



Beta Alpha Psi

What is Beta Alpha Psi?

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for students in the fields of accounting, finance, and information systems. The primary purpose of Beta Alpha Psi is to recognize and encourage academic and professional excellence.

What does Beta Alpha Psi normally do?

Beta Alpha Psi engages in a series of professional meetings and community service projects throughout each semester. In the spring, Beta Alpha Psi focuses on specific topic areas such as networking or industry and governmental accounting. It is an opportunity to learn from special guest speakers and panel discussions. In the fall, Beta Alpha Psi and its members visit accounting firms in the Boise area and host a “Meet the Firms Night” where members can speak with firm representatives on a one-on-one basis.

What are the benefits of Beta Alpha Psi membership?

- Beta Alpha Psi offers its members great networking opportunities—students have the opportunity to meet potential employers and to develop professional relationships at weekly meetings and at Beta’s annual “Meet the Firms Night”
- Membership is a great way to meet other accounting students and to get to know the accounting faculty
- Beta Alpha Psi is both a recognized and respected collegiate organization within the business community—membership always looks good on a resume!

What are the requirements for membership?

- Beta Alpha Psi not only welcomes academic excellence, we expect it! All pledges and members are required to have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- At minimum, we expect a two (2) semester commitment from our members

When are the meetings?

Beta Alpha Psi typically meets from 5:30-7pm on Wednesday evenings. During the fall, our meeting locations vary as we visit firms in the Boise area. During the spring, meetings often take place in the SUB. Members will be given notice if day/time changes are expected.

Is there a fee?

Yes, all participants are required to pay a \$30 fee every semester. In addition to the per semester charge, all new pledges are required to pay a one-time national membership fee of \$85. Membership fees help Beta Alpha Psi to pay for name badges, food/beverages, and to send members to regional and annual meetings. If you were previously a member of Beta Alpha Psi at another university you will be welcomed to the BSU Zeta Psi Chapter as a continuing member.

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“The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field.” –BAP national website

Benefits:

- Networking opportunities with:
 - Potential employers
 - Accounting students and faculty
 - Community through service projects
- Professional opportunities: BAP looks great on a resume
- Educational opportunities

Requirements:

- Accounting (or major) GPA of 3.0; **and** cumulative GPA of 3.0 or 3.25 in last 30 semester hours
- Enrolled in at least one upper-division accounting course
- Be a member for a minimum of 2 semesters
- Attend at least 80% of meetings, not including informational meeting
- Acquire a minimum of 12 professional hours per year (20 recommended)
 - Bylaws state 1 professional hour = 50 minutes
 - This is met if you attend all meetings
 - Other professional hours must be completed on own time and reported to Ryan Wheeler, VP Membership
- Participate in community service projects; minimum of 12 service hours per year (14 recommended)--see Andrew Chiles, VP Service Activities, for details
- No less than 32 professional and service hours per year
- Pay dues on time