

Beta Alpha Psi

Zeta Gamma Chapter

Spring 2025 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 engage with members, industry and educational institutions associated with the Beta Alpha Psi Professions to:

**Academic Excellence** - Motivate, recognize and celebrate academic excellence  
  
**Professional Development** - Facilitate workplace readiness, employment, credentialing, mentoring, networking and lifelong learning  
  
**Responsible Practices** - Foster a commitment to ethics, service, belonging, and environmental, social, governance-responsible practices  
  
**Advocacy** - Advocate for the benefits of education, practice, credentialing and partnering associated with the Beta Alpha Psi Professions  
  
**Shaping** - Support the shaping of the relevant and successful evolution of education, practice and credentialing associated with the Beta Alpha Psi Professions

### ****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, business analytics or digital technology;
* providing opportunities for service, professional development, and interaction among members and financial professionals; and
* fostering lifelong ethical, social, and public responsibilities.

**BAP Meetings are every Tuesday from 4:30-5:30. At this time, Spring 2025 meetings are being held simultaneously in person (BAS S316) and via Zoom*.* PLEASE NOTE: 3 meetings must be attended in-person unless you have extenuating circumstances.**

*Please consider adjusting your class schedule to take advantage of this opportunity!*

## 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 and other accounting majors 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:
   1. President-Elect
      1. Coordinates volunteer activities for the chapter
      2. Becomes President the semester following President-Elect
   2. Vice President of Reporting
      1. Sends weekly email updates about chapter activities
      2. Records meeting attendance and volunteer hours
   3. Treasurer
      1. Meets with Faculty Advisor to record transactions, reconcile bank statements, and help prepare financial statements
      2. Updates chapter financial spreadsheet throughout semester
9. Opportunity to hold an appointed officer position starting at the end of final semester of candidacy:
   1. Candidate Coordinator
      1. Encourages students to join chapter and meet Member requirements
      2. Manages Member application materials
   2. Social Media Coordinator
      1. Maintains chapter's social media accounts
      2. Assists with posting member spotlights and important events
   3. Web Coordinator
      1. Updates chapter website with current events and information
   4. 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
13. Valuable professional skills developed through:
    1. Discussions with professionals during and after the weekly meetings
    2. Mock Interviews\* with firms/companies at the end of the Spring semester
    3. Fall Topolf Outing\* to network with recruiters from public accounting firms and industry professionals (golf skills not required ☺)
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 (ACTG 2125)\*, Intermediate I (ACTG 3110), or a course that follows Intermediate I
* Meet **one** of the following GPA requirements (questions about eligibility can be addressed to Dr. Vagner, faculty advisor, at Brandon.Vagner@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. Vagner 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.

## Requirements for Membership

* Candidates who initially become candidates while enrolled in **Intermediate Accounting I or a course that follows Intermediate Accounting I** will be initiated into membership after meeting the following requirements:
  + Earn a minimum of 8 professional hours (480 minutes) during the semester of candidacy, of which, 3 professional hours (180 minutes) must be obtained by attending at least 3 in-person weekly professional meetings. The Faculty Advisor has the right to waive the in-person professional meeting requirement for student(s) with extenuating circumstances.
  + Earn a minimum of 8 service hours (480 minutes) during the semester of candidacy
  + Complete Intermediate Accounting I during or prior to 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 8 professional hours (480 minutes) during **each** semester of candidacy, of which, 3 professional hours (180 minutes) must be obtained by attending at least 3 in-person weekly professional meetings. The Faculty Advisor has the right to waive the in-person professional meeting requirement for student(s) with extenuating circumstances.
  + Earn a minimum of 8 service hours (480 minutes) during **each** semester of candidacy
  + Complete Intermediate Accounting I in second 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 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):

* Earn a minimum of 8 professional hours (480 minutes) **each** semester of membership, of which, 3 professional hours (180 minutes) must be obtained by attending at least 3 in-person weekly professional meetings. The Faculty Advisor has the right to waive the in-person professional meeting requirement for student(s) with extenuating circumstances.
* Earn a minimum of 8 service hours (480 minutes) **each** semester of membership

Only members who maintain active status (or who meet the BAP international requirements to be classified as “on leave”) for each semester of membership will receive the following membership benefits:

* Inclusion in the resume book distributed at Meet the Firms
* Receipt of BAP insignia (stole, medallion, etc.) for graduation
* Participation in the golf outing (fall semester candidates are eligible to participate)
* Participation in mock interviews (spring semester candidates are eligible to participate)

# Candidate Information Sheet

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Please electronically submit three items *by the deadline stated below* – *(1) a one-time candidate fee of $120 (please pay on our website at* [*https://bapmtsu.com/product/candidate-fee/*](https://bapmtsu.com/product/candidate-fee/)*)\*, (2) this form and (3) a copy of your unofficial transcript (please include your name on this document) via email to Dr. Vagner at* [*brandon.vagner@mtsu.edu*](mailto:brandon.vagner@mtsu.edu)*.*

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

Name: (First) (MI) (Last)

MTSU Email Address:

Street Address:

City:

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| State: |  | Zip: |
| Cell Phone: ( |  | ) |
| Birth Date: | /\_ | / |
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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 Topgolf outing.

**Women’s Polo:**

Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

**Men’s Polo:**

Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

*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 Topgolf 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:

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PayPal Transaction ID\*:

# Faculty Signature Sheet

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*Signatures must be from* ***Accounting*** *faculty.*

*Print this form to collect signatures and submit to Dr. Vagner no later than “Study Day” at the end of your initial semester of candidacy.*

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| BAP Officer |  |  |  |
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Candidate Name: Date Submitted: