



## AKΨ Gamma Nu Application

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- Name
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- Fun Fact

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*Please fill out all 5 questions*

**Full Name:**

Aiswarya Arul

**Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year):**

May 2020

**1. Have you previously rushed Alpha Kappa Psi? (Yes/No)**

No

**2. What other organizations/extracurriculars are you a part of?**

I am very involved on campus! I am the VP of Communications for Habitat for Humanity and also the Babson BOW Ambassador in SGA. I also organize the Big Brothers and Big Sisters events on campus as the Student Manager. I am also a general member of The Babson Politics Association, The Glavin Global Fellows LLC, Toast Masters, CREATE, and the Babson Leadership Academy. I am also a CWEL and a Natalie Taylor Scholar as of this year.

**3. How will you contribute to the fraternity? (max 300 words)**

Overall I'm an ambitious hard-worker who is very involved on campus. I take part in numerous clubs like BOW, Toast Masters, Habitat for Humanity, CREATE, etc.. My involvement can be an advantage; I can raise awareness to different opportunities that the other brothers may be interested in, and vice versa. If AKPsi is holding a fundraiser, I can advertise and market this to groups you may not have had access to in the past- like Olin students or various on-campus clubs looking for an opportunity for collaboration. Participating so much, personally, has also taught me a lot about teamwork and cooperation. I can bring this to AKPsi, and hopefully augment its familial and collaborative culture.

My experience working in a social venture for FME and over the summer has also helped me realize the importance of making a social impact on the world. My passion for social entrepreneurship can bring more philanthropic experiences and dedication to the chapter, hopefully encouraging others in AKPsi and the Babson community as a whole to work towards humanitarian causes.

**4. How do you measure success? (max 300 words)**

I live by my mother's saying, "good experiences are memories, and bad experiences are lessons." With this thinking, I measure success through personal growth and view all endeavors as learning experiences. As long as a particular action or event has impacted me for the better, I consider it a success. Sometimes my plans have failed horribly in the grand scheme of things, but I still consider them successes because of how they've changed me. Once, in FME, I was asked to give a presentation. When the time came to deliver my speech, I completely blanked and had to be excused from class. Despite all my practice and confidence, I went up there and suddenly forgot how to speak. It was an embarrassing experience. Many may call it a complete failure of a presentation, I mean, there was no presentation in general. It was just me speechless and



panicking in front of the whole class. Of *course* it's a failure. Fast-forward to a few hours later. After realizing that self-pity could do nothing for me, I spoke to my professors and redid the presentation the next day. And I volunteered for the next presentation, and the next, and then participated in the final FME Community Presentation. Compared to other presentations I've given, ones that went smoothly without a hitch, of course my first presentation is a failure. But simultaneously it is my greatest success. Because that was when I realized that I had it in me to rise to the challenge- I could've given up and never presented again. But rather, I braved the class once more. I looked everyone in the eye again. I forgave myself for messing up and gave presenting another shot, and never stopped trying. So for me, that personal growth is my biggest success.

### **5. What previous experience from your past makes you feel like you relate to AKPsi?**

I used to be a Girl Scout- the whole organization is built on sisterhood, community involvement, and individuality. Being in a close-knit group like that one, and bonding with the other girl scouts taught me a lot about the importance of kinship and being a part of something bigger than yourself. Often times, in freshman year, I felt like I was floating around. I had my friends and extracurriculars but I still felt like there was something missing. I soon realized that I was just homesick. Although college has been an amazing experience, I'm still looking for "home" on campus. After listening to the panels and all the brothers gushing about how they loved the people in AKPsi, how they found a family within the brotherhood, I can really understand the significance of having a community you can constantly depend on.