

## Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society Chapters



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of the International Literacy Association

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The Honor Society of the International Literacy Association  
serving the field of reading and language arts



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**Scholarship,  
Leadership, and  
Professional Commitment**

## Introduction

Alpha Upsilon Alpha, the honor society of the International Literacy Association, has as its purpose the recognition and encouragement of scholarship, the development of personal and professional leadership qualities, and service to the field of reading—with special emphasis at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Established in 1985, the honor society derives its name from the Greek words *Anagnosis* (reading), *Uprotrophia* (scholarship), and *Archon* (leadership).

The International Literacy Association is uniquely qualified to recognize scholarship and to stimulate interest in the field of reading education through the sponsorship of an honor society. The honor society is but one of the many ways the Association recognizes and rewards excellence and significant contributions to the profession.

***“Lege sapere aude” —Read, dare to be wise.***

## Membership Benefits

Alpha Upsilon Alpha, the honor society in the field of reading/language arts, has as its primary mission the recognition of scholarship. Through membership in the society, individuals are acknowledged as having excelled in their academic preparation. Further, the honor society acknowledges and fosters leadership and service to the profession.

Through membership in the honor society, undergraduate and graduate students will recognize the importance of professional commitment and be introduced to one of the primary resources in the field of reading/language arts—membership in the International Literacy Association.

## Membership in the Honor Society

An individual may become a member of the honor society by applying to or being nominated by the screening committee of an Alpha Upsilon Alpha chapter. There are two membership categories: undergraduate/graduate and faculty/alumni.

## Establishment of Chapters

A chapter may be established at any college or university that grants the baccalaureate or higher degrees, that is accredited, and that has an approved teacher education program. In an area where there are several academic institutions in proximity, a chapter may be formed by two or more of these institutions.