

Definitions of Membership Status

Student Membership Statuses

Collegiate Members

A member in good standing who is enrolled at a college or university where a chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi is chartered.

- These individuals meet all attendance and financial requirements.

Leave of Absence (LOA)

Any student member in good standing who is not able to attend meetings/events of their chapter due to:

- Studying abroad
- Military leave
- Working in a co-op/internship
- *Medical emergency**
- *Extreme hardship**

The LOA status expires at the end of each academic term and automatically reverts to a collegiate member. A member can extend their LOA status for an additional academic term provided the identified criteria is met and reported.

**The student seeking a LOA must first submit a written application to the chapter's executive committee for approval. Upon approval, the application must then be forwarded to the regional director for final approval.*

Suspended Status

A suspended member is an individual who is temporarily not in good standing with the fraternity for one or more of the following reasons:

- Student members: non-attendance, financial or disciplinary process
- Faculty, Alumni or Honorary members: disciplinary process

Student Member Suspension for Non-Attendance Requirements:

A majority vote is required to suspend a member for non-attendance after they obtained three or more unexcused absences from required meetings/events. At the time of suspension, reasonable reinstatement terms for the student member must be established by a majority vote of the chapter.

Student Member Suspension for Financial Requirements:

At the time of suspension, the amount that the member owes the chapter must be reported through ChapterSpot. They must be at least 30 days' delinquent on finances owed to the chapter. There is no vote required to suspend a member for finances.

The student member's membership status and established terms for reinstatement must be reported by the chapter within seven (7) business days. Reinstatement terms are reported when the member is moved to suspended status via ChapterSpot. A suspended member loses all membership rights and privileges until the suspension has been lifted. They are not allowed to vote or attend any ritual or closed chapter event. Once reinstatement terms have been completed they should be moved back to collegiate status via ChapterSpot.

Alumni Membership Status

Alumni Members

An alumnus/a member is an individual who has been, but is no longer, a student member or faculty member.

- A student member who has graduated from their chapter's university or in another manner has left their chapter in good standing (transfers schools, is no longer enrolled at the college or university).
- If an alumnus/a, who graduated or left the chapter in good standing, returns to the university as a student, they may be immediately reinstated as a student member in good standing by their chapter. Please use this [link](#) to reinstate a member to collegiate status.
- In the case of a school transfer:
 - The member must present to the new chapter verification from the former chapter stating that all financial obligations have been paid and that the member is a member in good standing with the fraternity. The new chapter then votes to admit said member. Voting procedures shall be the same as used for admitting candidates into pledging.

The fraternity does not recognize an "early alumni status/senior status" or its equivalent.

Faculty Membership Status

Faculty Members

A faculty member is a faculty or staff member of a college or university who has been duly initiated into a college chapter or alumni chapter.

- Faculty advisors do not have to be faculty members and faculty members do not have to be faculty advisors

Faculty Initiation Requirements:

The chapter must vote to apply for faculty membership for the individual and the chapter must submit an online form found [here](#).

Honorary Member Status

Honorary Members

An honorary member is an individual who is not eligible to be a student member, faculty member, or alumni member. Upon the approval of the chapter advisor, regional director, and fraternity president, individuals are granted membership as an honor and distinction by a college chapter or alumni chapter.

- Honorary membership should be conferred to persons who have demonstrated commitment to the fraternity on a fraternal, regional, or chapter level and/or persons who have gained prominence as a business leader and represents the fraternity's core values.

Honorary Initiation Requirements:

The chapter must vote to apply for honorary membership for the individual and the chapter submits an online form found [here](#). The form is sent to the chapter advisor, regional director and fraternity president for approval.

Termination of Membership

Resignation

A member who has requested to terminate his/her obligations to Alpha Kappa Psi, and is no longer a brother of the fraternity. The member must submit a letter of resignation to the fraternity. A chapter or another individual cannot resign a member. Without a letter of resignation, the brother should be suspended with proper reinstatement terms.

Expulsion

Any member whose membership has been revoked by a vote of the Board of Directors. Chapters cannot expel a member.