 Phi Alpha Honor Society

"Through Knowledge - the challenge to serve."

Loma Linda University’s Department of Social Work and Social Ecology is proud to introduce Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work. Our local chapter name is Iota Pi. We have chosen to call this society Phi Alpha which means “love of humanity,” and we have adopted the colors blue and gold.

The Purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

**Benefits of Phi Alpha Membership:**

* Becoming a member of a nationally recognized organization that supports high standards in social work education.
* Participation in scholarly activities and social action events.
* Identification on your resume or vitae as a Phi Alpha Honor Society member, which adds acknowledgement of your academic excellence and opens doors to professional success.
* Working alongside student colleagues and professors to create a scholarly environment
* Individual Scholarship Opportunities
* Poster Board Presentation involvement at the Council on Social Work Education National Conference with monetary recognition.
* Being honored with a certificate and honor cord at an induction ceremony prior to graduation.
* Chapter Service Award participation with monetary recognition
* Potential recognition listed in The New Social Worker Magazine
* Access to list-serves to allow networking with Phi Alpha members across the country

**Initial Membership Requirements:**

* Completion of 13 units of graduate level course work in Social Work at Loma Linda University.
* A minimum GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 scale).
* Participation in at least 2 Phi Alpha sponsored community service.
* Attendance in at least 2 Wholeness Hour meetings.
* Community Service and Wholeness hour completion must be completed no earlier than the quarter prior to induction applying for.

**Existing Membership Requirements (including graduation with Phi Alpha Honors)**

* Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 scale)
* Participation in at least 2 community service per quarter either Phi Alpha sponsored event or outside event approved by Phi Alpha.
* Attendance in at least 2 Wholeness Hour meetings per quarter. At least one wholeness hour meeting has to be completed in person.

**Membership Dues:**

* A lifetime membership fee of $30 required by the National Society.
* An initiation fee of $10 required by the Iota Pi chapter.

*The local chapter may levy additional fees as deemed necessary and approved by the executive committee*

**How to Become a Member:**

* Complete the attached application.
* Pay cash or check for the amount of $40.00 payable to Loma Linda University — Department of Social Work & Social Ecology.
* Submit completed application and dues to Shannon Giles in person.

*Keep your receipts for your records.*

**Additional Information:**

* You will be notified of your acceptance via email.
* Initiation ceremonies are held during Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters.
* If you do not meet the requirements, your payment and application will be returned to you in your student mailbox within 30 days along with an explanation on why your application was denied. You may re-apply once requirements are met.
* Incomplete applications or submissions without payments will not be processed.
* A student who does not maintain eligibility requirements will forfeit membership and all paid annual and local chapter fees.
* Membership is also available to all social work faculty members.

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**Application for admission into Loma Linda University’s**

**Phi Alpha Honor Society Chapter Iota Pi**

Please print name legibly and as you would like it to appear on your membership certificate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please initial the following:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am a faculty member (Academic clearance does not apply).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will be graduating in June \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specify year).

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is $40.00 for the membership dues.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have participated in 2 or more community services approved by Phi Alpha

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended at least 2 Wholeness Hour events.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize the Iota Pi Executive Committee to inform me of all Honor Society developments via email.

For further information, contact

Gabriela “Gabby” Navarro, Iota Pi Chapter President, via email: ganavarro@llu.edu

(Please make a copy of your completed application for your own records.)

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| Academic ClearanceI certify that the student mentioned above meets all the qualifications for membership in Iota Pi, Loma Linda University’s Chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shannon Giles Academic Standards Committee Member  |