

Rho Chi Society
Proposed By-law Amendment
September 30, 2020

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Green = new language

Article III: Members

Section 2.

Member Qualifications. The qualifications outlined below are considered to be minimum standards. Chapters may set higher membership standards, provided that academic qualifications are the essential criteria. Discrimination in membership selection that is based on race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin or ancestry, age, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited.

An active application process may be used for candidates who meet all eligibility criteria. The application, if used, is an active part of the invitation process that educates candidates on the vision, mission, and objectives of the Society, while serving as a mechanism for collecting important membership data.

Section 3.

Collegiate Membership. Eligible for election as full collegiate members are:

a) **Professional entry-level degree students** who:

1. are full-time students enrolled in a professional pharmacy program **with Accreditation Status from** the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or the Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs, **and**
2. have completed no less than one-half of the required pre-Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (pre-APPE) professional course work as defined for their degree, and

3. are among the highest 20 percent of their class as determined by the school or college in which they are enrolled using one or a combination of procedures described below, and

a) Professional Grade Point Average (GPA);

b) Cumulative GPA;

c) When non-traditional grading systems are used such as High pass/Pass/Low pass/Fail, professional grades may be converted to weighted scales using H=4.0, P=3.0, L=2.0, and F=0, and a GPA may be calculated;

d) Chapters may invite students to submit applications for membership that account for students' performance related to the society's mission, including evidence of intellectual achievement, critical inquiry, and/or intellectual leadership. The application and review must be a documented, standardized process as determined and approved by the school or college and must align with the guidance provided by the National Office of the Society.

Note: In determining the highest 20 percent, chapters must use the same criteria for all students. In calculating grade point averages and class standing, chapters are to use the same criteria for transfer students, including those who may hold a prior degree as for students who have been enrolled in the parent institution for their entire academic career.

4. are among the highest 20 percent of their class, where the chapter shall base the number of students in the highest 20 percent upon class size at the time those students become eligible for membership in the Rho Chi Society, and

Note: If the 20 percent calculation results in a fraction, the number should be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. Once the class size is determined, the number may not be increased or decreased due to addition, attrition, or early graduation. In exceptional circumstances, e.g., an arithmetic tie that cannot otherwise be resolved, a chapter may petition the National Office for an exception providing clear explanation for consideration of the request. Such petition is to be signed by both the Chapter Advisor and the Dean, or designee, of the school/college or university,

5. have attained a minimum professional GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, when the school or college in which they are enrolled uses GPA, and
6. Have been certified eligible for membership by the dean of the pharmacy school or the dean's designee. The dean or the dean's designee shall certify that candidates have no known disciplinary action for academic dishonesty, misconduct, or unprofessional behavior.

Note: Refer to Section 8 for member election via vote into the Society.