

Beta Alpha Psi

Zeta Gamma Chapter

Spring 2021 Membership
Information Packet



Founded in 1919, Beta Alpha Psi is an honor organization for financial information students and professionals. There are over 300 chapters on college and university campuses with over 300,000 members initiated since Beta Alpha Psi's formation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Beta Alpha Psi is to:

- recognize outstanding academic achievements in the field of accounting, finance, and information systems;
- promote the study and practice of professional fields related to these disciplines;
- provide opportunities for self-development and association among members and practicing financial professionals;
- encourage a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibilities

VISION

Beta Alpha Psi will shape the financial and business information professions by developing members into ethical, professional, and confident leaders.

MISSION

The mission of Beta Alpha Psi, the premier international honor and service organization for financial and business information students and professionals, is to inspire and support excellence by:

- encouraging the study and practice of accountancy, finance, and information systems;
- providing opportunities for service, professional development, and interaction among members and financial professionals; and
- fostering lifelong ethical, social, and public responsibilities.

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BAP Membership Benefits

1. Beta Alpha Psi is highly regarded in the accounting community
2. Membership in Beta Alpha Psi is a **FANTASTIC** addition to a resume
3. Weekly presentations by public accounting firms and industry professionals
4. Opportunity to network with professionals at every meeting (and over free refreshments after in-person meetings)
5. Intrinsic value of community outreach through volunteer service activities
6. Opportunities to attend Regional and National BAP Meetings
7. Opportunities for leadership and professional development activities including Best Practices Competition Team, Chapter Operations Presentations, and “Project Run With It”
8. Opportunity to run for an officer position starting at the end of final semester of candidacy:
 - a. President-Elect
 - i. Coordinates volunteer activities for the chapter
 - ii. Becomes President the semester following President-Elect
 - b. Vice President of Reporting
 - i. Sends weekly email updates about chapter activities
 - ii. Records meeting attendance and volunteer hours
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Meets with Faculty Advisor to record transactions, reconcile bank statements, and help prepare financial statements
 - ii. Updates chapter financial spreadsheet throughout semester
9. Opportunity to hold an appointed officer position starting at the end of final semester of candidacy:
 - a. Candidate Coordinator
 - i. Encourages students to join chapter and meet Member requirements
 - ii. Manages Member application materials
 - b. Social Media Coordinator
 - i. Maintains chapter's social media accounts
 - ii. Posts Member spotlights and important events
 - c. Web Coordinator
 - i. Updates chapter website with current events and information
 - d. Other Appointed Positions available as the needs of the chapter evolve
10. Bonus points in some accounting classes for attending professional meetings
11. Long-lasting relationships with accounting faculty developed through membership
12. Long-lasting relationships with other accounting students developed through membership

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13. Valuable professional skills developed through:
 - a. Discussions with professionals during and after the weekly meetings
 - b. Mock Interviews* with firms/companies at the end of the Spring semester
 - c. Fall Golf Outing* to network with recruiters from public accounting firms and industry professionals (golf skills not required ☺)
 - i. Fall 2020 Golf Outing rescheduled for Spring 2021
 - d. Information provided in the BAP Leadership Manual – resume formatting suggestions, example interview questions, example professional emails, etc.
14. In addition to the above benefits, Members who **maintain active membership** with the chapter are eligible for inclusion in the BAP Resume Book distributed at Meet the Firms and will receive a BAP graduation stole.*

**These will be provided at no additional cost.*

To become a Candidate for membership, students must meet the following requirements:

- Declare a major in accounting (or have stated an intention to do so)
- Be enrolled in Principles of Accounting II for Accounting Majors (Accounting 2125) or a higher-level accounting class
- Meet **one** of the following GPA requirements (questions about eligibility can be addressed to Dr. Honaker, faculty advisor, at Kim.Honaker@mtsu.edu):
 - A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
 - A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on the most recent 15 semester hours
- Submit the following to Dr. Honaker by the stated deadline in their first semester of candidacy:
 - Candidate Information Sheet
 - One-Time Candidate Fee of \$120 (please pay on our website at <https://bapmtsu.com/product/candidate-fee/>)
 - Copy of MTSU Unofficial Transcript (please include your name on this document)

* Students who become candidates while enrolled in Accounting 2125 automatically have a second semester of candidacy.

