

# Beta Alpha Psi

## Zeta Gamma Chapter

### 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.

***BAP Meetings are every Tuesday at 4:30. If you have scheduled a class during that time, please adjust your 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 (over free pizza) after every meeting
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 Competition Team, Chapter Operations Presentations, and "Project Run With It"
8. Opportunity to run for an officer position starting at the end of semester of candidacy:
  - President-Elect
    - Coordinates volunteer activities for the chapter
    - Becomes President the semester following President-Elect
  - Vice President of Reporting
    - Sends weekly email updates about chapter activities
    - Records meeting attendance and volunteer hours
  - Treasurer
    - Meets with Dr. Thomas to record transactions, reconcile bank statements, and help prepare financial statements
    - Updates chapter financial spreadsheet throughout semester
9. Valuable professional skills developed through:
  - Discussions with professionals during and after the weekly meetings
  - Mock Interviews\* with firms/companies at the end of the Spring semester
  - Information provided in the BAP Leadership Manual – resume formatting suggestions, example interview questions, example professional emails, etc.
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

## Benefits of Remaining an Active Member

13. Resume will be included in the "BAP Resume Book" for Meet the Firms\*
14. Opportunity to participate in the golf outing\* in the Fall to network with recruiters from public accounting firms and industry professionals (golf skills not required 😊)
15. Receive a Beta Alpha Psi stole\* for MTSU graduation ceremony

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

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## Requirements to become a Candidate

Students aiming to become a Candidate for membership must meet the following requirements:

- Declare a major in accounting (or have stated an intention to do so)
- Be enrolled in Intermediate Accounting I or a higher-level accounting class
- Meet **one** of the following GPA requirements (questions about eligibility can be addressed to Dr. Thomas, faculty advisor, at [Paula.Thomas@mtsu.edu](mailto:Paula.Thomas@mtsu.edu)):
  - A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
  - A rank within the top 35% of their university class, or
  - A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on the most recent 15 semester hours
- Complete and submit the following to Dr. Thomas:
  - Candidate Information Sheet (provided in this packet)
  - One-Time Candidate Fee of \$100 (in an envelope with your name on it – check or cash)
  - Copy of MTSU Unofficial Transcript (please include your name on this document)

## Requirements for Candidates to become Members

Once accepted as a Candidate for membership, students must complete the following requirements by the end of the semester of candidacy to become a Member of Beta Alpha Psi:

- Faculty Signature Sheet (provided in this packet) – twelve accounting faculty signatures and three BAP officer signatures obtained throughout the semester of candidacy, submitted to Dr. Thomas
- At least **eighteen** combined hours of Professional Activities and Service Activities:
  - Eight hours from Professional Activities, Eight hours from Service Activities, and two hours from either category
    - 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
- Meet one of the following GPA requirements:
  - A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher
  - A rank within the top 35% of their university class, or
  - A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on the most recent 30 semester hours

## 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 candidate semester):

- At least **sixteen** combined hours of Professional Activities and Service Activities:
  - Eight hours from Professional Activities and eight 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 semesters

# Candidate Information Sheet

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Please submit three items – (1) this form, (2) a one-time candidate fee of \$100 (in an envelope with your name on it – check or cash), and (3) a copy of your unofficial transcript (please include your name on this document) – to Dr. Thomas by:

- September 30<sup>th</sup> for Fall semester candidates or
- February 28<sup>th</sup> for Spring semester candidates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last)

MTSU Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

M# \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:	Current Status:	Do you intend to sit for the CPA exam?
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> No

*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 be able to participate in the full BAP membership benefits not limited to: being included in the resume book for Meet the Firms, being able to participate in the golf outing, continuing to participate in Mock Interviews, and being able to receive a Beta Alpha Psi stole for MTSU graduation.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Faculty Signature Sheet

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

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