



Chi Alpha Mu

NATIONAL JUNIOR MATHEMATICS CLUB

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Chi Alpha Mu, standing for Creative Adventures in Mathematics, is an organization whose purpose is to encourage an interest in mathematics by providing stimulating mathematical activities and public recognition of superior mathematical scholarship for junior high and middle school students. It is hoped the club will provide students with a greater understanding and enjoyment of

mathematics and will keep them more involved in mathematics once they enter high school. The organization was incorporated in 1967 and had a number of active chapters through 2001. Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society, took over the administration of the organization in the fall of 2008.

I: Organization

National policy for Chi Alpha Mu is determined by the Mu Alpha Theta Governing Council. An executive director runs the day-to-day functions of the organization and is an Ex-Officio member of the Governing Council. Officers and governors serve without remuneration.

The Chi Alpha Mu National Office provides the following services for chapters:

1. Charters are issued by the national treasurer. A charter certificate is sent when the chapter is established. Teachers may download a membership certificate for members free from our website.
2. A newsletter containing current chapter news, news of regional competitions, student activity ideas, and other items of interest to chapters and their members.

3. The Chi Alpha Mu website is provided as a source of information and activities for member schools.

4. Merchandise and achievement certificates are available for purchase.

5. The Rocket City Math League Contest is offered free to chapters. This three test contest offers prizes, trophies and certificates to winners. Over 4000 students compete in this contest each year.

6. Mu Alpha Theta chapters near your school are encouraged to offer mathematical events of interest and math competition mentoring to your members.

II: Chartering a Chapter

1. Any regularly organized middle school or junior high may petition to have a chapter providing they have a school-approved adult willing to sponsor the club at the school. Someone with knowledge of mathematics or a math teacher at the school is preferred.

2. The principal, or other chief administrative officer of the institution, must approve the petition and the adult sponsor.

3. A check for the one-time charter fee of \$15.00 must accompany the petition for a charter. If a school had a prior inactive chapter, it may be reactivated for a \$15.00 reactivation fee. Applications are usually approved quickly and materials can be expected within a week from the time the petition arrives at the National Office.

4. There shall be no national annual dues for members and individual member names will not be kept by the National Office.

III. Local Organizations, Officers, and Finances

Each chapter is free to set up its own by-laws, regulate its finances, and select its officers with the following restrictions:

1. Each chapter must have a semi-permanent adult sponsor and the National Office (Treasurer) must be kept informed of the current adult sponsor's name, address, and email address.

2. The National Office hopes that chapters will open membership to all interested students. There are no national qualifications for membership. However, if membership requirements are imposed by a chapter, no student will be denied membership on account of race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference and/or physical disability.

3. Each chapter should hold regular meetings at periodic

intervals and not merely consider itself an honor society. At the minimum, we recommend one meeting every month. It is suggested that a fun math activity or hands-on math experience be included in each meeting.

4. Local chapters are encouraged to establish ties to a near-by Mu Alpha Theta chapter. Local high school members can act as mentors, Mathcount coaches, and offer stimulating activities and math competitions for Chi Alpha Mu members.

5. The Chi Alpha Mu name and logo may be used only by middle schools or junior high schools that have an active, chartered chapter approved by the Governing Council of Mu Alpha Theta. Permission must be obtained from the National Office before the name and/or logo may be copied or used in any way.

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Petition for Charter

All materials must be emailed, faxed or mailed to the National Office at the address given above. Original signatures must be visible. Payment of the \$15.00 charter fee must be received by the National Office before charter certificate and materials will be sent to chapter. **Please make checks out to Chi Alpha Mu.**

The undersigned hereby petition _____
(School Name)

(Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Phone Number) (Fax Number) (Email Address)

be granted a charter of Chi Alpha Mu. The following information is submitted to guide the National Office in determining the eligibility of the school.

1. What grades does your school serve? Chi Alpha Mu is for junior high or middle school students.
2. How did you hear about Chi Alpha Mu?
3. Approximate school enrollment in the last three years.

Year	Total Students in the School

4. Name of sponsoring faculty member or adult that will sponsor the club at your school.

Major teaching field, if a teacher: _____

Highest degree completed and in what field: _____

5. A check for the \$15 charter fee should be attached.

I confirm that I will establish a chapter of Chi Alpha Mu, the National Junior Mathematics Club, at this school and I will abide by the rules of the organization.

(Signature of Adult Sponsor)

This petition for a chapter of Chi Alpha Mu and the sponsoring adult are approved by the administration of this school.

(Signature of Principal or Chief Administrative Officer)