

# AGS *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 an active campus organization for 94 years. Members are a diverse group of students from all campus majors who enjoy opportunities to plan and participate in social service, scholarship and leadership activities. AGS conferences, which are open to all members, in both fall and spring include inspiring speakers and workshops. Alpha Gamma Sigma seeks to help students in find and achieve 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
- Permanent Membership in AGS noted on your transcript
- Participation in activities on campus and community service activities
- Eligibility 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 AGS website at [www.ags-iota.com](http://www.ags-iota.com).

AGS members meet every Friday, during the semester with the exception of weeks when AGS officers meet. Come 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.

## Membership

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

## Dues

Dues go primarily towards funding scholarship awards and state membership. Other minor expenses include printing, mailing and AGS activities. For the 2021-2022 year, membership fees are \$10 per semester.

## Types of Membership

### **Temporary**

Temporary membership does not require service hours, however, the members are encouraged to begin completing the service hours required for the goal of permanent membership, 30-45 hours of service for permanent membership by the end of 2-3 semesters (as based on GPA). Members are required to pay dues. Service hours must be approved by an AGS advisor.

### **Grace Period**

If a member's GPA falls below 3.0 the following semester, the student is allowed a grace period of one semester 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.

## 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;

### **If the previous semester was full time:**

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

### **If the previous semester was part time:**

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

### **For First Semester Students**

- During their first semester at Citrus, anyone who earned life membership 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**

- Obtain an application form from the Student Affairs Office in the Campus Center and the Counseling office, website
- Submit the application and unofficial transcripts to an AGS advisor for approval
- Submit the receipt from the advisor along with dues to cashier's office for payment

## Permanent Membership Requirements

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

A **cumulative** GPA of 3.25- 3.49, with three or more semesters (the semesters can be non-consecutive) of AGS membership and 45 total service hours

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

**OR**

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

- 20 AGS service hours
- 10 hours community service hours

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

## Let's Keep in Touch!

Website: <https://www.ags-iota.com/>

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# **ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA**

## **Service Hour Requirements**

Service hours are required in order to be eligible for Permanent Membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma. The philosophy behind service hours is that education also takes place outside of the classroom. Honor students are those who have broad ranges of educational experiences.

### **Service hour requirements:**

#### ***Permanent Membership Requirements***

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

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

OR

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

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

- Service hours are non-paid and non-credit activities.
- Service hour logs are to be submitted electronically.
- Service hours are to be verified by memo or letter for non-AGS activities, and by signature of officer, advisor, for AGS events.

### **Service Hour Suggestions**

<b><i>AGS Hours</i></b>	
▪ Attendance at any general, executive or committee meeting	1 hr. per meeting
▪ Serving as an officer (per semester)	10 hours
▪ Serving as a Committee Chair (ex: T-Shirt Committee, Name Tag Committee)	5 hours
▪ Staffing tables/booths (at Club Rush, etc.)	1 per hr. worked
▪ Attendance and participation at an AGS State Convention & Regional Conference	1 per hr participation time
▪ Typing, clerical work, mailings, etc. for AGS	1 per hr. worked
▪ Recruiting new AGS members	2 per new member
<b><i>Community Hours</i></b>	
▪ Community service (volunteer, non-paid/non-credit work for a group or organization.)	1 per hr. worked
▪ On/off-campus volunteer work*	1 per hr. worked
▪ Unpaid tutoring*	1 per hr. worked
▪ Participation in blood drive program	2 hours per donation
▪ Serving as an officer of another club, student government, or as editor of the campus newspaper upon written verification (per semester)	5 hours
▪ Membership in another club or the newspaper staff (one time, not for every meeting)	1 hour
▪ 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

\* 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 a California Community College Honor Society.

Temporary and Permanent membership applications are approved by AGS Advisors. Present this application and a copy of your unofficial transcripts to an 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

**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 an Advisor

**Applications Due: Fall: Friday November 5, 2021 & Spring: Friday, May 13, 2022**

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

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

Have you attended any other college other than Citrus College: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Citrus College have the Official Transcripts on file: \_\_\_\_\_; Units Completed at the other campus: \_\_\_\_

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 (\$10)

I expect to graduate/transfer:  FA  WI  SP  SU Year \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Status \_\_\_ Active  
\_\_\_ I/R  
\_\_\_ Probation