

What makes an Active Brother?

“Active Membership” is not simply an adjective, but a type of status that marks you as someone that has fulfilled your responsibilities to the National Fraternity, your chapter and your band program.

Minimum requirements for each Active Brother:

- Payment of national dues on time every year. (Currently, these are \$85 per member. The price is reviewed each biennium at National Convention.)
- Enrollment in your university band program. You and your director of bands will determine what type of enrollment fulfills this requirement.
- Enrollment in your University.
- Compliance with all regulations of the National Constitution and National Policy Statements and your Chapter Constitution. (If you have questions about these regulations, speak with your sponsor, District Governors, and/or the National Council.)

Recommended steps:

- Attendance at District and National conventions.
- Visiting and/or corresponding with Brothers from other chapters.
- Pursuing opportunities through the Fraternity and your band program to build your musicianship, develop your leadership skills, and attain positive recognition for you and your chapter's activities.

A sample calendar of district and national dates

This listing shows what you may expect in a typical year for deadlines and events.

30 September: Active Member Dues and Chapter Fee due at National Headquarters for Chapters beginning school *before* September 15th.

15 October: Active Member Dues and Chapter Fee due at National Headquarters for Chapters beginning school *after* September 15th.

1 November: *Podium* articles due. (National publication)

1 December: Fall Activity Report due to National HQ, District Governor and District President.

1 January: Deadline for all National Kappa Kappa Psi awards.

January and February: District specific leadership conferences, Area Workshops, Block meetings, State/Precinct days. (These events are specific to your District and locations shift each year).

March or April: District convention.

1 May: *Podium* articles due.

1 June: Chapter Summary Report due to National HQ, District Governor and District President.
Forms are available at <http://www.kkpsi.org>.

July (odd numbered years): National Convention

July (even numbered years): Leadership Symposium

What makes an Active Chapter?

“Active status” for a chapter is also not simply an adjective, but a type of status that denotes that your chapter is in active service to your band program and has fulfilled your responsibilities to the National Fraternity.

Minimum requirements for each Active Chapter:

- Paying of the chapter fee on time every year. (Currently, this is \$75. The price is reviewed each biennium at National Convention.)
- Recognizing as Active Members only those who have fulfilled their responsibilities as listed on this handout.
- Complying with all regulations of the National Constitution, National Policy Statements and your Chapter Constitution. (If you have questions about these regulations, you may speak with your sponsor, governors, and/or the National Council.)
- Maintaining a positive relationship with your band program and with your director of bands.
- Being a positive service leader within your band program, prioritizing service to bands above all other activities.
- Submitting a Chapter Summary Report (due 1 June) and Fall Activity Report (due 1 December) to National Headquarters.
- Sending representatives to all District and National Conventions.
- Maintaining a high-quality Membership Education Program that teaches future Brothers the values of Kappa Kappa Psi and the responsibilities of membership.
- Responding to National and District requests in a timely manner.

Recommended steps for each Active Chapter:

- High numbers of attendees at National and District conventions.
- Visiting or hosting events with other chapters.
- Writing articles about your activities for National and District publications.
- Participating in other District programs when they are announced by district leaders.

If you fulfill all required and recommended steps at every opportunity, and take care with your work, you will keep yourself eligible for many National and District awards.

Tools for Active Chapters

The following materials should always be up to date and easily available for Active Brothers so you can fulfill your obligations easily. National publications and resources are available on <http://www.kkpsi.org> under the “Chapter Resources” section.

- Guide to Membership
- Membership Education Teaching Guide
- Chapter Operations Handbook
- National Historian’s Guide
- Ritual and Ceremonies
- National Constitution
- District Constitution
- Chapter Constitution