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Dear History Student,

It is my pleasure to call for applications for membership in the Mu Pi chapter of the national history honor society, [Phi Alpha Theta](#). Phi Alpha Theta promotes the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. Phi Alpha Theta has over 400,000 members, with some 9,000 new members joining each year through 970 chapters nationwide.

You do not need to be a declared History major or minor to become a member, but you must meet these requirements:

- a 3.0 overall GPA
- a 3.1 GPA in history classes
- completion of 12 credit hours of history courses (this includes those completed at SBU as well as AP and those taken at other colleges that SBU has accepted as transfer credits).

If you meet these qualifications and are interested in joining, please fill out the attached form and return it as an email attachment along with a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript to me: paul.kelton@stonybrook.edu with Phi Alpha Theta Application in the subject line by Friday, September 25th, 4:00pm.

Please note that Phi Alpha Theta requires a one-time \$50 initiation fee, but the Department of History, with the generous aid of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, will pay the initiation fee for each Stony Brook student who is accepted for membership. There is no obligation to join by simply applying and the application as you will see is quite simple to fill out.

If you are inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, your membership includes a certificate and four issues of the national journal, *The Historian*. There is no obligation on members to attend meetings or events, although we encourage Phi Alpha Theta Members to participate in our annual initiation, which will be held via Zoom on October 21, 2020 at 1pm and thereafter participate in Stony Brook University History Club's events and activities.

Thanks for considering this.

Best,
Professor Kelton