



Mortar Board is a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service.

About Mortar Board

Mortar Board was **founded in 1918** as an interdisciplinary honor society for college senior women. Under Title IX, the Society began accepting men in 1975, adding to its purpose “emphasis on the **advancement of the status of women**” and “to promote **equal opportunities among all peoples.**”

Mortar Board has been a **certified Association of College Honor Societies member** since 1937 and follows the **Council for the Advancement of Standards** in Higher Education for Collegiate Honor Society Programs.

Mortar Board has chartered **235 chapters** nationwide, with over 100 active today and welcoming **3,000 new members annually**. With an **alumni network of over 300,000**, Mortar Board’s people are its greatest asset.

By the Numbers

105+ Years of Excellence
235 Chartered Campuses
100+ Active Chapters
3,000 Students Annually
300,000 Alumni
6 Geographic Regions
50+ Elected/Appointed National Leaders
100+ Volunteers Annually
200+ Chapter Advisors
One Society, Countless Opportunities



Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development Opportunities

- Annual National Leadership Conference
- Networking
- Career Development Series
- Alumni Mentorship
- Lectures, Workshops, and Panels
- Townsend Bish Fellows Program (*Launching soon!*)
- Annual Publications
- Mortar Board Alumni Association
- Student Governed, Alumni Advised

Funding and National Foundation

- \$3 million endowment
- \$30,000+ Annually in Graduate Fellowships
- Financial Assistance for Membership Dues
- \$10,000+ in Chapter Support Grants
- Adopt-a-Chapter Conference Grants

National Awards and Recognition

- Individual Awards and Chapter Awards
- Alumni Awards
- Mortar Board-Specific Graduation Regalia
- Acknowledgement in National Publications and Newsletters



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NATIONAL COLLEGE SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY



STARTING A CHAPTER

Institutions with active Mortar Board chapters receive countless benefits for engaging their top scholar-leaders. Start your chapter today!

Why start a chapter?

Mortar Board's focus on scholarship, leadership, and service empowers your top scholars to continue their leadership development and service to the alma mater.

What's the value for students?

Mortar Board's lifetime membership provides a vast alumni network of high-achieving people, leadership and career development, and the opportunity to serve the local and campus communities.

What supports are available to our institution as we start?

The National Office is available to assist with all steps of the installation process. Once installed, our team of national volunteers will work with your chapter sharing ideas, celebrating successes, and troubleshooting questions.

START A CHAPTER CHECKLIST

Reach out to the National Office who will help guide you in each step below.

- ☐ **Confirm eligibility:** Confirm you're a regionally accredited baccalaureate degree-granting not-for-profit institution.
- ☐ **Plan with campus officials:** Assemble a group of administrators, faculty, and students to consider forming a Mortar Board chapter.
- ☐ **Submit the petition:** File your institution's petition and supporting documents.
- ☐ **National Council decision:** Your petition will be reviewed by the National Council. Once approved, you'll be contacted about the next steps.
- ☐ **Select the inaugural class and plan the installation:** The National Office will work with your team to select the inaugural class and plan for the installation ceremony.

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