



*The Honor Society of*

**FOOD SCIENCE  
& TECHNOLOGY**

**Phi Tau Sigma  
Hoosier Chapter**

**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY

## **Membership Criteria**

(used by the Membership and Qualifications Committee):

### **A. Eligibility for Associate Membership (students):**

1. Undergraduate students being nominated for Associate Membership should be pursuing a degree program in Food Science or an equivalent. The statement of qualifications for students pursuing programs of study other than those meeting the IFT Education Standards should provide evidence of the program's content in Food Chemistry and Analysis, Food Safety and Microbiology, and Food Processing and Engineering.
2. Graduate students being nominated for Associate Membership should be pursuing a graduate degree in Food Science or an equivalent. A nomination should not be submitted until the student has completed at least two semesters of the graduate program. The statement of qualifications for students pursuing graduate degrees other than Food Science should clearly illustrate the relationship of the student's background and/or program of study to Food Science and Technology.
3. Undergraduate and graduate students being nominated for Associate Membership should have a Grade Point Average (GPA) equal to or greater than 3.5, or equivalent. The statement of qualifications for any student with a GPA less than a 3.5 should provide other evidence of academic achievements to justify the nomination.
4. The statement of qualifications for undergraduate and graduate students should focus on recognitions, honors and other academic achievements of the student being nominated.

### **B. Eligibility for Members (professionals):**

1. Food Science and Technology professionals being nominated for Professional Membership must have a minimum of 5 years of experience beyond the B.S. degree (4 years beyond the M.S. degree or 2 years beyond a Ph.D. degree) in a position directly related to Food Science and Technology in industry, government, a non-profit or an academic institution.
2. The statement of qualifications for Food Science and Technology professionals being nominated should clearly illustrate how contributions of the nominee in his/her professional positions have distinguished the nominee from other professionals with similar professional experiences.
3. The statement of qualifications for Food Science and Technology professionals should demonstrate the relationship of recognitions, honors and other achievements to the professional strengths of the nominee.