

## BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY: NOMINATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTE: This form should only be used by current or former Yale prospective applicants. All other applicants may apply by following the procedures and using the appropriate forms provided by your home institution. Your home or former home institution must have an established Bouchet Graduate Honor Society chapter.

Contact your Graduate School Dean to determine whether or not your institution has a chapter.

Edward Bouchet (1852-1918) was the first self-identified African American to earn a doctorate from an American university when he earned a Ph.D. in physics at Yale University in 1876. He was also one of the first African Americans to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also was one of the first African Americans to graduate from Yale College in 1874. Bouchet was the sixth person in the western hemisphere to earn a doctorate in physics.



**Edward Alexander Bouchet**  
**(1852-1918)**

The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society was inaugurated on Thursday, September 15, 2005 with a simulcast ceremony held at Yale University and Howard University. The co-founding chapters seek to recognize and continue Dr. Bouchet's pioneering contributions to doctoral education.

The Howard University and Yale University partnership with the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes excellence and diversity in doctoral education and the professoriate. The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society seeks to develop a network of preeminent scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster environments of support, and serve as examples of scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy in the academy.

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*Membership into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society is by nomination only. All student nominees must be ABD (i.e., completed qualifying exam, orals, qualifying papers or equivalent) and submit all materials listed below. Faculty, Alumni and Lifetime/Honorary members are invited to join the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.*

### **Nomination criteria for students and post-doctoral fellows:**

- Three letters of recommendation to the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society must be submitted from each of the following:
  - (1) the nominee's dissertation advisor
  - (2) a graduate faculty member invested in the nominee's research
  - (3) a faculty member, dean or director at the nominee's institution
- A nomination evaluation form from each of three recommenders above (indicating strengths of nominee as regards to the five thrusts of the Honor Society);
- Transcripts from all graduate and professional schools attended;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Scholarly writing sample;
- A personal statement capturing how the nominee embodies the characteristics of Dr. Bouchet as expressed through the five thrusts and the mission of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. Additionally, the candidate should address their anticipated contributions to the Society (2 - 3 pages).

**Selection Process:**

- Upon receipt of completed application materials for nominees, the Membership Selection Committee will review all applications.
- An interview process for finalists will be conducted by faculty and administrator members of the Membership Selection Committee.
- The Membership Selection Committee will then provide a recommendation of inductees for consideration to the National Steering Committee.
- The National Steering Committee reviews all nominated applications submitted from chapter institutions and reserves the right to approve or decline membership into the Bouchet Society.

**Timeline:**

- Application information and materials available on-line – December 1
- Deadline for receipt of nomination letters and application materials – February 15
- Announcement of new members – March 1
- Inaugural Induction Ceremony – Annually at the Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education.

# MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

## **Types of Membership:**

Membership into the Bouchet Honor Society is by nomination only and approved by the National Steering Committee. The levels of membership are as listed below:

**Doctoral Student Membership** is available to any individual who is currently a doctoral student in good academic standing, and through initial research achievement in a humanities, social sciences and sciences field, shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigation or current work on a dissertation project.

**Post-Doctoral Member** is available to any individual who has received their PhD degree over the last 6 years, and through initial research achievement in a humanities, social sciences and sciences field shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigation, completion of the dissertation and publications.

**Faculty Membership** is conferred upon any individual who has shown noteworthy achievement as a scholar and exemplar of the Bouchet Society's mission. The faculty should currently hold an appointment in the humanities, social sciences, or sciences fields, with a record of publication and evidence of research and teaching in their field of study. Individuals who are invited to membership have (by virtue of their scholarship, research, teaching and service) shown their commitment to ensuring excellence and equity in graduate education.

## **Invited Membership Procedures**

### **Faculty members should submit the following upon invitation:**

**Curriculum vitae or résumé**

**Personal statement depicting anticipated contributions to the Bouchet Society**

All materials must be received on or before March 1.

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# Nominee Profile

Nominate for Student Membership

Nominate for Postdoctoral Membership

Preferred Prefix for Nominee (check):    Dr.    Mr.    Ms.    Mrs.    Mx.

