



Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

of the International Literacy Association

GUIDELINES

NAME: Alpha Upsilon Alpha is a specialized honor society representing the field of reading and language arts. The Society draws its name from the Greek words “Anagnosis,” the word for reading, “Upotrophia,” meaning scholarship, and “Archon,” for leadership.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Society shall be to recognize scholarship and service in the field of reading, with special emphasis at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership requirements of the Society shall be as follows:

A. Undergraduate

1. Shall have completed at least five semesters of undergraduate study or its equivalent.
2. Shall be elected from the upper 25% of their class in scholarship.
3. Shall have completed at least one course in reading and/or language arts and be recommended by a reading/language arts faculty member in the institution.

B. Graduate

1. Must be a major in the field of reading and/or language arts. However, in institutions which do not have this major, a “specialization or concentration” in reading within another field of study may be accepted.
2. Shall complete a minimum of nine semester hours or its equivalent in reading or related areas of study at the graduate level.
3. Shall have completed at least half of the course work required for the advanced degree.
4. Shall have a 3.5 grade point average in all graduate work, in addition to a 3.5 grade point average in the field or area of concentration.
5. In an institution where there is not a chapter, a graduate student who meets the academic requirements may be recommended for membership in the Society by a faculty member who is a member of the Society.

C. Faculty Members

In an institution where there is a chapter of Alpha Upsilon Alpha:

1. Any member of the faculty of the department of reading, or whose major area of responsibility is in the reading/language arts field or in an area that is closely related, may be elected to membership in the Society on the basis of their advanced study (EdD or PhD) or by demonstrating they have met the academic requirements for graduate students by applying to the chapter’s membership committee.
2. A faculty member of the institution or an alumni whose graduate degree was in reading or a closely related field who meets the requirements may be elected to membership in the Society by applying to the chapter’s membership committee.

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D. Professional Members

Those in academia and the profession may be members of the Society on the basis of their advanced study (EdD or PhD) or by demonstrating they have met the academic requirements for graduate students upon application to, and recommendation by, the Membership Committee and majority approval of the Executive Council of the Society.

E. Honorary Members

Individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of membership in the Society pending the recommendation of the Membership Committee and majority approval of the Executive Council of the Society.

F. Dues

Membership in the Society shall include membership in the International Literacy Association. Dues for the Society shall be set by the Executive Council with approval by the ILA Board of Directors.

G. Standing of Members

Any member of the Society whose ILA dues or those of the Society remain delinquent for more than three months shall be removed from the rolls of active membership, with consequent loss of all privileges. Such a member may be reinstated to the Society upon full payment of dues.

OFFICERS

A. The officers of the Society shall be president and a vice president. Any member of the International Literacy Association is eligible for election to the office of president.

B. Selection of officers shall be elected by the president and vice president.

C. Time of Assuming Office

Each officer shall assume the duties of office immediately following their election and shall serve for the duration of the 1 year term.

D. Vacancy of Office

In the event of a vacancy between elections in the office of president, the vice president shall assume the duties of the vacant office, as well as their present position, until the next meeting of the Executive Council, at which time an election will be held to fill the vacant office. Should the position of vice president become vacant, the president shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the Executive Council.

E. Duties of the President

The president shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Council, chair the Program Committee, and exercise general leadership and supervision over the affairs of the Society.

F. Duties of the Vice President

The vice president shall chair the Chapter Screening Committee, fulfill duties assigned by the Executive Council, and assume and perform the duties of president in the event of absence, incapacity, or resignation of the president.

G. Duties of the Secretary

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The Headquarters of the International Literacy Association shall maintain the membership rolls and act as fiscal agent and disbursing agent of the Society.

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CHAPTERS

A. Establishment of Chapters

1. A chapter may be established by three or more faculty members at any college or university that grants the baccalaureate or higher degree, which is accredited by the appropriate national or regional accrediting agency or its equivalent, and that has an approved teacher education program. Institutions meeting these criteria may apply for establishment of a chapter at that institution.
2. The application may be submitted by any full-time faculty member in the reading department or in the school or department of education, as long as their major academic responsibility resides in the area of reading/language arts or a closely related area. The application shall also be signed by two other faculty members, as well as the chairperson of the department or the dean of the school of education, or its equivalent.
3. The chapter's application shall also be approved by the appropriate administrative office of the institution.
4. In an area where there are several institutions in proximity, a chapter may be formed by two or more of these institutions, provided that the application contains letters of support from each school to this effect. In instances where a chapter serves more than one institution, the application must state which college or university shall appoint the chapter advisor.

B. Chapter Advisor

The application shall specify the chapter advisor—who shall be a full-time faculty member, appointed by the chairperson of the reading department, or by the appropriate administrator within the education area. The advisor shall act as liaison among the chapter, the institution, and ILA Headquarters on behalf of the Society. The Advisor will provide assistance to the chapter with programs or other activities.

C. Approval of Chapters

Chapters applying for formal recognition by the Society will be reviewed by ILA Headquarters, who shall certify that all requirements established by the Society have been met.