



Beta Alpha Psi, the national scholastic and professional accounting society, was founded at the University of Illinois in 1919. In December 2006, the College of Charleston chapter (#1,350) was organized and commenced its three-semester probationary period.

The objectives of Beta Alpha Psi are to promote the study and practice of accounting, to provide opportunities for self-development and association between members and practicing accountants, and to encourage a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility. The letters Beta, Alpha, and Psi denote Scholarship, Social Responsibility, and Professional Development, respectively.

Students may become candidates for Beta Alpha Psi if they a) **have indicated an intention to major in accounting** and b) **earned at least thirty (30) credit hours with an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater.** Candidates enjoy all of the benefits and responsibilities of membership except that they can neither run for nor vote for office.

Membership in Beta Alpha Psi includes those persons of good moral character who have achieved scholastic and/or professional excellence in the field of accounting, who have been initiated according to the ritual, and who remain in good standing by attending meetings, paying dues and serving the community over the course of at least two (2) semesters. Minimum scholastic requirements for membership are set forth in the bylaws. They are as follows:

- Successfully completed ACCT 316 (or its equivalent at another AACSB or similarly accredited institution)
- Earned at least sixty (60) college credits
- Earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all accounting classes attempted
- Earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in all courses taken (if a student does not have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, a 3.25 GPA in the most recent 30 credit hours is sufficient)

Name (include middle initial):

Campus-Wide ID:

Email (edisto):

Email (personal, if any):

Undergraduate or Graduate (circle one)

Expected Graduation (Month/Year) ____

Cumulative GPA (Undergrad+Grad):

Cumulative GPA in ACCT courses only:

Applications must have a transcript attached (unofficial transcripts printed from CougarTrail are sufficient). Transfer students should submit a copy of transcript from prior school(s). Please return the completed application to Dr. Cipriano's office (402 Beatty Center).

Once your application is reviewed, you will receive an email from Dr. Cipriano regarding your status in our chapter of Beta Alpha Psi. Any questions, please email ciprianom@cofc.edu.