



FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
ALPHA RHO CHI
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WHO WE ARE

The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation is the philanthropic partner with Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity. Our mission is to provide education opportunities in support of the Fraternity through scholarships and grants. We are a separate 501(C)3 not-for-profit corporation registered with the State of Illinois. Our 501(C)3 status allows contributions to the Foundation to be tax-deductible. The work of the Foundation is coordinated by a Board of Directors with support of many Trustees at large.

Our principal responsibilities are to:

1. Raise money
2. Give away money
3. Invest wisely
4. Thank our donors

DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND TRUSTEES

The Directors and Officers of the APX Foundation are:

- Phil Buckberg – President
- Tyler Atkins – Vice President
- Richard Jenkins – Secretary and Director of Communications
- Ken Smith – Director
- *Open – Director*

Past directors and officers have graciously agreed to continue in the capacity of Trustee and are actively engaged in the business of the Board. The Foundation's Trustees are:

- Nicole Dress – Past President
- Charles Nickel – Acting Treasurer
- Lannis Kirkland – Past Secretary
- Matt Praissman – Trustee

The WGA and WGE are ex-officio members of the Foundation Board of Directors.

We encourage any member who is interested in the work of the Foundation to volunteer as a Trustee or to serve on the Board as a Director and Officer.

FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

Foundation Funds

The Foundation directly manages five (5) major fund programs:

John R. Ross Scholarships

John R. Ross Scholarships are awarded annually to collegiate members of the Fraternity and are awarded on the basis of:

- Scholarship
- Service to the Fraternity
- Service to the College or School
- Service to the Community

Burchard Grants

Charles Burchard Grants fund educational and continuing educational programs and activities sponsored by the Grand Council, Collegiate Chapters, and Alumni Associations. These programs are usually one-time activities and should benefit both the Fraternity and the Community. The grants are matching grants and are intended to help defray costs for the program organizers.

The Verle Annis APX Bronze Medal Fund

Supports the Fraternity's annual Bronze Medal program. This fund pays for the striking of the medals, custom engraving, and the Grand Council costs to distribute to schools of architecture in the USA.

Emerging Professional Fellowships Fund

This fund supports small grants to alumni to cover the costs of exam fees, study materials, or similar small costs up to \$500 each for up to four members per grant cycle, which happens twice each year.

Foundation Fund

This fund supports the general operation and fund-raising expenses of the Foundation.

Managed Funds

The Foundation also oversees the investment and distribution of 17 separate and independent funds collectively known as Managed Funds. Managed Funds are established by formal agreement with and managed by the Grand Council, Alumni Associations and Collegiate Chapters. These funds also must have an educational or professional purpose such as scholarships and educational programs. The Foundation's charitable status allows individual and corporate contributions to be tax deductible.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The total value of assets managed by the Foundation as of 31 DEC 2025 is **\$1,117,127** as shown:

Fund Type	Percent of Total	Balance at end of FY2024
Managed Funds	57.5%	\$642,270
Foundation Funds	39.1%	\$436,784
General Equity	3.4%	\$38,073
Total		\$1,117,127

FY2025 Foundation Fund balances are:

Foundation Fund	Balance at end of FY2025
John R. Ross Scholarship Fund	\$174,927
Charles Burchard Fund	\$164,431
Verle Annis APX Bronze Medal Fund	\$61,681
Emerging Professional Fellowships Fund	\$32,194
Foundation Fund	\$4,501
Total	\$437,734

Disbursements for the year were:

Disbursement	Total disbursed in FY2025
John R. Ross Scholarships	\$9,000
Charles Burchard Grants	\$1,342
Verle Annis APX Medal Grant	\$0
Emerging Professional Fellowships Grants	\$2,125
Foundation Fund	\$7,894
Total Disbursements	\$20,361

- In 2025 the Foundation received donations totaling \$23,391 for all Funds.
- Foundation Fund operating expenses were \$7,894.
- Our investment portfolio showed an average gain of 14.08% for FY2025.

OTHER FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

Publications

We publish and distribute an annual Foundation Newsletter to inform membership of our activities over the past year. We also send out an Annual Appeal Letter specifically directed at fund raising. Many thanks to Rick Jenkins, the Foundation's Secretary and Director of Communications, for leading this effort and providing his graphics, writing, and publishing expertise.

John Ross Scholarships

Since the John Ross Scholarship was established in 1989, the Foundation has issued 75 awards totaling over \$131,000 to Collegiate Members.

Burchard Grants

With the most recent Burchard Grant to Polyidus Chapter in February 2026, the APX Foundation has distributed over \$27,000 to chapters, alumni associations, and the Grand Council. The Burchard Fund also supports the APX Community Service Award with a small grant to the Collegiate Chapter winner.

Emerging Professional Fellowships

The Foundation has disbursed 19 Emerging Professional Fellowship grants totaling \$6,628. The Fellowship grant is a mini scholarship of up to \$500 in value to enable a handful of our members to take the next step in their careers. Our goal is to reach an endowment of \$35,000 for the fund. Through 2025, we have raised approximately \$32,200, or 92% of our goal.

Speakers Bureau

This Spring, the Foundation will begin developing a new program we are calling the Speakers Bureau, enlisting the help of APX alumni around the country to volunteer their time for chapter events. Our fraternity is fortunate to have many successful professionals among our members. We will build a registry of alumni who volunteer to speak, host firm visits, and provide other professional and educational opportunities. The Foundation will accept requests from chapters and alumni associations and match them with alumni who might be a good fit for their programs. There is no cost to the requesting group. If the request is part of a larger activity that meets the criteria for a Burchard Grant, the group is welcome to apply for a grant to supplement their costs.

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

We encourage any member who is interested in the work of the Foundation to become involved as a volunteer, either as a Trustee or to serve on the Board as a Director and Officer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Fraternally, on behalf of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation,

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