

North Dakota State University

Department of Psychology

ACADEMIC HONORS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

E.V. Estensen Outstanding Psychology Major Award

This award is given annually to the senior psychology major who the Psychology Department faculty judge to be the outstanding major that year. The award decision is based both on the student's academic record and on participation in departmental activities, such as research, colloquium, and Psychology Club. The student's name is engraved on a plaque which is hung in Minard 120 and there is a monetary award to accompany the honor.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Psychology

Faculty Awards for Excellence may be given to those students who were eligible but not selected for the Estensen Award. These awards are based on the student's academic record and participation in departmental activities. A monetary award and certificate accompany this honor.

Dr. Patricia Beatty Scholarship

This scholarship is presented on behalf of Patricia Beatty, who was a faculty member in our department for many years, and left a generous endowment to the department for scholarships for psychology majors. Two outstanding psychology sophomores are selected each spring for this award. Criteria for this scholarship include attaining junior status during that spring semester or the next academic year, maintaining full-time status with satisfactory progress (GPA at least 3.0), and continuing to be a psychology major.

Psychology Department Research Awards

These awards are made available at the beginning of each semester. Psychology majors can request financial support for research-related activities. A short description of the research project is required, along with an explanation for how the award money will be used. Award monies can be used for research supplies, paying subjects, or travel to present research at conferences. Presently, these awards are limited to \$300.00.

Sophomore and Junior Academic Achievement Award

These awards are given annually to the sophomore and junior who show evidence of outstanding academic accomplishment. The awards will be given to the sophomore and junior who have the highest cumulative GPA. Sophomores must have completed at least 6 credits in psychology and juniors must have completed Psychology 350 to be eligible.

Junior Research Achievement Award

This award is given annually to the junior who shows the best evidence of becoming an outstanding researcher. To be eligible, the student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater. The award decision will be based upon the student's participation in research in the psychology department.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY

Psi Chi (North Dakota State University Chapter)

This is a national honorary society seeking to advance the science of psychology and to encourage, stimulate, and maintain scholarship of individual members. The local chapter works with the Psychology Club to sponsor service and social activities. Membership is limited to students majoring or minoring in psychology who have completed 3 semesters of college courses and 9 semester hours in psychology with at least a 3.0 over-all grade-point average and at least a 3.0 grade-point average in all psychology courses. Membership is limited to students in the upper 35% of their class in general scholarship. Individuals meeting the above criteria are typically invited to join Psi Chi in the spring.

INTERDISCIPLINARY HONOR SOCIETIES

More information about these societies is available from the Student Affairs Office in the Union.

Blue Key Honor Fraternity

Two times each year the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity elects members who have good character, have performed outstanding service to fellow students, the university, or the community; maintain a GPA which places them in the upper 35% of their class; and are at least juniors.

Mortar Board

Membership qualifications are service, scholarship, and leadership. A candidate should be in his/her junior year. Members are required to have a minimum straight B average. Elections are held once a year after Fall semester.

Phi Kappa Phi

This society is dedicated to the unity and democracy of education and is open to all honor students of various colleges at NDSU. Any undergraduate who is of sound character within one year of graduation and has earned at least 30 semester credits with a minimum GPA of 3.50 and ranks in the top 10% of his/her class is eligible.