



# Alpha Epsilon Rho (AERho)

Alpha Epsilon Rho, is the Honor Society for Electronic Media students and is a member of the [Association of College Honor Societies](#). AERho membership is inter-related but separate from NBS membership. Members of AERho emphasize superior scholarship and creative participation in broadcast, corporate, and digital media production and activity. Membership in AERho exemplifies excellence of work, demonstrated leadership qualities, and service to the organization, the community, and the industry.

## **Student Membership:**

Individuals show a demonstrated interest in the field of electronic media (including digital technologies, broadcasting, mass communication, radio, television, cable, and/or film). Student members are affiliated with chapters found on college and university campuses or members of the national chapter when there is no existing collegiate chapter. Specific membership qualifications can be found on the Alpha Epsilon Rho application form.

## **Alumni/Professional Membership:**

Individuals seeking alumni/professional membership and who are not former student members of NBS must demonstrate an interest in the field of electronic media (including digital technologies, broadcasting, mass communication, radio, television, cable, and/or film.). Alumni/professional members of NBS are involved in the operation of collegiate chapters. They may be chapter advisors, faculty or staff members of collegiate chapters but may not be full-time undergraduate students at schools where a collegiate chapter exists. Alumni/professional members may be members of the National Chapter while affiliated with collegiate chapters.

## **Recognition Materials:**

Those admitted to AERho receive a membership certificate, membership pin, and honor cords following initiation at the national convention. Honor cords may be worn at the member's commencement and other academic ceremonies in accordance with policies of the member's academic institution.

## Benefits of Honor Society Membership

(This is an abridged version of "A Matter of Honor" found on the ACHS website at [www.achsnatl.org/achsbene.asp](http://www.achsnatl.org/achsbene.asp).)

### Reach for Excellence

Honor society membership, like most worthwhile things in life, does not come easily. Therefore, when an invitation to membership arrives, it truly is a *matter of honor*, reflecting exceptional academic achievement and perhaps outstanding campus leadership and service.

Don't let the Greek names fool you. College honor societies are not social clubs or political organizations, nor is membership in them a path to instant success. Honor society members are people—like you—with similar interests and high achievements. They are eager to advance scholarship, ethics, and professionalism in their academic disciplines. Consider these benefits college honor societies offer:

### Recognize Your Outstanding Achievement

Though achievement is its own reward, earning your honor society key or pin demonstrates that you have accomplished something that makes you special and puts you at the top of your chosen field. Having an honor society listed on your resumé provides a tangible sign of your academic success.

### Enrich Your Education

Honor societies, especially those serving a single academic discipline, help to keep members current in their fields through publications and by means of local, state, regional, and national meetings. This service begins during the college years and extends into the alumni programs that many of the societies offer. Whether or not you choose to remain in the field related to your college major, your honor society affiliation broadens your horizons and your education.

### Help You Make Career Choices

Honor societies provide members with more insight into disciplines than can be gained through classroom experience alone. Honor societies help members decide direction for future study and development by sponsoring activities that explore various fields.

### Advance Your Professional Career

Whether you intend to go to graduate school or use your knowledge in industry or the professions, your college honor society key helps open doors. People in your field recognize your membership as a mark of excellence that identifies you as exceptional. An invitation to membership in an honor society is more than a recognition of your success; it is an invitation to excellence. Reach for excellence.

### Federal Employment

In a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply." This affords a tangible acknowledgment of merit.

### Internship Scholarships

Through partnerships with the Washington Internship Institute, The Fund for American Studies, and The Washington Center of Internships and Academic Seminars, student members of each ACHS member society may qualify for scholarships. See links at [www.achsnatl.org/index.asp](http://www.achsnatl.org/index.asp) for more information.

### Partnerships with Other Professional Associations

Relationships have been developed with the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Center for Academic Integrity, the Center for Ethics, the National Collegiate Honors Council, the College Parents of America, among others. These partnerships strengthen the visibility and role of ACHS in the higher education community and the credibility of membership in ACHS member honor societies.

## Membership Process

Student candidates for AERho membership must be elected into chapter membership following the rules of the NBS-AERho constitution, Article 7, Section 7, and any additional processes identified in the local chapter constitution. The Executive Director of NBS-AERho or the President of Alpha Epsilon Rho is empowered to elect to AERho at-large membership qualified persons who are not so situated that their election into AERho membership would be handled normally by an NBS-AERho Chapter. Those persons must meet criteria for membership while applying for "At-Large Membership" and become members in the National Chapter.

## Criteria for Membership

1. Undergraduate candidates (a) shall have completed at least the equivalent of three semesters or five quarters of full-time college work, (b) shall not rank lower than the upper one third of their college class in overall scholarship, as indicated by a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher in all courses as well as a GPA of 3.25 in all electronic media studies courses (on a 4.0 scale).and (c) shall have completed at least three semester courses or five quarter courses in communication, each of at least three credit hours or the equivalent, that may be credited toward a program emphasizing electronic media. Chapter Bylaws may specify higher minimum requirements for undergraduate candidates and also may specify the minimum scholastic standards for undergraduate candidates in terms of the local grading system.
2. Graduate students of programs emphasizing electronic media shall also be eligible for election to Alpha Epsilon Rho membership. Graduate student candidates either (a) shall meet the requirements for undergraduate candidates, based upon their undergraduate records, or (b) shall have completed at least one year of graduate work, meeting departmental standards for satisfactory progress toward an advanced degree.
3. Faculty members, research staff members, and other qualified individuals, either in or nearby the institution in which the NBS-AERho Chapter is located, who are in programs emphasizing electronic media, shall be eligible for election to AERho membership on the basis of their professional record.

## Application and Dues Payment

- 1) An **online Application Form** is located on the NBS-AERho website. The form has to filled-out and submitted online. (AERho lifetime dues can be paid online at this time.)
- 2) A Nomination/Certification Form can be found on the NBS-AERho website.
  - a) The **applicant** prints out an online **Nomination Form** and provides it to the **recommender**.
  - b) The **recommender** fills in the information.
  - c) The recommender or the applicant then **returns the Nomination Form to the NBS national office**. (Send by mail, fax, or scanned and e-mailed.)
- 3) AERho lifetime dues can be paid online (using credit card or PayPal) with the application form or paid by check and sent with the nomination form (if mailed).

## Lifetime Membership Dues

- NBS members
  - \$30 for active NBS members for the early application deadline (November 14, 2017)
  - \$50 for active NBS members for the late application deadline (February 1, 2018)
- Non-NBS members (includes NBS membership for two years)
  - \$130 for active NBS members for the early application deadline (November 14, 2017)
  - \$150 for active NBS members for the late application deadline (February 1, 2018)

