



## **BACKGROUND**

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The APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) represents more than 33,000 student pharmacists across the nation. APhA-ASP recognizes that the strength of the Academy comes from the contributions of members at the chapter level. The hard work and dedication of each student pharmacist is vital to the success of the Academy and profession.

To distinguish student pharmacists who have made a commitment to active involvement, APhA-ASP is pleased to offer graduation honor cords. These honor cords will allow APhA-ASP Chapters to recognize the efforts of members whose contributions make their chapter a success.

Each APhA-ASP Chapter is charged with selecting the chapter members who will receive the honor cords. The specific selection criteria and number of cords to distribute are to be determined by each chapter. Please note that the timeframe for completing the criteria should be over the course of each student's APhA-ASP membership. To receive a graduation honor cord, final year student pharmacists should demonstrate a high level of involvement within APhA-ASP. A suggested list of criteria is as follows:

- Attend a minimum of 3 National or Regional APhA-ASP Meetings
- Membership in APhA-ASP since no later than the second year of the professional curriculum
- Active participation in at least 6 APhA-ASP chapter events

Graduation honor cords may be presented to APhA-ASP members as part of an end-of-the-year award ceremony, hooding ceremony, or graduation events. Final presentation and use of the honor cords is at the discretion of the chapter and school or college of pharmacy administration. A sample eligibility form and letter detailing background and intended use of the honor cords can be found below. The sample criteria form can be modified it based on the chapter's criteria for selecting honor cord candidates.

## **ORDERING PROCESS**

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Each graduation honor cord is \$5.00 and must be purchased in lots of 25. The Chapter Membership Vice President or assigned chapter representative shall collect the completed eligibility forms, fill out the graduation honor cord order form and mail them into APhA Headquarters. Order forms and payment information can be found in the "Chapter Resource" section under "Forms" on pharmacist.com.

Chapters should receive the honor cords within three weeks after successfully processing of the chapter payment. Individual cord orders and individual mailings are not available. If you have any questions or comments, please send an email to [APhA-ASP@aphanet.org](mailto:APhA-ASP@aphanet.org).



## ELIGIBILITY FORM

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Thank you for your commitment to the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). The purpose of the graduation honor cords is to recognize outstanding APhA-ASP members who have gone above and beyond in furthering the mission and vision of the Academy. APhA-ASP recognizes that the strength of the Academy comes from the contributions of members at the chapter level.

Please initial each criteria statement and sign the consent box below. Please have your Chapter Advisor sign and verify that this information is correct. Once completed, please give the form along with your payment to your Chapter Membership Vice President or assigned Chapter representative.

I verify that I have satisfied the following eligibility criteria:

- Attend a minimum of 3 National or Regional Meetings APhA-ASP Meetings \*
- Membership in APhA-ASP since no later than the second year of the professional curriculum
- Active participation in at least 6 APhA-ASP chapter events

*\*Includes APhA-ASP Midyear Regional Meetings (MRM), APhA Annual Meeting & Exposition, APhA Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), and University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies*

Student Pharmacist Member:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Advisor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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To Whom it May Concern,

For over 40 years, the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) has developed future leaders of the profession. Our mission is to serve as the collective voice of student pharmacists, to provide opportunities for professional growth, to improve patient care, and to envision and advance the future of pharmacy. Many student pharmacists at your school or college of pharmacy have embodied this mission and have integrated these principles into their educational pursuit both inside and outside the classroom.

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These cords will distinguish APhA-ASP members and will add distinction to the school or college of pharmacy in which they are enrolled. Only APhA-ASP members who meet the criteria determined by the APhA-ASP Chapter and Advisor will be eligible to receive the honor cords.

Thank you for your consideration of this initiative. Together, we can recognize those student pharmacists who lead by example and have made their mark on the Academy and profession. If you have any questions or comments, please contact an APhA-ASP staff member at [APhA-ASP@aphanet.org](mailto:APhA-ASP@aphanet.org).

Sincerely,

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