



What is Psi Chi? Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology, founded in 1929 with two primary purposes:

- To encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and
- To advance the science of psychology.

Membership in the **Loyola University Chicago chapter of Psi Chi** is open to undergraduate students who are majoring or minoring in psychology, and who meet the minimum qualifications. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Psychological Science (APS). Psi Chi's sister honor society is Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges.

Students become members by joining the chapter at the school where they are enrolled. Psi Chi chapters are operated by student officers and faculty advisors. Together they select and induct the members and carry out the goals of the Society. Over 1,100 Psi Chi chapters are located around the globe. All chapters register their inductees at the Central Office. The total number of memberships registered at the Central Office is now over 600,000 lifetime members. To learn more visit the Psi Chi website at <http://www.psichi.org>, and the Loyola Psi Chi Chapter website at http://www.luc.edu/psychology/orgs_psichi.shtml

Lifetime Membership. Membership in Psi Chi is for life, requiring only an initial \$90, which includes national dues of \$55, honor cords of \$17, and chapter dues and expenses, including the induction ceremony. There are no annual dues.

Benefits of Membership. Psi Chi provides national academic recognition for academic excellence in psychology, an honor which can be noted on employment applications, vitae, and resumes. Also, as part of lifetime membership, members receive membership certificates and honor cords which can be worn at graduation. Please visit http://www.psichi.org/?page=member_benefits to learn more about the benefits of membership.

Awards and Grants. Over \$300,000 available annually in awards in grants for student members, faculty advisors, and chapters. Information about undergraduate funding opportunities can be found at http://www.psichi.org/?page=1_undergrad_main

Membership requirements:

- A major or minor in psychology
- Completion of at least 3 semesters of coursework (Spring 2020 semester **doesn't count**.)
- Completion of at least 9 credit hours (3 courses) of psychology courses (at least 6 semester credit hours at Loyola, and not including courses in progress.)
- Overall grade-point average across all courses of **3.6**.
- Grade-point average of **at least 3.5 in psychology courses** (average GPA in all Psyc### courses that count toward the major, taken at Loyola, or elsewhere), and **at least 3.5 for all psychology courses taken at Loyola**.

The deadline for submission of applications: 12 pm Noon on Friday, February 28, 2020

IMPORTANT /READ CAREFULLY: The transcript must include Fall 2019 grades. Fall 2019 grades must be included for consideration of overall and Psyc GPA.

Applications will be reviewed after the deadline has passed, and students will be informed of their status via email. The induction ceremony for new members will be held at the end of the Spring semester during the Weekend of Excellence.



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2019-2020

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in joining **Psi Chi**! All application materials must be submitted **in hard copy** at the Psychology Department office (Coffey Hall, 231), attention Dr. Catherine Haden, Psi Chi Faculty Advisor. **No online or email applications will be accepted.** Only applications received on or before the deadline will be considered.

The deadline for completed applications for Psi Chi is **February 28, 2020 at 12 noon.**

By this deadline, students must complete the following steps to be considered for membership in Psi Chi. Please review all steps before beginning to avoid errors or misunderstandings.

STEP 1 – Online portion

Complete the Psi Chi Membership Application. Fill out the online portion of the application and print it out!

<http://memberapp.psichi.org/cfamember/applicationform.aspx>

STEP 2- Hard copy portion. Please submit the following in hard copy. Only submissions to Dr. Haden's mailbox in the Psychology main office in Coffey Hall will be accepted (no email submissions)

A printed copy of the completed online application

A copy of student **transcript** (LOCUS printout ok) **with ALL PSYC### courses highlighted.** *Compute your PSYC GPA (the average of all PSYC### courses for which you have received credit toward the psychology major at Loyola) and write the Psychology GPA at the top of the transcript.* Transfer students need to submit unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended with **all psychology courses they have received credit for toward the major highlighted.** **Transcript MUST INCLUDE FALL 2019 grades.**

A completed "Recommendation Form" filled out by a **Psychology faculty member** who knows you (must be a psychology faculty member, not a graduate student or faculty from another department). Fill in your name and the faculty member's name at the top of the form, give the form to the faculty member; the faculty member will return the completed form directly to Dr. Haden.

A check for \$90.00 made out to "Psi Chi". This fee covers national dues, the cost of honor cords to wear at graduation, and chapter dues. (If you fail to qualify for membership, Dr. Haden will return your check.)

The induction ceremony for new members will be held in the late Spring during the Weekend of Excellence.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us. We look forward to receiving your application.

Caitlin Kyle
Chapter President
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Dr. Catherine Haden
Psi Chi Faculty Advisor
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Psi Chi Recommendation Form

* Students fill in their name and the name of the **Psychology faculty member** (cannot be a graduate student) who has been asked to complete the recommendation. The faculty member will return the completed form directly to Dr. Haden.

Date: _____

Faculty Member (print name) _____

Student (print name) _____

Dear Faculty Member,

The student listed above has applied for membership in PSI CHI, the International Honor Society in Psychology and has named you as a reference. We would appreciate your cooperation by answering the following questions about the student. A separate recommendation letter is not required. When you are done, please return the form to Psi Chi's faculty advisor, Dr. Catherine Haden (Psychology Department, Coffey Hall). If you have any questions, you can reach Dr. Haden at chaden@luc.edu. Please submit your recommendation by **12 p.m. Noon on Friday February 28, 2020**. A separate letter is not required.

1. Do you think this student is appropriate for PSI CHI?

2. What are this student's strengths?

Faculty Member's signature _____

Thank you very much for your cooperation.