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Name of Nominee (first middle last)

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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**Business Address** Department/Building/Box

Institution

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Street

Business Phone (include area code)

Business Fax (include area code)

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City

State

Zip

Country

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**Permanent Home Address**

Phone (include area code)

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City

State

Zip

Country

**Which address should be used for Bouchet mailings?**

Business

Home

**Degree(s) sought:**

PhD

PhD/EdD

PhD/JD

PhD /MD

PhD/Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Year obtained/expected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary research field (check all that apply):**

Humanities

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Sciences

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Sciences

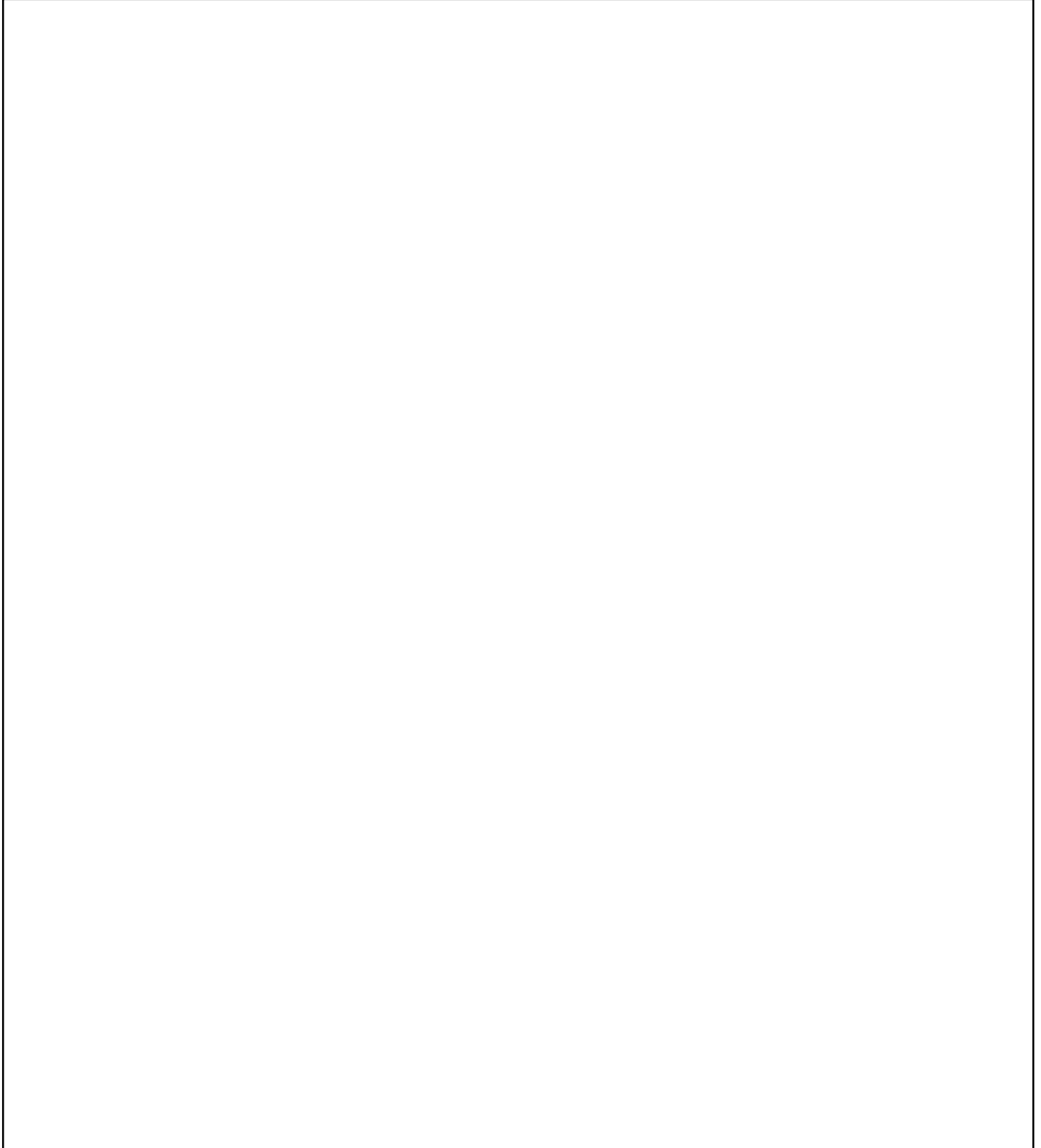
Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissertation Research (provide title or brief description of dissertation):**

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## **Statement of Purpose:**

The nominee should write a statement (approximately 2-3 pages), indicating their educational and career accomplishments and future professional goals, past and current academic experience and the ways in which they have and will continue to fulfill the five thrusts of scholarship, character, leadership, service and advocacy that are the hallmarks of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the nominee to write their Statement of Purpose. The box occupies most of the page below the instructions.

