

Know the Indicators of Credibility

Not every honor society is what it appears to be. In order for you to be a smart consumer, here's a list of what a credible honor society should have.

How to Judge Honor Society Credibility

Credible honor societies will have:

- Minimum scholastic criteria of at least a 3.2 GPA and/or rank in the upper 20% of the class
- Membership participation in governance (national boards elected by membership, full financial disclosure, 501(c)3 non-profit status)
- Formal charter on your college campus
- Website with national officers and headquarters staff, contact information, bylaws, and transparent eligibility requirements and membership benefits

Red Flags To Watch For

If an honor society is not certified by ACHS, look for these red flags before accepting an invitation for membership:

- Organization's address is a post office box
- Website does not provide bylaws
- Website does not have stringent, detailed eligibility requirements
- Organization does not have a chief executive officer contact information
- Website offers an application without an invitation from a campus adviser
- There is no active chapter on your campus
- The organization is not a 501(c)3 nonprofit

For more tips on judging honor society credibility, visit www.achsntl.org/standards_alert.asp

What We Do

The Association sets standards for organizational excellence and scholastic eligibility, ensures that member societies are structured to advance the interests of their individual members, and serves as a resource to protect consumers from disreputable organizations.



Association of College Honor Societies

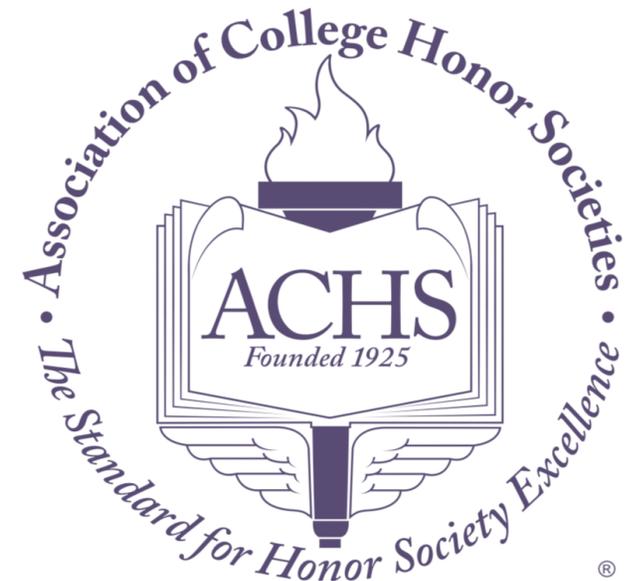
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certifying agency
for college and university
honor societies

ACHS' Mission Statement

The mission of ACHS is to build a visibly cohesive community of national and international honor societies that promotes the values of higher education; fosters excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and research; and adheres to the standards of honor society excellence.

Certified Honor Societies Have an Established Commitment to Excellence

Membership in a true honor society does not come easy. An invitation to membership should reflect exceptional academic achievement and/or outstanding campus leadership and service.

Certain honor societies induct first-year students while others elect only upper-class or graduate students; some include all academic fields while others focus on specialized areas such as English or engineering. But all ACHS-certified societies bestow honor, recognition, and lifetime distinction.

Despite the Greek names, college honor societies are not social clubs. Honor society members are among your school's most promising young prospective professionals, eager to advance scholarship, ethics, and professionalism in their academic disciplines.

Benefits to Joining a Certified College Honor Society

Enrich Your Education

Honor societies help to keep members current in their fields through publications, online communities, and through local, state, and national meetings. This service begins during the college years and often extends into the alumni programs that many of our societies offer for a lifetime of networking and learning. Many honor societies also offer access to exclusive scholarships, internships, and leadership and service opportunities.

Recognize Your Achievement

Though achievement is its own reward, earning your honor society key or pin demonstrates that you have accomplished something that makes you special and puts you at the top of your chosen field. Having an ACHS-certified honor society listed on your resume provides a tangible sign of your academic and leadership success.

Help You Make Career Choices

Genuine honor societies provide members with deeper insight into disciplines than can't be gained through classroom experience alone. Students who participate in honor societies can explore and hone their interests for future study and development through activities that may illuminate new career possibilities.

Advance Your Career

Whether you go to graduate school or use your knowledge in industry, government, or a profession, a college honor society can open doors. People in your field recognize your membership as a mark of excellence that identifies you as exceptional. An invitation to membership in a certified honor society confers more than recognition of your success; it is a widely recognized hallmark of excellence.

ACHS Certified Societies

Alpha Beta Gamma
Alpha Chi
Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Epsilon Delta
Alpha Epsilon Rho
Alpha Eta Mu Beta
Alpha Iota Delta
Alpha Kappa Delta
Alpha Kappa Mu
Alpha Lambda Delta
Alpha Phi Sigma
Alpha Pi Mu

Alpha Sigma Lambda
Alpha Sigma Mu
Alpha Sigma Nu
Beta Gamma Sigma
Beta Kappa Chi
Beta Phi Mu
Chi Epsilon
Chi Sigma Iota
Delta Epsilon Sigma
Delta Mu Delta
Delta Tau Alpha
Epsilon Pi Phi

Epsilon Pi Tau
Gamma Theta Upsilon
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Kappa Omicron Nu
Kappa Tau Alpha
Lambda Pi Eta
Lambda Sigma
Mortar Board
Mu Kappa Tau
National Society of
Collegiate Scholars
Omega Chi Epsilon

List as of October 2018 -

Omega Rho
Omicron Delta Epsilon
Phi Alpha Theta
Phi Beta Delta
Phi Eta Sigma
Phi Lambda Sigma
Phi Sigma
Phi Sigma Iota
Phi Sigma Tau
Phi Upsilon Omicron
Pi Delta Phi
Pi Gamma Mu

For current members, see www.achsnatl.org/members

Pi Kappa Lambda
Pi Omega Pi
Pi Sigma Alpha
Pi Tau Sigma
Pi Theta Epsilon
Psi Beta
Psi Chi
Rho Chi
Scabbard & Blade
Sigma Beta Delta
Sigma Delta Pi
Sigma Lambda Alpha
Sigma Lambda Chi
Sigma Pi Sigma
Sigma Tau Delta
Sigma Theta Tau
Tau Alpha Pi
Tau Beta Pi
Tau Sigma Delta
Theta Alpha Kappa
Upsilon Pi Epsilon
Xi Sigma Pi