



Nonprofit Academic Centers Council

Nu Lambda Mu International Honors Society

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my Master's Degree/PhD/Concentration/Graduate Certificate qualify as a "nonprofit, philanthropy, and/or social enterprise / entrepreneurship related program"?

Simply put, if the title of your master's degree, PhD program, concentration, or graduate certificate contains the words "nonprofit," "philanthropy," "social enterprise," and/or "social entrepreneurship," your program likely qualifies.

Examples include but are not limited to:

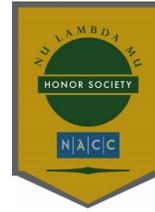
- *Masters of Nonprofit Organizations*
- *Masters of Philanthropic Studies*
- *Masters of Public Administration with a Concentration in Nonprofit Management*

Candidates whose degrees are in public service or related programs will likely be required to provide a brief narrative on how your program directly correlates with the field of nonprofit and/or philanthropy.

If you are unsure if your program qualifies, contact Erin Vokes, Executive Director, at e.vokes@csuohio.edu.

Do I really need to have 100% of the coursework for my graduate certificate completed in order to be eligible?

If you are not specifically enrolled in a nonprofit and/or philanthropy master's degree or PhD program, or if you are not enrolled in a master's degree or PhD program with a nonprofit and/or philanthropy concentration, you must have all of your nonprofit/philanthropy graduate certificate coursework completed at the time of your application.



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In other words, if your only academic connection to nonprofit and/or philanthropy is via a nonprofit and/or philanthropy graduate certificate, you must have all of the coursework needed to earn the certificate completed at the time of your application.

If you are currently enrolled in any coursework required to obtain the nonprofit/philanthropy graduate certificate at the time of your application, you are not eligible for the honors society at this time.

If you will not have this coursework completed until after you have graduated, you are permitted to apply for the honors society after you have graduated.

I have 49% (or less) of my coursework completed for my nonprofit / philanthropy related Master's Degree, PhD, and/or Concentration? Can I apply now?

Not yet. You must wait for the next application cycle during the following semester to apply, as your GPA and other credentials may change between now and then. We offer two enrollment cycles per year—one during the fall semester, and one during the spring semester.

Students should apply during the application cycle in which they will graduate. For example, if you are graduating in the spring or summer, you should apply during the spring application cycle. If you are graduating in the fall or winter, you should apply during the fall application cycle.

Do you allow rounding when determining if the 3.70 GPA requirement is met?

We may make exceptions if your GPA is very close to the 3.7 mark (e.g. 3.65 or above). If your GPA is between 3.65–3.69, please contact Erin Vokes, Executive Director, at e.vokes@csuohio.edu to confirm if you would be eligible.



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Where will my honors cords and certificate be mailed if I am accepted?

The address you provide on your application is the address to where we will ship your materials.*

If you have more than one personal address, be sure to use the one where you will be residing at the time the materials will be shipped (if the Spring semester, materials will be shipped in April); if the Fall semester, materials will be shipped in November).

*In some cases, your University may request that we ship your materials to them directly instead, so your materials can be presented to you at an awards ceremony. Contact your graduate advisor and/or NACC Representative to see if your program has an awards ceremony. If you would like your certificate and honors cords to be presented to you at your awards ceremony, we recommend you have your materials shipped to your university.

Is the application fee refundable?

Unfortunately, the application is **not** refundable under any circumstance. If you apply for membership into the honors society and you are not eligible for induction, we cannot issue you a refund. Please thoroughly review the eligibility requirements and this FAQ guide before you apply to ensure you are eligible for induction.

I don't remember if I paid my application fee yet. What should I do?

Please contact Erin Vokes, Executive Director, at e.vokes@csuohio.edu. We cannot offer refunds under any circumstance, so please do not submit a duplicate payment.



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Do you offer scholarships to help pay for the application fee?

Unfortunately, we do not offer financial assistance at this time.

How do I find out if my program is a NACC Member? Who is my NACC Member Representative?

You can find a list of our NACC Members and your NACC Member Representative [here](#) (current as of September 2018).

Please note that we add new members and new representatives frequently; please contact Erin Vokes, Executive Director, at e.vokes@csuohio.edu if you require additional information.

I've applied! Now what?

Once you've applied, the duty is on you to ensure your academic advisor or your NACC Representative verifies the information you have provided. We cannot make a determination on your eligibility until your advisor or representative has confirmed that your credentials are as described. We recommend you forward them the confirmation email you receive immediately after your application has been submitted.

Your application is also not considered complete until we verify the application fee has been paid.

Your academic information verification and your payment must be received by the application deadline for you to be considered for membership.

If you submit an application and we determine that you are not eligible, or if we require additional information from you to make a decision, we will notify you by email.

We do not notify inductees they have been inducted until after the application process has completely closed (after the deadline). We will send you an official acceptance letter by



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[email approximately one week after the deadline to welcome you to the program if you are inducted.](#)

When will I receive my honors cords and certificate if I am accepted?

We typically ship all materials out approximately two weeks after the application deadline (e.g. if the Spring semester, materials will be shipped in April; if the Fall semester, materials will be shipped in November). Materials should arrive at the address you provided on your application at least one week in advance of your graduation date.

[If you do not receive your materials after 4 weeks following the application deadline, please contact us.](#) This may mean your materials were shipped to your University instead, or your materials were lost in the mail. You should contact us immediately after 4 weeks have passed to ensure we are able to send you a new package in time for graduation. We will make every effort we can to ensure you receive your materials in time for graduation should your materials get lost in the mail, but we cannot guarantee this.