National Honor Society for Human Services – Tau Upsilon Alpha, Alpha Kappa Chapter

Frequently Asked Questions

As you complete the application form, many of your questions might be answered below.

Q: Why should I join an honor society?

A: To celebrate your academic achievement; to underscore your achievements from an organization with high standards outside of the university; lifelong recognition and networking.

Q: What is my commitment if I join?

A: Our chapter of the national honor society does not require involvement in activities to be a member. There are opportunities to be involved, such as serving as an officer, and your activities can be documented on your Co-Curricular transcript, but there is no requirement.

Q: What is the cost?

A: Applicants pay a one-time fee of $40.00. There will never be any additional costs with the national office of the honor society. As soon as your application is approved in our department, a report with your check or money order will be mailed to the national office of Tau Upsilon Alpha. None of the money goes to IPFW. The national office then mails a certificate and pin to our department which is distributed at an induction ceremony each April. We are unable to take cash. Checks or money orders are payable to NOHS-TUA.

Q: How do I know if I meet the criteria for membership?

A: Two criteria can be easily assessed. First, your overall (cumulative) GPA must be 3.25 or higher. Second, you must have completed three semesters with an official major in human services. Any full-time summer sessions are counted as a semester.

Q: On the form there are several things of which I’m not sure. How should I complete these?

1) Name of our chapter (section B. of form) - Alpha Kappa

2) Name of the advisor, address, phone, and email of our chapter of the honor society (section B. of form) - Linda Wark, Department of Human Services, Neff 130, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN, 46805; 260-481-6083 (phone); 260-481-5767 (FAX); WARKL@ipfw.edu

3) Name of program of study and Concentration area (Section C. of form) – Human Services, and list the titles your Concentration Areas.

4) Course catalog designations (Section C. of form) – You do NOT have to complete the part about the course catalog because the chapter advisor will refer to your transcript online for confirmation of your overall GPA. Complete everything else in Section C.
Q.: How much should I write for the answers in Section D?
A: A typical total length for the four questions and answers is approximately ½ to ¾ page.

Q.: To whom do I give the completed application and check?
A.: Leave the application and check with the secretary in the Human Services department office, Neff 130 who will give them to Linda Wark OR give them directly to Linda Wark. You can also give them to your academic advisor who will give them to the secretary. Checks or money orders are payable to NOHS-TUA. We are unable to accept cash.

Q.: How long will it take before my application is approved?
A: If you meet the criteria, there should be no problems with your acceptance, and you should be notified of official acceptance within a few days. If you should be turned down for membership, your check or money order will be returned to you. However, it is extremely unlikely that you would not be accepted if you meet the minimum criteria stated above.