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Requirements for Membership

- Candidates who initially become candidates while enrolled in **Intermediate I or a higher-level accounting class** will be initiated into membership after meeting the following requirements:
 - Earn a minimum of 480 professional minutes (8 hours) during the semester of candidacy
 - Earn a minimum of 480 service minutes (8 hours) during the semester of candidacy
 - In addition to the 960 required minutes (16 hours), earn a minimum of 120 additional professional or service minutes (2 hours) during the semester of candidacy
 - Earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in upper level accounting classes
 - Meet one of the following overall GPA requirements:
 - A cumulative GPA (including transfer hours) of 3.0 or higher
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on the most recently completed 30 semester hours
 - Submit a completed faculty signature sheet to the faculty advisor by the stated deadline
- Candidates who initially become candidates while enrolled in **Principles of Accounting II for Accounting Majors** will be initiated into membership after meeting the following requirements:
 - Earn a minimum of 480 professional minutes (8 hours) during **each** semester of candidacy
 - Earn a minimum of 480 service minutes (8 hours) during **each** semester of candidacy
 - In addition to the 960 required minutes (16 hours), earn a minimum of 120 additional professional or service minutes (2) hours during **each** semester of candidacy
 - Complete Intermediate I or a higher-level accounting class in second semester of candidacy and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in upper level accounting classes
 - Meet one of the following overall GPA requirements:
 - A cumulative GPA (including transfer hours) of 3.0 or higher
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on the most recently completed 30 semester hours
 - Submit a completed faculty signature sheet to the faculty advisor by the stated deadline only during their **first** semester of candidacy

Requirements to Maintain Active Membership

To maintain status as an active Member, the following requirements must be met by the end of each semester of membership (every semester following your final candidate semester):

- At least **960** combined minutes (16 hours) of Professional Activities and Service Activities:
 - **480 minutes** (8 hours) from Professional Activities and **480 minutes** (8 hours) from Service Activities
 - Professional Activities hours are acquired primarily through BAP meetings
 - Service Activities hours are acquired through plentiful volunteer activities provided by the chapter throughout the semester

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Candidate Information Sheet

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Please submit three items – (1) *this form*, (2) a one-time candidate fee of \$120 (please pay on our website at <https://bapmtsu.com/product/candidate-fee/>)* and (3) a copy of your unofficial transcript (please include your name on this document) to Dr. Honaker by the following deadline:

- September 30th for Fall semester candidates or
- February 28th for Spring semester candidates

Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

MTSU Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

_____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

M# _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Current Status:

- Undergraduate
 Graduate

Do you intend to sit for the CPA exam?

- Yes
 No

BAP Polos are provided for members at no additional charge. Members' shirts are typically ordered over the summer and made available in advance of Meet the Firms and the golf outing, Beat the Firms.

Circle one: Men's Polo Shirt Size: S L 2XL
Women's Polo M XL Other _____

*I understand that I must complete **ALL** of the "requirements for Candidates to Become Members" before I can be initiated into membership. I understand that I need to remain an **ACTIVE MEMBER** to participate fully in BAP membership benefits, including but not limited to inclusion in the Meet the Firms Resume Book, participation in the golf outing and mock interviews, and receipt of a BAP polo shirt and graduation stole. I understand that by signing I also consent to be listed on the chapter website as a candidate or member in good standing, including my name and professional/service hours earned.*

Signature: _____

Payment Details:

Date Payment Submitted: _____ PayPal Transaction ID*: _____
____/____/____

*So that we may properly match your candidate payment to your application, please provide the PayPal transaction date and ID above. Also include MTSU email and your name in PayPal where fields exist.

Faculty Signature Sheet

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Signatures must be from **Accounting** faculty.

This form is to be submitted to Dr. Honaker no later than "Study Day" at the end of your semester of candidacy.

	Name	Signature	Date
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Candidate Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

** Use the electronic version provided at <https://bapmtsu.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/BAP-Spring-2021-Faculty-Signature-sheet.pdf> to gather and submit signatures electronically.