meeting of APO/DPO at the Southeastern Theatre Conference (winners will be informed as early as possible so that they may attend the meeting if they wish; otherwise, the scholarship will be sent directly to the recipient following the annual meeting. Student members of APO/DPO should be nominated for outstanding achievement in theatre work and academic performance (a minimum 3.0 GPA or its equivalent is required).

Nominations must include:

- 1) Name/Address of Faculty Sponsor and/or Chapter making the nomination.
- 2) Name/Address of nominee.
- 3) Letter of recommendation from Faculty Sponsor. This should outline the reasons for the nomination.
- 4) 1500-word essay by the nominee describing her/his future plans and goals.
- 5) A resumé of the nominee's theatrical activities and academic achievements, honors, etc.
- 6) A current transcript of the nominee's academic record.
- 7) The Faculty Sponsor should send all materials requested in 1-6 to the National Office. All of the necessary materials must be sent and received for a nomination to be considered. The National Officers of APO/DPO reserve the right to give no scholarship or only one depending on the quality of nominations received. Only one nomination per chapter may be made each year and the nominated student must be enrolled at the nominating chapter's institution at the time the nomination is submitted.

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NATIONAL APO/DPO DIRECTORY OF E-MAIL AND WEBSITE ADDRESSES

The National Officers of Alpha Psi Omega/Delta Psi Omega would like to create a directory of e-mail addresses and websites of APO/DPO chapters. To facilitate the creation of this directory, which will be made available to all chapters and periodically updated and expanded, it is requested that each chapter fill out this form and return it to the National Office.

Name of Person Completing
Form: _____

Name/Address of
College/University: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Name of Faculty Sponsor: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Website Address: _____

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Alpha Psi Omega

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