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**Alpha Phi Sigma**  
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The members of Alpha Phi Sigma provide the leadership for the criminal justice profession by:

- Promoting academic excellence through the recognition of scholarship.
- Assisting in the development of professional and personal leadership among students and practitioners.
- Providing opportunities for service to the community and the profession.
- Encouraging greater communication among member chapters and the entire criminal justice profession.

**WHAT IS ALPHA PHI SIGMA?**

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honor society for criminal justice. The society recognizes scholastic excellence by undergraduate and graduate students in the criminal justice sciences.

**WHY JOIN ALPHA PHI SIGMA?**

***-RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT***

The hard work and personal sacrifice that is required to achieve scholastic excellence deserves recognition. Alpha Phi Sigma membership designates an individual as an outstanding student of criminal justice.

***-NATIONAL NEWSLETTER***

Active members receive a bi-annual national newsletter which reports on areas of concern to the criminal justice sciences and the society.

***-SPECIAL AWARDS***

Each year the national office awards a cash scholarship to both an undergraduate and a graduate member. Awards are also given to students who compete in the Annual Call for Papers. Local chapters may also compete for the outstanding national chapter service award which is presented each year.

***-ANNUAL CONVENTION***

A national convention is held each year. The convention is held in conjunction with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and presents a wide range of programs and activities.

**HISTORY**

Alpha Phi Sigma was founded in 1942 at Washington State University. The organization was initially directed by Dr. V.A. Leonard. Alpha Phi Sigma has experienced rapid growth since the 1970's. Today there are over 275 chapters within U.S. Universities. WMU's chapter is Epsilon Phi and was established in 1982.

**NATIONAL RECOGNITION**

Alpha Phi Sigma is the nationally recognized honor society for students of criminal justice. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) granted Alpha Phi Sigma affiliate status in 1975. Since 1978, Alpha Phi Sigma has held its national convention in conjunction with the annual ACJS meeting. The Academy's continued support of Alpha Phi Sigma serves to enhance Alpha Phi Sigma's purpose—the recognition of scholarly achievement in the field of criminal justice. Alpha Phi Sigma was admitted to the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHA) in 1980. Membership in ACHA is restricted to fully accredited honor societies. ACHA presently counts among its member chapters the nation's most prestigious college honor societies.

**ORGANIZATION**

The organization of Alpha Phi Sigma includes a national office located on the campus of a member chapter. Four national student officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) are elected by the membership annually. There are also four national criminal justice faculty advisors. Local chapters are established at universities throughout the United States. To gain admission as a chapter, a university must have a minimum of ten student members and a designated faculty advisor.

# ALPHA PHI SIGMA

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society 305940

Founded 1942

Membership Application

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

SSN (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  Permission to use email address for AΦΣ correspondence

## CHECK THE DEGREE YOU ARE PRESENTLY ATTAINING

Bachelor of Arts  Bachelor of Science  Master of Arts  Master of Science

Juris Doctorate  Doctor of Philosophy  Education Doctorte

THE INFORMATION BELOW IS VERY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE BASED ON COURSE WORK AT ALL POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

INDICATE TYPE OF CREDIT HOURS  Quarter  Semester  Tri-Semester Anticipated Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA)  
Based on a 4.0 Scale Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Justice GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Courses Completed: Cumulative Courses \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Justice Courses \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPEAR ON YOUR ALPHA PHI SIGMA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

University Presently Attending Western Michigan University

Local Chapter Name ( Greek ) Epsilon Phi

## FOR CHAPTER ADVISOR ONLY

Chapter Advisor Name & Title Angela Moe, Associate Professor

Chapter Address 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Sangren Hall: MS: 5257

City Kalamazoo State MI Zip Code 49008-5257

Phone Number 269-387-5275 Fax Number 269-0387-2882 E-mail angie.moe@wmich.edu

Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ADVISOR'S NOTE

Each application must be accompanied by a \$40.00 Cashier's Check, Money Order, University Check or Alpha Phi Sigma Chapter Check.  
Payable to: ALPHA PHI SIGMA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. **DO NOT SEND CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS**

### ADVISOR MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Alpha Phi Sigma National Headquarters, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314  
TEL: 954-262-7004 FAX: 954-262-3646 ~ WEBSITE: [www.alphaphisigma.org](http://www.alphaphisigma.org)