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Alpha Phi Omega is a National Service Fraternity — college students gathered together in an organization based on fraternalism and founded on the principles of the Boy Scouts of America. Its purpose is to develop leadership, promote friendship and provide service to humanity.

# MEMBERSHIP IN ALPHA PHI OMEGA

## Who Can Join

Any student duly enrolled on the campus where a chapter exists, who joins with the chapter's members in their service projects, accepts the principles of Scouting on which the Fraternity's ideals are based, and meets the standards of the chapter.

## Why Should You Join

College should be more than the acquisition of facts and figures; it also should broaden your experiences, expand and test your inherent abilities, and sharpen your social skills. Alpha Phi Omega, through its unique program of leadership, friendship and service, can add this necessary but often lacking aspect of college life, and at the same time enable you to help others while helping yourself.

*Alpha Phi Omega  
turns hope  
into reality and  
energy into  
action.*

## The Official Relationship Between Alpha Phi Omega And Scouting

Alpha Phi Omega was founded on the principles of Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America, however, does not govern, control, or finance Alpha Phi Omega in any way, and previous membership in Scouting is not required to join our Fraternity.

## Why Doesn't Alpha Phi Omega Have A Fraternity House

Alpha Phi Omega is unique; it is a “service” fraternity. We use the concepts of fraternalism as a means of providing service to our community, campus, the nation and our Fraternity. The fact that our meetings are held in campus meeting rooms or our members’ apartments or dorm rooms does not decrease our sense of brotherhood. In addition, since we are unique, we have no conflict with social fraternities or any other student organization — all are welcome as members of Alpha Phi Omega.

## How Can You Join

There are several approaches:

- Ask an Alpha Phi Omega brother on campus, in your dorm or in your fraternity house.
- Contact the chapter at its office (many campuses provide Alpha Phi Omega office space) or at one of its service projects.
- Ask the Student Activities Office for the name, address and telephone number of the Alpha Phi Omega president or the chapter office.
- Visit [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org) for up-to-date chapter contact information.

*“Service to others is the rent we pay  
for our room here on earth.”*

— Muhammad Ali

## LEADERSHIP

If society were composed of things — books, machines, gadgets — then a college experience consisting solely of academics would adequately prepare you for life. Society is people, and whenever people interact with each other the need for leadership arises. So, Alpha Phi Omega offers college students the opportunity to practice and develop their leadership skills.

Each chapter is a microcosm of our republican form of democracy, with leadership selected by the majority of the membership. Every chapter organization has many positions with differing responsibilities, giving every member the opportunity to lead, and allowing for increasing responsibilities as experience and performance merit.

The Fraternity has numerous leadership development programs and workshops, which will help enhance your skills. These are offered at various conferences during which chapters from many colleges gather.

Leadership in Alpha Phi Omega goes beyond graduation. Opportunities for service in the regional, national and alumni spheres are possible and are a fine way to make and continue friendships with members across the nation.

Thus, Alpha Phi Omega offers you a great opportunity to grow in leadership as you provide service to others.

*“Leadership is the ability of a single individual through his or her actions to motivate others to higher levels of achievement.”*

— E.G. ‘Buck’ Rodgers

## FRIENDSHIP

Since 1925 more than 357,000 students have chosen Alpha Phi Omega, making us the nation's largest Greek letter fraternity.

The relationships founded and developed during the activities of Alpha Phi Omega are indescribably lasting and indeed something to treasure. They endure long after college, long after friends move apart, long after your career develops. The fellowship of Alpha Phi Omega is, plainly and simply, the quality that has made us the biggest and, we believe, the best collegiate organization in the world.

Alpha Phi Omega wants to share its activities and purpose with you. We want you to become part of us so that together we can pursue leadership, friendship and service.

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## SERVICE

As a National Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega is the only national fraternity with service as its primary mission. While there is a great diversity in the types of service programs conducted from chapter to chapter, they all serve to make up a great national ministry to human need, conducted exclusively by college students.

In an effort to make a nationwide impact, Alpha Phi Omega has developed three significant campaigns; 1) each Alpha Phi Omega National Convention adopts a Program of Emphasis for the following two years. All chapters are encouraged to develop service projects that will benefit the designated groups; 2) we have designated the first full week in November as National Service Week; and 3) the third weekend of April is National Spring Youth Service Day in conjunction with Youth Service America. All chapters are encouraged to coordinate and conduct service groups on the campus and in the community.

Alpha Phi Omega's program is directed to four areas: campus, community, nation and members.

# SERVICE AREAS OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA

## SERVICE TO THE CAMPUS

- Freshman Information Booth (1st-3rd weeks each fall semester)
- Bulletin board maintenance and posting
- Campus cleanups
- Ugly Man On Campus project (and a variety of alternatives)
- Staffing for campus events (ushering, coat checks, valet parking, security)
- Campus election officials
- Stadium cleanups
- Homecoming activities (parades, floats, bon-fires, dances)
- Used book exchanges
- Blind Student Center assistance (recording, reading, errand-running)
- Concession stands at athletic events
- Campus tour guides
- Sponsoring and promoting an awareness week (drugs, alcohol, AIDS, environmental)
- Faculty Night Out (providing baby-sitting services for special events and banquets)
- Alumni telethons/phonathons (campus fundraising)
- Registration
- Sponsoring campus events (activities fair, international student festival, health fair)
- Monitoring teacher evaluations
- Sponsoring a freshman dance or dinner
- Promoting recycling on campus
- Campus phone directories
- Cheering sections and banners at athletic events
- Campus lost and found
- APO Week on campus (one project every day)
- Store bikes for students during the winter
- Campus safe-ride programs
- Valentine flower grams and other similar campus sales projects
- Shuttle buses to airport during school vacations/holidays
- Sponsor and maintain a Ride Bulletin Board
- Help students moving into the dorms
- Campus surveys
- All Sing contests (sponsoring them or participating in them)
- Anti-vandalism/property-identification program
- Caring for school mascot
- Handicapped student assistance and accessibility studies
- Professor of the Year contest
- Sponsor study breaks during mid-terms and finals

