

# ΑΓΣ *Alpha Gamma Sigma*

Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Iota Chapter



Dear Honor Student:

Congratulations! Your grades may qualify you for membership in **Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society**, Iota Chapter at Citrus College.

AGS is an active, California state community college scholastic honor society that provides members with opportunities for service, leadership and scholarship. AGS Honor Society membership is available to all Citrus students who have completed at least 12 units of college courses with current cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

The Iota chapter at Citrus was established in 1927 and has been a vital and active campus club for 92 years. Members are students from all campus majors. They are a diverse group who enjoy the opportunity to be active on campus, in the community and often become campus leaders. AGS provides members with opportunities to plan, prepare, lead and participate in social service, scholarship and leadership activities. AGS conferences in both fall and spring include inspiring speakers and workshops and are open to all members. Alpha Gamma Sigma seeks to help students in finding and achieving their goals by fostering incentives toward scholastic achievements and volunteerism.

**Alpha Gamma Sigma membership offers many benefits including:**

- Special Recognition of Permanent Membership at Graduation Ceremonies
- Membership in AGS noted on your transcript
- Participation in activities on campus and community service activities
- Opportunities to be eligible for AGS statewide scholarships
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills, good character and judgment

For more about this outstanding California community college academic organization, please see the state AGS website at [www.ags-honor.org](http://www.ags-honor.org).

AGS members meet every other week. Please join us and see for yourself what AGS Honor Society is all about and how you can be a more involved member of your campus community. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to active membership in the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Iota Chapter.

Sincerely  
The Iota Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma,  
Citrus Community College

# ALL ABOUT AGS

## WHAT IS AGS?

Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) is the California Community College Honor Society. The chapter of AGS at Citrus College is known as the Iota Chapter. The Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) supports AGS activities therefore to be a member of AGS you **must** join the Associated Students of Citrus College.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in AGS is based on the previous semester(s) work. Members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

## DUES

The dues which are assessed go primarily for scholarship awards and state membership. Other minor expenses include printing, mailing and activities. To remain current, members must submit dues by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) week of each primary term.

## TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All members of AGS are "Temporary Members," until they have fulfilled the requirements and applied for Permanent Membership. Neither temporary nor permanent membership in AGS is "automatic". Temporary membership may be applied for each semester if the student meets the following requirements;

### **For a full-time student in the previous semester:**

- Twelve or more units completed the previous semester
- No less than a 3.0 GPA with no grade lower than a "C"

### **For a part-time student in the previous semester:**

- Six to 11 1/2 units completed the previous semester
- No less than a 3.25 GPA with no grade lower than a "C"

### **Associate Temporary**

- During their first semester at Citrus, life members from the high school CSF, NHS (or equivalent), and/or graduated with a 3.5 non-weighted GPA may join as a temporary member

### **Application Procedure**

- Applications are available in the Student Affairs Office in the Campus Center and the Counseling Office
- Applications must be approved by an advisor with verification of GPA
- Submit application (with dues) and show ASCC sticker at Student Business Office in the Campus Center

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

### **Temporary**

Temporary membership does not require service hours; however, the members are encouraged to participate in the completion of the service hours required for the goal of permanent membership. Members are required to pay assessed dues and attempt to complete 30-45 hours of service for permanent membership by the end of 2-3 semesters (as based on GPA). These service hours must be approved by AGS board or advisor.

### **Retroactive**

- Normally, students join AGS for their work completed in the previous semester. If you were unable to join, you may do so retroactively.
- For further information regarding Retroactive Membership contact an advisor.

**Grace Period** - If a person is a member one semester, but grades fall below 3.0 the next semester, the student may join on a grace period during which time the grades must be brought up to the appropriate level.

### **PERMANENT - "Graduation with Honors"**

An appointment must be made with the Eligibility Advisor. **A separate application for permanent membership is required.** Apply during the semester in which you will complete 60 units of college level work.