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# First Nominator

Thesis Adviser or  
Dissertation Committee Faculty Member

Please check here if nominator should be notified of results of this nomination.

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Name of Nominator (first, middle, last)      Member Number (if known)

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Institution      Department

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E-mail      Phone (include area code)

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Signature (if submitting electronically, nominator may type name as long as form is submitted from his/her E-mail address)

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**Please complete attached nomination evaluation form and submit with recommendation letter.**



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Descriptive Comments:

How has this applicant exemplified his strengths in the areas of SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and ADVOCACY?

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Please comment on the applicant's strengths and special qualities which would make him, or her, an ideal member of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society on the back of this form or on a separate sheet. Enclose your recommendation in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal, and return it to the applicant. If you prefer, you may mail your recommendation directly to the address indicated below.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

**Mail nomination form and nomination letter to:**

**Bouchet Graduate Honor Society  
Yale Graduate School  
Attn: Michelle Nearon  
1 Hillhouse Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06511**

**Phone (203) 436-1301**



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## Second Nominator

### Faculty Member

Information from an Advisor or Dissertation Chair acting as first nominator follows:

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Name of Nominator (first, middle, last) Member Number (if known)

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Institution Department

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E-mail Phone (include area code)

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Signature (if submitting electronically, nominator may type name as long as form is submitted from his/her E-mail address)

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# Third Nominator

Faculty Member or Dean or Program Director

Information from an Advisor or Dissertation Chair acting as first nominator follows:

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Name of Nominator (first, middle, last) Member Number (if known)

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Institution Department

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E-mail Phone (include area code)

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Signature (if submitting electronically, nominator may type name as long as form is submitted from his/her E-mail address)

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# Nomination Evaluation Form (Third Nominator)

**(To be completed by the Nominee):**

Nominate for Student Membership      Nominate for Postdoctoral Membership  
Preferred Prefix for Nominee (check):    Dr.    Mr.    Ms.    Mrs.    Mx.

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Name of Nominee (first middle last)

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Email Address

Phone

**Statement on Confidentiality.** Federal law gives students the option of waiving their right to see specific letters of recommendation. If applicant has waived this right by signing the waiver below, this letter will be held confidential. If the applicant has not signed the waiver it will be assumed that this letter may have been seen by the applicant if he or she is inducted into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

**Waiver.** In accordance with the Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right to review this letter.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

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## To be Completed by the Nominator:

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Name of Nominator (first, middle, last)

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Institution

Department

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E-mail

Phone (include area code)

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In the Spirit of Edward Alexander Bouchet and the SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE and ADVOCACY he exhibited both inside and outside academic realms, inductees into the honor society bearing his name should also exhibit these same outstanding qualities. For each area, please rank (1 being the lowest and 5 the highest) and describe how the potential inductee exhibits strengths in these areas:

1	2	3	4	5
Needs Improvement				Outstanding

SCHOLARSHIP

CHARACTER

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE

ADVOCACY

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## **Affiliation**

- The nominee requests affiliation with a specific chapter at \_\_\_\_\_ University / College
- The nominee requests membership at-Large (no local chapter affiliation).

## **Submitting the Membership Nomination Forms:**

### **Checklist:**

- **Nomination Letter**
- **2 Additional Recommendation Letters**
- **Nomination Evaluation Forms (completed and signed by three nominators providing letters)**
- **Nominee Statement of Purpose**
- **Current Curriculum Vitae**
- **Graduate school and/or professional school transcripts (to be submitted only by nominees being considered for doctoral student or post-doctoral memberships)**
- **Writing Sample**

**All materials must be received at the address below by March 1.**

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