

# HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ALPHA CHI RHO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION LOAN

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## I. What is a loan?

A loan is a sum of money that a **borrower** agrees to accept from a **lender** on the condition of repayment by a certain date. Interest, determined by the lender, accrues over time. Some loans are interest-free, but that is rare. Borrower must pay back the complete sum of the loan (original amount known as the principal) plus the accrued interest.

Taking out a loan and repaying it on time helps to build credit history and teach money management skills. You might be surprised to learn that some employers even look at credit history to assess responsibility!

For example:

Loan amount (principal) = \$7,000      Interest Rate = 5%

Total amount due at the end of one year = \$7,000 + \$350 = \$7,350

Total amount due at the end of two years = \$7,350 + \$367.50 = \$7,717.50

After two years, the borrower must pay \$7,717.50, not \$7,000.

## II. Why apply for an AXPEF loan?

- A. The payment terms on an AXPEF loan are better than students can obtain through most other sources of financial aid.
- B. AXPEF does not limit how the loan can be spent. AXPEF loans can provide support for living and personal expenses necessary to be successful academically.
- C. You may apply for AXPEF scholarships independent of your loan application.

## III. Eligibility for AXPEF Loans: Who, What, When

- A. The Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation offers undergraduate and graduate loans up to \$7,000.
- B. A graduate student who received \$7,000 in undergraduate loans may also apply for up to \$7,000 in graduate loans.
- C. Undergraduate students are eligible to apply for a loan after completing two academic years of a 4+ year program with a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent when a different grading system is used).
- D. Graduate students are eligible to apply for a loan after acceptance into a graduate program and no sooner than the final term (semester, quarter, etc.) of their undergraduate program.

- E. Loan applications will not be considered during the final term (semester, quarter, etc.) of a student's academic program except for accepted graduate students in the final term of their undergraduate program.
- F. The Programs & Services Committee (P&S) reviews all loan applications. They contact a school-based reference to confirm the student is in good standing with the school they attend.

#### **IV. Loan Repayment**

- A. Undergraduate loans are due and payable one year after the student is no longer a full-time student. Note: if an undergraduate student enters directly into graduate school, payment will not begin until one year after the student ceases to be a graduate student or five years from the date the student is not an undergraduate student, whichever is earlier. Proof of enrollment must be submitted each term to defer payment.
- B. Interest for undergraduate loans is 5% per year beginning one year after the student stops being a full-time undergraduate student and continues until the loan is repaid in full.
- C. Graduate Loans are due and payable one year after the student is no longer in graduate school or at the end of five years, whichever is earlier.
- D. Interest for graduate loans is 5% per year and begins one year after the receipt of the loan and continues until the loan is repaid in full.
- E. Undergraduate and Graduate loans must be repaid in forty-eight (48) monthly installments.

#### **V. How to Apply**

- A. The process to apply for a loan starts [here](https://alphachirho.org/scholarships). (<https://alphachirho.org/scholarships>)
- B. Select the loan application that is most appropriate for you:  
UNDERGRADUATES or GRADUATES.
- C. **This is the most important step. You cannot save your progress on this form.**  
This is not a dynamic application, which means you need to have all the following information before starting to fill it out. If you lose Internet connectivity, the form will not save the information.
- D. An AXPEF loan application typically takes 30 minutes to complete.
- E. Documents Needed for the Application
  - Most recent college transcript
  - Bank statements
  - Credit card statements
  - Information about previous loans (from AXPEF and other sources)
  - A list of assets (ex: car, computer, equipment, etc.) with estimated value
  - Expected income for the current year
  - Expected income for the next year
  - Calculated expenditures (ex: tuition, housing, textbooks, etc.)

#### **F. Other Information Needed for Application**

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The Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation cultivates academic excellence and leadership development through financial assistance and program support for the educational pursuits and initiatives of the Brothers, Chapters, the National Council of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, and other students. The Foundation fosters lifetime commitment to personal enrichment and community service by members of Alpha Chi Rho as Men of Word and Deed.

### SERVICES TO THE MEMBER AND THE CHAPTER

- **Undergraduate Loans** – up to \$7,000 for full-time juniors and seniors who meet a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- **Graduate loans** – up to \$7,000 for full or part-time students in an accredited graduate program
- **Undergraduate Scholarships** – ranging from \$500 to \$4,000
- **Graduate Scholarships** – ranging from \$1,000 to \$3000
- **Grants for:**
  - Honor Society Initiation Fees
  - Community Service Programs
  - Educational Speakers
  - Chapter Libraries
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  - Scholarship Advisors

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## LOANS

### UNDERGRADUATES

Undergraduate students who have completed two academic years of a 4+ year program with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent where a different grading system is used, may borrow up to \$7,000. Loan applications will not be considered during the final term (semester, quarter, etc.) of a student's academic program with the exception of accepted graduate students in the final term of their undergraduate program.

When funds permit, the committee may consider exceptions to the 3.0 GPA requirement if:

- The applicant demonstrates an extraordinary or emergent need for financial assistance
- The applicant has demonstrated steady academic improvement and has achieved a 3.0 GPA or better in each of his last two semesters

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### GRADUATES


Full-time and part-time students enrolled in a graduate program with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent when a different grading system is used, may borrow up to \$7,000. Graduate students are eligible to apply for a loan once they have been accepted into their graduate program and no sooner than the final term (semester, quarter, etc.) of their undergraduate program. Undergraduate GPA will be used for graduate students who have not yet completed their first term.

Undergraduate and graduate loans are considered independently with respect to the \$7,000 funding limit; a graduate student who received \$7,000 in undergraduate loans may also apply for up to \$7,000 in graduate loans.

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Financial Information

Budget from

mm / dd / yyyy

to

mm / dd / yyyy

Date loan is needed

mm / dd / yyyy

Amount requested

Amount

ASSETS: Bank Accounts, Car, Computer, etc.

Asset

Amount

Asset

Amount

Asset

Amount

Asset

Amount

Asset

Amount

LIABILITIES: Prior Loans, Credit Card Balances, etc.

Liability

Amount

Liability

Amount

Sample page from application with specific information needed on financial assets.