



# Pi Gamma Mu

*International Honor Society in Social Sciences*

The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage and promote excellence in the social sciences and to uphold the ideals of scholarship and service.

You are invited to apply to become a member of Pi Gamma Mu, the leading honor society which encourages excellence in the social sciences. Juniors, seniors and graduate students become eligible to join when they meet the following criteria for membership: upper 35% of the class, a grade average of "B" or better, and 20 semester hours in social science courses. Faculty and administrators may also accept the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a collegiate chapter. The international initiation fee is \$40. The Society not only provides recognition for scholastic achievements, but also offers enrichment opportunities through service projects, publications, scholarships and lectureship grants.

### Privileges for a lifetime membership

- A gold-plated key pin
- A certificate worth framing
- A valuable item for your resume
- Furtherance of a professional career
- Advancement in Government Service rating
- Invitation to regional meetings and triennial conventions
- Opportunities to work closely with those who share common interests
- An opportunity to compete for a scholarship for the first and second year in graduate school
- A one year subscription to *International Social Science Review*
- An email subscription to the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*

### Please Keep Us Informed!

When you move, change your email address or change your name, please notify us. This will ensure that your newsletters and journals reach you.

#### Pi Gamma Mu

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### Pi Gamma Mu International Membership Application

Return this slip with fees to your chapter sponsor

First Name, Middle Name, Last Name (Print or Type - exactly as you want Certificate to read)

College Name                      Circle One: Jr., Sr., Grad. Student, Associate, Alumnus or Faculty

Street Address while at College                      City                      State                      Zip

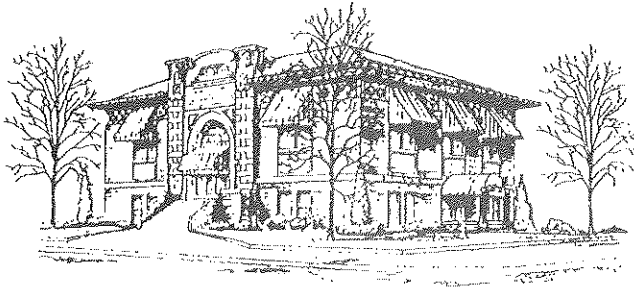
Home or Permanent Address (required)                      City                      State                      Zip

Email Address (required)

I Hereby Apply For Membership in Pi Gamma Mu

(                      )  
Phone Number

Signature



Pi Gamma Mu was founded in 1924 by Dean Leroy Allen from Southwestern College in Kansas and Dean William A. Hamilton of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Seventeen founding chapters were organized simultaneously. The Society was incorporated under the name "The National Social Science Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu, Inc." on April 5, 1929, as a non-profit corporation in Colorado. To acknowledge its chapters

outside the U.S., the Board of Trustees took action in 1980 to change the name of the Society to "Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Sciences." The official journal, *Social Science*, was established in 1925. In 1982, the name of the journal was changed to *International Social Science Review*.

The present constitution provides for international triennial conventions. They are preceded by an election of the Society officers, with each chapter casting one vote. In 1993, the Society moved its headquarters in Winfield, Kansas to the Carnegie Building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Pi Gamma Mu is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, on whose council it has a representative. It is affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science which classifies Pi Gamma Mu as a constituent organization of Section K-Social, Economic and Political Sciences.

**DISTINGUISHED  
MEMBERSHIP**

Rear Admiral Richard Byrd served for a time as Honorary National President of Pi Gamma Mu. In 1928 he carried the Society's flag to the Antarctic to dramatize the spirit of adventure into the unknown, characterizing both the natural and social sciences.

A number of eminent scholars have been associated with Pi Gamma Mu, among them Dr. Pitirim Sorokin and Dr. Margaret Mead. Two presidents of the Philippines were members of the Society; one U.S. President joined as a student -- Lyndon B. Johnson.

**INITIATION FEES**

A chapter may choose to assess a chapter initiation fee in addition to the \$40 international membership fee. This enables chapters to carry on activities on their campuses which implement the goals of the Society as well as cover the operational needs of the chapter.

Your local chapter dues are \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Pi Gamma Mu offers ten scholarships each year for one year of graduate study in an area of the social sciences. Four are named scholarships honoring outstanding people affiliated with Pi Gamma Mu. These scholarships carry stipends of \$2,000 or \$1,000 and are awarded to chosen members annually. Any member of the Society is eligible to apply as a graduating senior or up to four years from the time they are accepted into membership.

This side of the card is to be filled out and signed by a faculty officer in the case of every student elected to Pi Gamma Mu. (Not required in cases of faculty members). This form is to be sent with the initiation fee to headquarters to obtain membership credentials.

"I hereby certify that the student named on the reverse has at least 20 semester hours of credit in social science with an average therein of "B" and meets all of the membership requirements of the Constitution of Pi Gamma Mu."

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Title \_\_\_\_\_



This Date Is To Be Entered By Headquarters: Certificate Date \_\_\_\_\_