

# ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1:** Colleges and universities interested in establishing a chapter shall submit an application and a proposed chapter constitution to the Society's Executive Director. Upon approval of the proposed constitution by the Society's Board of Directors, a charter shall be granted.

**Section 2:** To meet the standards for a charter from the Society, a chapter shall satisfy the following requirements for election of students to membership:

- Student members are typically adults engaged in balancing the multiple responsibilities of home, family, career, community, and education.
- Residency Requirement: Student members must have completed a minimum of twenty-four (24) graded semester hour credits or the equivalent\*\* and shall be matriculated students in an undergraduate degree program in an institution that is regionally accredited in the U.S. or recognized by the Ministry of Education of the country in which the program operates. These college credits may not include transfer credits. All twenty-four credits must be taken through and graded at the matriculating institution and must be included in the student's cumulative GPA.
- Distribution Requirement: At least twelve (12) of the student member's total credits must be earned in the Liberal Arts/Sciences. If the student has not earned twelve Liberal Arts/Sciences credits within the twenty-four credits completed at the matriculating institution, accepted transfer credits may be used to meet this requirement.
- Student members shall be selected from the highest twenty percent of the students who have twenty-four graded credits and are matriculated in an undergraduate degree program.
- Student members selected must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. The cumulative scholastic record of the student as interpreted by the institution where membership is to be conferred shall be the basis for computing scholastic eligibility.

\*\*Thirty-six (36) quarter hours or an approved number of unit courses equal to twenty-four (24) semester hours