



# International Association of Chiefs of Police

## Student Membership

Thank you for your interest in student membership in the Police Psychological Services Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Membership in the association (IACP) is a prerequisite for membership in any of the IACP Sections, so if you are not already a member, you must join the association in order to become a member of the Section.

If you are not a member of the IACP, please complete the membership application, then send them to IACP, along with the appropriate payment, to the attention of Membership. There is an additional \$25 initial processing fee for student membership in the Police Psychological Services Section. When you are accepted, the initial fee will then be credited to your dues for the Section for the first year.

The Membership Chair for the Section and will be the one assisting you with the application process. The next step is to complete the student application that is specific to our Section. The application itself will give you more details, but in summary, it asks for some basic information about you, your education and your law enforcement experience. It helps us get to know you a little better.

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers.

### **What are the requirements for student membership?**

1. As mentioned above, you must complete the application for IACP and the additional page to request student membership in the Police Psychological Services Section.
2. You must be a Doctoral student or recent post-doctoral student. If your program is a Master's and Doctoral combined program, you must have completed the Master's level requirements. If it is a straight Doctoral program, you must be in at least your third year of studies.
3. We require three letters of recommendation. These letter need to be from:
  - a. A law enforcement Command Officer. If you volunteer some time with an agency or have a professional relationship with a police agency you can ask the Chief to write a letter recommending you for the Section.
  - b. A current member of the Police Psychological Services Section. We will need their name and IACP number. Let us know if you need help with this one.
  - c. The Program Director of your school. Please have your Program Director indicate that you are in a Ph.D./Psy.D. Program and that your current status is either post-Master's or third year in a straight Ph.D./Psy.D. Program. If you have already graduated with your Ph.D. or Psy.D., please contact your former Program Director and ask for a letter of recommendation specifying that you completed the program.
4. You must complete the attached form for membership in the Section and submit it directly to the Membership Chair of IACP-PPSS.
5. You must submit a current curriculum vitae/resume.

## **What are the guidelines for membership?**

1. Student members are limited to five years total membership. You would have to apply for regular membership in the Section after this time. You can apply sooner if you meet the section requirements for full membership.
2. You are no longer a student member if:
  - a. You have two years post-graduate school
  - b. You are licensed as a psychologist
  - c. You are no longer enrolled/good standing in your school
  - d. You exceed the five year total time limit for student membership
3. You will be asked to attest to and submit a brief form annually to continue as a student member-subject to verification
4. You may only identify yourself to others or on your vitae/resume as a "student member." Failure to follow this guideline can result in your termination from student membership and may endanger your full membership at a future date as well, as it is misrepresentation.

## **What can I do as a student member?**

1. Student Members welcomed to:
  - a. Attend conference & business meeting (non-voting)
  - b. Participate in the email list
  - c. Submit a presentation for the conference.
2. Student members may be connected with a mentor to guide them in their career as a public safety psychologist. As mentoring is a volunteer position, this is limited to available volunteers.

You can fax, e-mail or mail the materials, whichever is easiest for you. The only exceptions are the letters of reference. If those are e-mailed, they must be e-mailed directly from the reference (rather than sent to you and forwarded to the membership chair) and must be on company letterhead.