

Nu Rho Psi THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN NEUROSCIENCE

National Office: Baldwin Wallace University, 275 Eastland Road, Berea, OH 44017-2088 Tel: 440.826.8526

Membership Application

**For chapter records and verification only
Do not send to National Office.**

Name: _____ Student I.D. no. _____

Current mailing address: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City, State, Zip

Phone no.: _____ E-mail: _____

Classification: Undergraduate Graduate Student Estimate date of graduation: _____

Race/Ethnicity: Asian/Pacific Islander [AP] Black/African American [AA] Hispanic/Latino [HL]
 Mixed Racial Background [MR] Native American/ Alaskan American [NA] White/Caucasian [CA]

Gender: Female Male

Neuroscience Courses Taken To Date

<u>Course name & number</u>	<u>No.Credit hours</u>	<u>Grade received</u>
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		
8. _____		
9. _____		
10. _____		

Cumulative GPA: _____ GPA in Neuroscience-related courses*: _____
*(Contact your faculty advisor for a list of Neuroscience-related courses.)

I hereby authorize the Nu Rho Psi faculty advisor to review my college records for the sole purpose of determining my eligibility for becoming a member of Nu Rho Psi.

Applicant Signature Date: _____

Please return this form to _____(Chapter advisor / officer / mailbox)
We are pleased to offer you this opportunity to apply for membership in Nu Rho Psi. We will contact you once your eligibility has been verified.

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What is *Nu Rho Psi*¹?

Nu Rho Psi is the National Honor Society in Neuroscience, founded in 2006 by the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience. The purpose of *Nu Rho Psi* is to: (1) encourage professional interest and excellence in scholarship, particularly in neuroscience; (2) award recognition to students who have achieved such excellence in scholarship; (3) advance the discipline of neuroscience; (4) encourage intellectual and social interaction between students, faculty, and professionals in neuroscience and related fields; (5) promote career development in neuroscience and related fields; (6) increase public awareness of neuroscience and its benefits for the individual and society; and (7) encourage service to the community.

Who may join?

Membership is by invitation and is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are making the study of Neuroscience one of their major interests and who meet the other academic qualifications.

Nu Rho Psi is also open to qualifying Neuroscience faculty and alumni of Neuroscience programs.

Requirements for membership include:

- Major, minor, other emphasis in Neuroscience
- Completion of at least 3 semesters of the College course
- Completion of at least 9 semester hours of Neuroscience-related courses
- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.2 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in Neuroscience courses

Students and faculty are elected to membership by the chapter at participating institutions, according to the provisions in the national *Nu Rho Psi* Constitution and locally adopted By-Laws. Any chapter, at its discretion, may establish higher academic standards for eligibility, but may not require lower standards for eligibility. Membership in *Nu Rho Psi* is open to qualified candidates regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, race handicap or disability, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

What are the benefits of membership?

Nu Rho Psi membership provides recognition of verified academic excellence in the interdisciplinary field of neuroscience. Students who become members of *Nu Rho Psi* are selected based on their superior scholarly accomplishments as well as their excellent work in the laboratory. *Nu Rho Psi* membership is for life and it is often a springboard for the networking and collaboration of like-minded colleagues interested in the study of the brain. Our members are provided opportunities to form professional relationships that carry them through their careers in neuroscience. There are both regional and national *Nu Rho Psi* meetings where young neuroscientists from around the country gather to share scientific findings. *Nu Rho Psi* offers competitive travel awards for members to attend and present their research at the annual Society for Neuroscience meeting. *Nu Rho Psi* facilitates the mentoring of our members through publications (e.g. *The Nu Rho Psi Guide to Graduate School in Neuroscience*) and other outreach activities of the Society. News and additional information about benefits are available to members via the *Nu Rho Psi* online newsletter. *Nu Rho Psi* is currently building an Endowment Fund aimed at providing small grants to facilitate our member's senior theses or summer research projects. Members receive membership certificates and lapel pins as an indication of the honor they have earned.

¹ *Nu Rho Psi* is a tax exempt [501(c)(3)] public charity incorporated in the state of Ohio. The Honor Society has a small part-time staff and is managed by a member-elected National Council consisting of student and faculty volunteers from many Colleges and Universities throughout the United States.