

ESTABLISHING A CHAPTER*

Eligible Institutions

All colleges and universities duly recognized and designated as institutions which provide a major in Agricultural and/or Extension Education are eligible to establish an ATA chapter.

Petitioning for a Chapter

The petition for a chapter should originate with undergraduate students who have chosen a major in Agricultural or Extension Education. The petition must have the approval of the Dean/Head of the College of Agriculture or College of Education of its respective institution.

The petitioning chapter must be organized and present a written formal application to the national secretary-treasurer of Alpha Tau Alpha.

Approval

The name of a petitioning chapter, along with appropriate information, shall be sent to the active chapters by the national secretary-treasurer. All chapters are to reply within 30 days from receipt of the ballot. Non-receipt of a reply shall constitute an affirmative vote. Two dissenting chapter votes shall prevent a petitioning chapter's admission to the national organization.

Installation

The national president may designate an installation team from a nearby active chapter. A national officer or an alumnus of the organization may be designated as the installing officer. The wishes and desires of the petitioning chapter will be given consideration in the selection of an installing team or officer(s), the date for the ceremony, and other installation details.

Fees

The new chapter is required to defray one-half of the expenses of the installation team or officer(s). The national treasury shall contribute the remaining half.

Upon installation, the new chapter shall pay the national treasury a charter fee (see Article VIII, Section V of the National Constitution). The secretary of the new chapter shall forward the national initiation fee for each initiate (see Article IV, Section I of the National By-Laws). The new chapter shall have the privilege of fixing local initiation fees and annual dues as necessary to cover local chapter maintenance.

The initiation form, which may be obtained from the national secretary-treasurer, the chapter charter fee, and membership dues for each initiate should be forwarded to the

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national secretary-treasurer soon after the installation ceremony. Subsequent initiations are reported on the same forms.

ATA Initiation Materials

Official materials and insignia may be obtained from the national secretary-treasurer. A list of materials available may be found in the section "Official Insignia of Alpha Tau Alpha".

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