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## PUBLICATIONS

The *Chi Beta Phi Record*, publishes features, scientific articles, book reviews, essays, award winners, the Honorary financial report, and the minutes of the preceding National Conference.

## AWARDS

The Honorary presents annual awards at the National Conference, such as the “Outstanding Chapter Award”, the “Blackwell Distance Award” (to the chapter bringing the most members the farthest distance to National Conference), and the “Host Award”. Also, the “National Key Award” is presented annually to the most outstanding student member selected from nominations received from local chapters. Other awards are conceived and presented by the individual chapters.

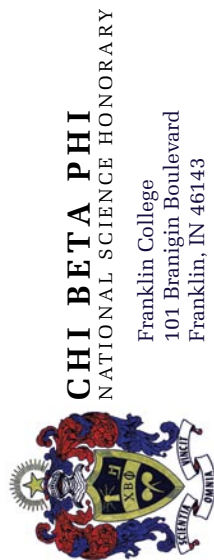
## GRANTS

Grants of up to \$250 are available to support original research. All members from chapters in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients are expected to present their results at National Conference. Presentations at the National Conference are judged and the top three receive cash awards of \$100, \$75, and \$50. All eligible presenters receive a grant of \$20.

### for more information

*To learn more about Chi Beta Phi National Science Honorary, speak to the faculty advisor for your school's chapter or consult the Honorary's website:*

[www.ChiBetaPhi.org](http://www.ChiBetaPhi.org)



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NATIONAL SCIENCE HONORARY



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Chi Beta Phi is a scientific honorary for undergraduates. An affiliate society of The American Association for the Advancement of Science since 1935, the object of this organization is to promote interest in science and to give recognition to scholarly attainment in science. Members participate together in events of scientific interest and wholesome fellowship. Prominent among several outstanding features of the organization is the fact that activities of the Honorary are not

restricted to any one particular discipline of the scientific field but reflect endeavors in all areas of science.

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Therefore, the novice student of science is exposed at a crucial time in their college career to the many possibilities offered by several scientific areas of study, while the advanced student is afforded an opportunity to keep abreast of important advancements in science outside of their specialized field of interest.

## organization

The units of the Honorary are the Grand Chapter, consisting of five members who are designated as the Board of Directors of the organization, and the local chapters holding charters issued by the Grand Chapter. The government of the Honorary is vested in an annual national business conference and in the Grand Chapter. The business conference is composed of the Grand Officers and one delegate from each chapter. In the interim between meetings of the national convention, the Grand Chapter is the ruling body, although any action of the Grand Chapter is subject to recall by a three-fourths majority vote of the chapters.

## membership

Chi Beta Phi consists of regular, honorary, and associate members, who have received acceptance into the membership of an affiliated chapter. A member may be an undergraduate student, graduate student, alumnus of, or teacher in the institution in which the chapter is located. In addition, they must show a marked interest in science and have a scholastic average in all college and/or university courses and in all science courses, taken prior to election to chapter membership, higher than that required for graduation by institution, although a higher average may be required by any chapter. Membership is for life and requires payment of only one national life membership fee. Chapter dues and initiation fees are regulated by the individual chapters.

## benefits

Chi Beta Phi membership is a symbol of high achievement in the sciences. Participation in the Honorary is recognized by potential employers and graduate schools as an indication of leadership in science. Research grants are available to members on a competitive basis to support research. Membership provides an opportunity to present the results of their research at the National Convention and publish their findings in *The Chi Beta Phi Record*.

## history

Chi Beta Phi was conceived by **John Howard Greene** during his senior year at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA. While working in the laboratory, Mr. Greene conceived the idea of a general science fraternity which would **give to undergraduates special opportunities** to discuss the latest achievements in science and the outstanding problems in his field of endeavor. With the assistance of his classmates and three professors in the science departments of Randolph-Macon, and with faculty approval, the Fraternity was **organized in April, 1916**. For four years Chi Beta Phi existed as a local organization. However, during the school year 1920-21, an **expansion program was inaugurated** and three chapters were installed (College of William and Mary, Hampton Sydney College, and Emory University). On May 5th and 6th, 1922, the first National Convention was held in Williamsburg, VA.

The Fraternity steadily continued to grow through the years and on May 13, 1925, Chi Beta Phi became a **chartered National organization**. On May 27, 1935, Chi Beta Phi was **approved as an associated society** by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Chi Beta Phi was a society for men until May 11, 1939, when it merged with the sister society Chi Beta Phi-Sigma and became Chi Beta Phi National Science Fraternity. In 1999 the National Conference **approved a name change** to Chi Beta Phi National Science Honorary.

Today the Honorary consists of **more than 25 chapters** located throughout the eastern United States. It has a growing membership which numbers over 10,000.