### **Eligibility for Permanent Membership**

You must have 60 units completed **and:**

A **cumulative** GPA of 3.25- 3.49, with three semesters AGS membership and 45 total service hours

- 20 hours AGS related
- 15 hours community service related
- 10 hours optional (AGS or community service related)

### **OR**

A **cumulative** GPA of 3.5 or better, with two semesters AGS membership, and 30 total service hours

- 20 hours AGS related
- 10 hours community service related

Upon obtaining permanent membership in AGS, your transcript will be stamped indicating permanent membership and you can purchase a gold stole to wear at commencement. You will receive an AGS seal for your diploma.

# **ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA**

## **Service Hour Requirements**

The philosophy behind service hours is that education also takes place outside of the classroom and the honor student is one who has a broad base of educational experiences. Service hours are required in order to be eligible for Permanent Membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma.

### **Service hour requirements:**

Eligibility for Permanent Membership

A cumulative GPA of 3.25- 3.49: 45 total service hours

- 20 hours AGS related
- 15 hours community service related
- 10 hours optional (AGS or community service related)

OR

- A cumulative GPA of 3.5+: 30 total service hours
- 20 hours AGS related
- 10 hours community service related

### **Service Hour Definitions & Verification**

- Service hours are non-paid and non-credit activities.
- Service hour logs are to be submitted to the Vice President the first Friday of every month.
- Service hours are to be verified by memo or letter, for non-AGS activities, and by signature of officer, advisor or another member, during AGS events.

### **Service Hour Suggestions**

▪ Attendance at any general, executive or committee meeting	1 hr. per meeting
▪ For being elected and serving as an officer	10 hours
▪ For serving as a Committee Chair	5 hours
▪ Manning tables/booths (at Club Rush, pizza sales, etc.)	1 per hr. worked
▪ Community service (volunteer, non-paid/non-credit work for a group or organization.)	1 per hr. worked
▪ Attendance and participation at an AGS State Convention	1 per hr participation time
▪ Attendance and participation at the AGS Regional Conference	1 per hr participation time
▪ On-campus volunteer work*	1 per hr. worked
▪ Non-paid tutoring*	1 per hr. worked
▪ For participation in blood drive program	2 hours per donation
▪ Per new AGS member recruited	2 per new member
▪ For serving as an officer of another club, student government, or as editor of the campus newspaper upon written verification	5 hours
▪ For membership in another club or the newspaper staff	1 hour
▪ For membership on any of our college athletic teams. (To be applied for during the semester [season] of participation and upon written verification by coach.)	5 hours
▪ For making telephone calls, (member update calls, solicitation for AGS, etc.)	1 per 5 calls completed
▪ Typing, clerical work, mailings, etc. for AGS	1 per hr. worked

\* Requires written verification

This list is far from being complete, though approval for any particular activity should be obtained beforehand. Some AGS awards and scholarships are based on the highest number of service hours earned during the active semester. There is no limit on how many service hours a member can earn.

# AGS Alpha Gamma Sigma

**The California Community College Honor Society  
Iota Chapter, Citrus College  
Application for Temporary Membership**

**PROCEDURE**

**Approval:**

Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) is the California Community College Honor Society. The Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) support AGS activities, therefore to be a member of AGS you **must** pay your Student Services Fee, joining the Associated Students of Citrus College.

Temporary and Retroactive membership applications are approved through the AGS Advisor. Present this application and a copy of your grade report from last semester (or transcripts with those grades) to the advisor for approval. (**Note:** There is a service hour requirement which **must** be met for Permanent Membership.)

**Dues:**

- Students pay dues at the Student Services Cashier Window during operating hours  
\*\*Applicant **MUST** present the current semester's ASCC sticker when paying dues.

**NOTE:** In the semester prior to graduation it is **your responsibility** to apply for **PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP if you qualify** - it is **not granted automatically**. Apply for permanent membership with the Eligibility Advisor in the Counseling office.

**Applications Due: Fall: Friday November 6, 2020 & Spring: Friday, May 7, 2020**

Semester of Application:  Fall  Spring \_\_\_\_\_(year)

Previous Semester: GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Units \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a member before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many semesters have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Citrus College ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type:  Active (\$25)  Retroactive (\$25/Semester) Total due: \_\_\_\_\_

I expect to graduate/transfer:  Fa  Sp  Su Year \_\_\_\_\_

I was referred by \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ASCC Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

Status  Active  
 I/R  
 Probation