

Alpha Gamma Sigma – Gamma Rho Chapter
College of the Redwoods
Application & Dues Membership Form

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN & DATE ON THE REVERSE SIDE. DUES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR ARE \$25 PAYABLE AT THE CASHIER'S WINDOW IN THE ADMISSIONS BUILDING (STAPLE RECEIPT TO THE APPLICATION FORM). CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA.

*This form must be completed with receipt **and** an unofficial transcript (showing current semester enrollment) attached and returned to the AGS Mailbox (FM 200) by March 12, 2004 (Spring Semester) to qualify for the 2003-2004 academic school year. Dues are on an annual basis whether joining in the fall or in the spring.

Membership Categories and Requirements: (By-Laws of Alpha Gamma Sigma, Inc. & Gamma Rho Chapter)

Article II, Section 1: Temporary Membership (High School Students):

- a) All life members of the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) shall be invited to join AGS during their first semester at College of the Redwoods (CR).
- b) A high school student who does not qualify for membership under the CSF option may apply for temporary membership if he/she has completed at least six units of Advanced Placement (AP) coursework.
- c) Temporary membership will only apply during the first semester at CR, after which time the member must apply for initial membership.

Article II, Section 2: Initial Membership:

- a) A student may attain initial membership upon completion of 12 semester units in a maximum of two semesters and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 at any accredited college.
- b) Units acquired more than two years prior to application for initial membership shall not be used prohibitively to prevent the student from attaining membership.

Article II, Section 3: Continuing Membership:

- a) An initial member may attain continuing membership by completing at least six units in the previous semester with a GPA of 3.3 and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better.
- b) Grace Period: A grace period is defined as the semester in which a member who has fallen below the membership requirements can still retain all the rights and privileges of membership. Members who do not fulfill the membership requirements during a grace period will no longer be eligible for membership and must reapply for membership another semester. Continuing members will receive only one semester's grace period. (*Refer to the Gamma Rho Bylaws for specific information.*)
- d) Any student transferring from another accredited college with an AGS membership will be granted membership in the Gamma Rho Chapter upon completion of the application process.

Article II, Section 4: Permanent Membership:

- a) Any continuing member may attain permanent membership by:
 - i) Completing a minimum of 60 semester units of college courses, with a minimum of 30 units completed at a community college [college courses and non-traditional coursework must have a CR equivalent and be accepted by the advisor(s)].
 - ii) Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better in all recognized college work

during their first semester as a continuing member **OR** maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or better in all recognized college work after their first semester as a continuing member.

- iii) Petitioning to the advisor(s) for permanent membership by filling out the permanent member application. Advisor(s) must verify eligibility for permanent membership.

Article II, Section 5: *Alumnus Membership:* Any permanent member shall be considered an alumnus member.

Article III, Section 1: *Service Points:* Active continuing members must complete a total of 16 or 20 service points per semester. Initial members must complete a total of nine service points per semester.

- a) In order to maintain active membership status in AGS, each continuing member will be required to earn at least 16 or 20 points per semester depending on the service point option the member chooses to follow.
- b) If a member chooses to earn 16 points, four points must be earned by attending AGS meetings and 12 points earned by participating in AGS service projects.
- c) If a member chooses to earn 20 points, all 20 points must be earned by participating in AGS service projects. Under this option, a member will not be required to attend AGS meetings.
- d) Initial members can earn 11 points by attending meetings or participating in projects.
 - i) An initial member must earn all 11 points in order to become a continuing member.
- e) A temporary member can earn five points by attending meetings or participating in projects.
 - i) A temporary member must earn all five points in order to become an initial member.
- f) Points may be obtained in the following ways:
 - i) Attending AGS general, special, and/or executive meetings = 1 point
 - ii) One hour of work in AGS service activities = 1 point
 - iii) Holding an elected or appointed position = 5 points/semester
 - iv) Members may also have the opportunity to earn points by performing duties above and beyond the scope of their normal responsibilities.
 - v) Points earned for holding an office or representative position will be applied towards AGS service projects.
- g) A continuing member who falls below the required 16 or 20 points in a semester, but attains at least 12 points, can remain a continuing member; however, that member will automatically be placed on a grace period.
- h) Continuing members who fail to earn 16 or 20 points each semester (with the exception of those on a grace period) will be dismissed from AGS and denied the AGS notation on their transcript. Any appeals towards a dismissal may be heard and voted upon by the Executive Board, passing with a simple majority.

I (print name) _____ have read the above requirements and would like to submit my name and dues for membership consideration in the Gamma Rho Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, Incorporated, a California Community College Honor Scholarship Society.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Received from _____ on _____ the amount of \$25 for Alpha Gamma Sigma dues for the _____ academic year.

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card (A \$2.00 fee will be applied to credit cards.)

Signed _____ Title: _____
(authorized AGS Officer) (2nd Vice President or Treasurer)