



**Nu Lambda Mu**  
**International Honor Society**  
Nonprofit Academic Centers Council

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## Does my degree/program qualify as a “nonprofit, philanthropy, and/or social enterprise / entrepreneurship related program”?

Simply put, if the title of your major, minor, master’s degree, PhD, concentration, or certificate contains the words “nonprofit,” “philanthropy,” “social enterprise,” and/or “social entrepreneurship,” your program likely qualifies.

### Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- BA in Nonprofit Administration
- Masters of Nonprofit Organizations
- Masters of Philanthropic Studies
- Masters of Public Administration with a Concentration in Nonprofit Management
- Certificate in Nonprofit Management
- Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies
- Minor in Nonprofit Organizations and Public Service

You must be pursuing a certificate, track, major/minor, or concentration to qualify, a few classes focused on nonprofit/philanthropic organizations does not qualify you for Nu Lambda Mu.

If you are unsure if your program qualifies, contact Nicole Collier, Executive Director, at [nicole.e.collier@tamu.edu](mailto:nicole.e.collier@tamu.edu).

## My GPA is a little lower than the requirement. Can I still join?

We may make exceptions if your GPA is very close to the mark (e.g. 3.66 or above for the graduate tier; 3.46 for the undergraduate tier). These decisions are made at the discretion of NLM staff and your academic advisor.

There are occasionally exceptional candidates that have a life circumstance or similar impact their GPA, if so, please have your academic advisor reach out to us to discuss your eligibility.

## I asked my advisor to approve my application, but have not heard back. What do I do?

We understand that the semester is hectic for both students and faculty/staff. As long as you can provide proof that you requested the information a few days before the application closed, and have followed up with them we are willing to give you a few extra days to have them confirm your information. Keep in mind that you may need to send them a reminder email to confirm the information, we all occasionally need a second email during a busy time of the year!

## Is the application fee refundable?

Unfortunately, the application fee is not refundable under any circumstance. If you apply for membership into the honor society and you are not eligible for induction, we cannot issue you a refund. In special circumstances, we will apply your application fee to future semesters if you apply during the wrong application cycle, but it is your responsibility to reach out to us to let us know once you reapply. 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. What should I do?

You should receive receipt of payment via email after paying via our online marketplace. Look through your junk folder to make sure it was not accidentally delivered there. Please contact Nicole Collier, Executive Director, at [nicole.e.collier@tamu.edu](mailto:nicole.e.collier@tamu.edu) for further assistance confirming payment. We, unfortunately, cannot offer refunds under any circumstance, so please do not submit a duplicate payment.

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

**Yes!** If you are unable to pay the application fee, please send a note to Nicole Collier, Executive Director, to inquire about available scholarship funds.

## Who can verify my information?

You can see a list of our member programs [online](#). Please note that we add new members and new representatives frequently; please contact us if you require additional information. Also, you do not have to get confirmation from the member representative, an academic advisor that can verify your gpa is also acceptable!

## I applied! When can I expect to hear back?

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 reported. 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.

We only start to admit students to the honor society after the application cycle is complete.

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 know that the application cycle is a long time and you want to know if you have been accepted, but we appreciate your patience since we are a small team going through many applications!

## I got in! When will I receive my honors cords and certificate?

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. While we try to ship out materials as soon as possible, you may not always receive your materials within that time frame. We appreciate your patience!

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. 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.

## I got in! Where will my honors cords and certificate be mailed?

**\*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

## I've already been inducted into the undergraduate honor society, but now I'm pursuing a graduate degree from a NACC program. Should I apply again?

Yes! If you are a member at the undergraduate level, and you now meet the eligibility requirements for the graduate level, you should apply again. Your lifetime membership at the undergraduate level does not mean you are a member at the graduate level. If you are inducted at the graduate level, you will be issued new honor cords that distinguish you at the graduate level of our honor society, and a new graduate level certificate. You will also be recognized on our website as a member at both tiers of the program.

## I completely missed the deadline, but I'm graduating this semester. Can I apply late?

We must have received at least part of your application in order to consider any late portions of the application. Additionally, you must also reach out to a member of our team to be considered after the stated deadline. Fortunately, alumni are always welcome to apply, so you can be inducted in the next semester even if you missed the deadline this round!

## How can I show that I am part of Nu Lambda Mu online?

We are rolling out online certification for members of the Nu Lambda Mu Honor Society via Badgr. Reach out to Nicole Collier if you would like to receive your online badge. Since many students applied using their school emails, less recent alumni may not have been notified about this new opportunity.