

Beta Chi Membership Information for Inviting Prospective Members

Membership Classifications and Eligibility:

Active - A woman who is or has been employed as a professional educator at the time of her election

Honorary - A woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women

Collegiate - A woman who is an undergraduate or graduate student who meets the criteria outlined in the Beta Chi Standing Rules

Qualifications for Active Membership:

- * Must be employed or live in the chapter area
- * Demonstrates professional proficiency with characteristics such as:
 - + Knowledge and skill in her area of educational work
 - + Active participation in professional activities
 - + Interest in professional growth revealed through reading, attending workshops, participating in educational travel, or pursuing graduate study
- * Displays ethics in professional relationships
- * Exhibits personal attributes such as initiative, open-mindedness, tactfulness, enthusiasm
- * Have been or is a contributing member of her community
- * Strong support from one or more members of Beta Chi

Responsibilities of sponsors:

- * Fill out Chapter Member Application
- * Sponsor submitting a name for membership must attend the 2nd fall meeting to speak briefly about her candidate
- * Bring prospective member to a meeting before induction and pay her meal charge; if cosponsors, cost should be split
- * Sponsor will pay the cost of inductee's pin; if cosponsors, cost should be split; pin money is due at the last spring meeting
- * Sponsor is NOT responsible for inductee's dinner at the last spring meeting; that dinner will be paid for by the chapter
- * Explain Delta Kappa Gamma and benefits of membership
- * Explain what chapter membership entails:
 - + Attendance at as many meetings as schedule allows
 - + Participation on committees
 - + Yearly cost around \$200: dues, meals at meetings, yearly silent auction, scholarship donations, etc.
- * Provide support for new member: carpool to meetings, introduce her to other members, call to tell her about a meeting she could not attend

Timeline:

* Chapter Member Application forms and *A Journey for Life* brochure will be distributed to interested members at the 1st fall meeting; if you cannot attend, but would like a packet, please contact the membership chair; application forms are also available on the Beta Chi website;

* Forms should be completed and returned to the membership chair no later than the date specified;

* Invitations to membership will be mailed at least 6 weeks before induction with written responses due by the date specified;

* New members will be inducted at the last spring meeting.