

Why Should I Join Tau Sigma? FAQs



- **Nationally recognized membership:** Tau Sigma is a nationally recognized academic honor society exclusively for transfer students.
- **Distinguished honor recognizing your academic excellence as a transfer student:** There are many studies dedicated to “Transfer Shock” - a decline in a student’s GPA the first semester after they transfer to another college. Your eligibility to join Tau Sigma shows that you defied the odds and earned an excellent GPA as you transitioned to a new university. Designation as a member of Tau Sigma shows that you are among the most accomplished transfer students on campus!
- **Lifetime membership:** Once you pay your fees and are inducted, you are considered a lifetime member of Tau Sigma, no further dues are required. This means that you can still participate with the local chapter even if you have graduated from the university. Once you join, your level of participation is up to you- you can choose to attend as many meetings as your schedule allows. Meetings are encouraged but not mandatory, as we understand that our students have busy schedules.
- **National Scholarship Contest:** Each year, the national headquarters of Tau Sigma hosts a scholarship contest, awarding scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500! A student from the UNT chapter was awarded a scholarship last year and was able to apply this toward her first year of graduate school.

“I submitted my application to be considered for the Tau Sigma Scholarship because even though I knew that the odds of winning are not probable, I still thought I should try and see if I could be selected. To my elation, I won! Out of the many other scholarships that came in nationwide, they chose mine! I was beyond surprised and so incredibly grateful because any money towards college is a gift! The Tau Sigma scholarship allowed me to pay for books, school supplies, and part of my tuition! I am so thankful that I applied and it has only motivated me to keep trying and applying to as many scholarships as I can!” Olivia N., Scholarship winner

- **Local chapter Executive Board:** The Kappa chapter has an active Executive Board that allows students to gain leadership experience in various roles such as President, Secretary, Community Service Chair, etc. The executive board is very active, ensuring that transfer students have a strong voice and presence on campus. In addition to reoccurring chapter meetings, they plan monthly socials to encourage the members to network with each other. The organization also promotes community service as our members take part in on- and off-campus service projects that give back to our community.
- **If a student fails to respond to the initial invitation for membership, can he/she join at a later date?** Unfortunately, no. With as many chapters and members as we deal with each year, we are currently not equipped to handle membership additions throughout the year for each chapter.
- **What if a member’s GPA falls below 3.5? Does this person lose their membership?** No. While we hope that members will continue to strive for academic excellence, the member has a lifetime membership that is based only on their first term GPA or standing among the incoming transfers.