

# Alpha Mu Gamma

## The National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society

### APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY



Alpha Mu Gamma is the first and largest national collegiate foreign language honor society of the United States. It was established on April 29, 1931 at Los Angeles City College by five members of the College foreign language faculty. These five members recognized the need for a society to honor achievement in all foreign languages at an early stage in the student's career. The interest shown by the other colleges and universities inspired an almost immediate expansion into a national organization. More than 307 chapters exist in the United States, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Chapters are found both in state and private universities, four years as well as two years colleges. The Society has grown so large because it honors excellence in ALL languages so that it encompasses all foreign groups. Please see visit our website page for more details about AMG:

<http://www.lacitycollege.edu/academic/honor/amg/homepage.html>

Alpha Mu Gamma has as its primary purpose the honoring of students for outstanding achievement during their first year of foreign language study in college. However, students may be admitted at any stage in their college careers. Upon initiation a member receives a parchment certificate of membership and may wear the scroll-shaped gold key or pin.

Activities of the Society are: 1) the publication of the quarterly Newsletter; 2) biennial national conventions; 3) regional conferences at which students are able to meet others who share their interest in foreign languages; 4) chapter meetings and special chapter activities of every sort; 5) the sponsorship of National Foreign Language Week; 6) distribution of its posters each year in celebration of the Week; and 7) the annual awarding of five scholarships:

1. Three Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski Scholarships (\$750) for any foreign language study.
2. One Laval University Summer Tuition Scholarship plus AMG stipend (\$400) for one month (July-August) of intensive French study in Quebec Canada.
3. One James Fonseca Scholarship (\$400) for the study of Esperanto or Spanish.

Use this form to apply for either Full or Associate Student Membership. Alpha Mu Gamma is anxious to enroll all eligible students but because the requirements are quite high, it is necessary to subject each applicant to an intensive check. Therefore, if you are interested in becoming a Full or Associate Member, we must ask you to fill out the application as completely as possible

**Please email your completed application as an attachment to Dr. Alice Speh in Main Hall Room 150 no later than 12 pm on Thursday, March 13. You must turn in your application via email for it to be considered. No application fee is required at this time; the funds will be requested after you are accepted as a candidate for initiation.**

**NOTE: You are eligible for candidacy even if you have completed only 1 semester of language study, as long as you received at least an A- in that course. Simply have your professor in the 2<sup>nd</sup> course email Dr. Speh directly ([aspeh@wcupa.edu](mailto:aspeh@wcupa.edu)) to verify the quality of your performance in the subsequent level, as requested on the application form.**

# Alpha Mu Gamma – Zeta Rho Chapter

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### I. Preliminary Questions

1. Have you completed or will you have completed by the end of the current term one full college academic year?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Have you received two grades of "A" in college level foreign language or American Sign Language courses?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Do you have a Grade Point Average of "B" (3.0) or higher in all completed college level courses not including the two foreign language or American Sign Language courses in the above question?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. If you are a native of non-English speaking country, have you received two grades of "A" in college level English or English as Second Language (ESL) courses?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>

### II. Instruction for Application

**If you answered "Yes" to above questions 1 and 3, and either 2 or 4:**

1. Fill out part III completely
2. If you have taken language courses elsewhere than WCU, attach **unofficial transcript** from each institution where the foreign language, American Sign Language, and/or English/ESL courses were taken
3. Provide verification of current term foreign language, American Sign Language, or English/ESL courses. **IF you are currently enrolled in your 2<sup>nd</sup> college-level** foreign language class, please have your professor email Dr. Speh ([aspeh@wcupa.edu](mailto:aspeh@wcupa.edu)) to confirm your current grade average in the class.
4. If you are approved for membership, you will be asked to submit a one-time fee to cover membership fee and the initiation ceremony.
5. **Please return this form to Dr. Alice Speh ([aspeh@wcupa.edu](mailto:aspeh@wcupa.edu)) by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Decisions will be announced by Wednesday, March 26 via email. Please provide a current WCU email address!**
6. **Initiation will take place during April, 2014. This is a festive event, and your family and friends are invited!**

\*Grades offered in satisfaction of the requirements shall be the equivalent of two college level courses, three semester units each in the target language

\*Any chapter may adopt for itself higher, but not lower, requirements than those listed above

### III. Applicant Information

Last name	First name
Student ID #	Major:
Street address:	City:
State:	ZIP code:
Email:	Phone:
Name the one specific language(s) in which you wish to be a candidate.	

List all completed foreign language, American Sign Language, or English/ESL courses. Do not include courses which you are taking current term. Indicated the institution where each course was taken and the grade received.

Course name and number	Institution	Grade

List the foreign language, American Sign Language, or English/ESL courses you are **currently taking** at the institution where you are applying for Alpha Mu Gamma. **IF THIS IS YOUR SECOND COLLEGE-LEVEL FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSE**, Have your professors verify your midterm progress grades. If you are under the quarter system, do not fill out below.

Course name and number	Verifying Signature	Grade

**Brief Essay: (a blank sheet is included for your response)**

The guiding principle of Alpha Mu Gamma is to encourage "sympathetic understanding of other peoples."

1) How do you think our organization can help to realize this goal at WCU? Name a couple of specific activities related to international topics and/or foreign languages that you think would appeal to students at WCU. 2) What skills, interests, qualities, etc. can you contribute to the organization? 3) Do you participate in other student organizations? Please list them, if so.

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**IV. Action on Candidacy**

1. The requirement in question I-2 have been verified	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. The requirement in question I-4 has been verified	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

3. The sponsor/advisor (or other faculty member making this verification) report that the applicant is:	Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>	Ineligible <input type="checkbox"/>
4. The Committee has reached the following decision:		

Note: When the student is eligible, this form should be retained in the chapter files as a permanent record. When the student is ineligible, the form should be returned to the applicant to inform the reason for ineligibility.