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## SERVICE TO THE FRATERNITY

- Attending, planning, or hosting a sectional or regional conference or the National Convention
- Assist with a petitioning or reactivation effort
- Sponsor intra-Chapter workshops
- Chapter fundraiser
- Chapter study hall, test files, tutoring services
- Fellowship activities
- Alumni newsletters
- Maintain or update chapter scrapbooks
- Staffing APO information booths
- Chapter Program Planning Conference/retreat
- Chapter anniversary celebrations, banquets and alumni receptions
- Recruiting new members for the chapter



## SERVICE TO YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY

- Local park/cemetery cleanups
- Holiday parties at hospitals, orphanages, nursing homes
- Provide assistance to women's shelters
- Collect food and funds and provide manpower for local food pantries and soup kitchens
- Nursing home visits (sometimes with pets)
- Halloween haunted houses and street patrol
- Blood drives
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters volunteers
- Assisting the elderly with winterizing, lawn maintenance and home repair
- Hospital volunteers
- Recording for the blind
- Fingerprinting children for identification purposes
- Playground building, repair and litter control
- Assisting with various shelters and organizations providing help for the homeless
- Teen dances (non-alcoholic)
- Provide manpower and fundraising assistance to humane societies and animal shelters
- Work with local Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, etc.
- AIDS awareness and support services
- Clothing drive
- Help out with YMCA activities
- Museum volunteers and fundraising assistance
- Re-seeding and other projects at local arboretum
- Cleanup projects at various community centers and shelters
- Volunteer work and toy drives for local child abuse centers
- Recruit volunteer and provide emergency assistance for crisis prevention hot line
- Provide volunteers and cleanup work for historical societies and their homes
- Meals on Wheels volunteers
- Baby-sitting for C.A.R.E.
- Tutoring for local school districts
- Set up a Community Service Network of volunteers and service organizations

## SERVICE TO SCOUTING

- BSA Camporees, Scout Fairs, Scout-A-Ramas, Winterrees
- Girl Scout Badge Day
- Scouting For Food
- Scout Swim Day (usually at campus swimming pool)
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout camp cleanups and winterizing
- Providing sponsorship and adult leadership for troops
- Helping out with Pinewood/Klondike Derbies
- Helping with council banquets
- Providing free baby-sitting services for council banquet and events
- Sponsoring Scout First Aid Contests for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Serving as BSA Merit Badge counselors
- Sponsoring Scout Day at the Mall
- Assisting Girl Scout cookie sales on campus
- Badge University (a joint merit badge day for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts)
- Handicapped Troop Crafts Day
- Trade-O-Ree (patch trading weekend)
- Sponsoring a Fall Color Hike
- Camp Fire Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- Popcorn sales for troop fundraisers
- Assist with adult volunteer training
- Camp Fire Fun Run
- Camp Fire Day Camp volunteers
- Scout House cleanups
- Assist with Eagle Scout projects
- Provide help publishing, folding and mailing council newsletters
- Organize and staff an APO booth at Scout Fairs

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## SERVICE TO THE NATION

- America's Promise Alliance
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- American Lung Association
- American Red Cross
- American Sickle Cell Anemia Association
- Arthritis Foundation
- Catholic Social Services
- Child Abuse Protection Agency
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Easter Seals Disability Services
- Great American Smokeout
- Habitat for Humanity
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Leukemia Foundation
- Literacy Council
- Lupus Foundation of America
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- March of Dimes
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- National Kidney Foundation
- National Liver Foundation
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- National Veterans Foundation
- Organ donor card distribution
- Oxfam International
- Project Literacy United States (PLUS)
- Ronald McDonald House
- Salvation Army
- Soldiers' Angels
- Special Olympics
- United Cerebral Palsy
- Visiting Nurse Association
- Voter Registration
- Youth Service America

*Alpha Phi Omega Chapters provide service to these and other organizations in both the volunteer support and fundraising areas. Here are just a few examples of Chapter fundraising projects:*

- Ugly Man on Campus
- Craft Shows
- Charity Auctions
- Canoe Races
- Diaper Relays
- Bikeathons
- Bowlathons
- Penny Drives
- Softball Marathons
- Daffodil Sales
- Walkathons
- Danceathons
- Jail & Bails

*“Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living.”*

— Albert Einstien



#### VISION

To be recognized as the premier service-based leadership development organization.

#### MISSION

Prepare campus and community leaders through service.

#### VALUES

Develop leadership, promote friendship, and provide service.

## You Are Invited

We invite you to learn more about Alpha Phi Omega and how you can become part of our Fraternity.

Please complete and return the attached postage paid card below, call us at (816) 373-8667 or visit our Web site at [www.apo.org](http://www.apo.org).

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***Yes, I am interested in learning more about Alpha Phi Omega. Please send me further information.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I [ attend / plan to attend ] college at: \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle One*

I will begin classes on (date): \_\_\_\_\_



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