



## National AMBUCS™, Inc. Nomenclature

**Achievement Awards.** Given to chapters to recognize outstanding efforts (e.g. local charities, community service, newsletter, etc.). Chapters must submit entries to be considered.

**AmBility™.** A National Program, adopted in 1998. Focused on providing equipment for people with disabilities, AmTryke® is the foundation of the program.

**AmBility™ Ambassador.** A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the AmBility™ Fund.

**AMBUCS™.** A commonly used nick name for National AMBUCS™, Inc. is a national nonprofit service organization composed of a diverse group of men and women dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities by performing community service, by providing AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles for children with disabilities, and by providing AMBUCS™ Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists.

**AMBUCS™ Resource Center.** AMBUCS™ national headquarters in High Point NC.

**AMBUCS™ Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists Program.** Grants given to juniors or seniors in college and graduate students majoring in physical, occupational, speech pathology, hearing audiology. Chapters are encouraged to sponsor local students. Applications are accessed and completed on line through AMBUCS™ Web site.

**AmTryke® therapeutic tricycle.** A tryke for children with disabilities that can be driven by hands or feet. It improves motor coordination and increases self-esteem.

**AmTryke® therapeutic tricycle Demo Sites.** Part of the National AmBility™ Program, a project to place AmTryke® therapeutic tricycles in rehabilitation units, hospitals and pediatric and geriatric clinics across the U.S. These sites would allow therapists access to evaluate whether a particular child would benefit from using the tryke.

**Big Hat Club.** A prestige club within AMBUCS™ for members who have sponsored three new members in any 12-month period.

**Blue Chip Goal.** A membership goal for year-end, assigned by Awards Program to encourage 10% growth each chapter year.

**Blue Chip Report.** A quarterly report that charts each chapter's membership total since the beginning of the chapter year.

**Boot Pin.** Awarded to a member who sponsors a new member during Spring Round Up.

**Branding Iron Pin.** Awarded to a member for every third new member he/she sponsors during Branding Time or Spring Round Up.

**Branding Time.** National membership drive held October 1 through November 30.

**Chapter Year.** June 1 to May 31.

**Cornerstone Fund.** A donation designation within the Living Endowment Fund. The Cornerstone Fund provides for the growth and development of AMBUCS™.

**#1 Cowpoke.** A title the Chapter President receives for achieving a net gain of five members during the Spring Round Up.

**District Governor.** Assists, visits, and supports chapters in the district, installs chapter officers, and conducts district meetings.

**Executive Director.** Operates the AMBUCS™ Resource Center, implements programs of the National Board, plans the national conference, publishes AMBUCS™ publications.

**Friends.** This category of membership donor is designed for those people who cannot be active members of chapters or reside in non-chapter areas.

**Friends Chapter.** A group of 5 or more Friends members chartered as an official Friends chapter of National AMBUCS.

**Gold Star Pin.** A pin given to a Big Hatter for each member he/she recruits.

**Investing in the Future.** The capital campaign headed by AMBUCS™ Past National Presidents to support a new AMBUCS™ Resource Center. Funds are not part of Living Endowment.

**Invitation to Dinner/Lunch.** An event where prospective members are invited with the express purpose of recruiting them as AMBUCS™ members. It is most often held during Spring Round Up.

**Lasso Pin.** Given to a member who sponsors ten new members in one chapter year during Branding Time and/or Spring Round Up.

**Life Member.** Lifetime memberships, sold at conferences, allow a member to no longer pay national dues. The fee must be paid in full within one year before the privilege can take effect.

**Living Endowment Fund.** The special contributions fund where donors can direct their contributions toward AMBUCS™ Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists, the AmBility™ Program, or the Cornerstone Fund.

**Merit Awards.** Given to chapters at the national conference who achieve excellence in performance as defined by the National Board of Directors (i.e. Big Heart Award, Living Endowment Fund Award, etc.). Merit awards are given automatically.

**National Conference.** A three-day summer conference for all members. Members attend chapter business and educational workshops, awards ceremonies, celebrations, and fun outings.

**National Board of Directors.** The Executive Committee and Region Directors who make policy.

**National Executive Committee.** The National President, President-elect, and Past National President.

**Orientation.** An informal meeting attended by new members and spouses to learn more about AMBUCS™.

**Regional Conference.** A weekend conference in the fall held in each region where members and spouses participate in educational workshops, have an opportunity to exchange ideas, and have a good time.

**Region Director.** Trains charter chapter officers, responsible for the regional conference, and is on the National Board of Directors.

**Scorecard.** A form chapters use to report their progress quarterly. Merit Awards are given to Chapter Presidents at the national conference based on the final scores.

**Silver Star Pin.** A pin given to Big Hatters in exchange for ten gold stars.

**Sparkplug.** Voted by New Club Building team to be its key member.

**Spring Round Up.** National membership drive held March 1 through April 30.

**Spring Conference.** An annual conference held in May. One focus is for incoming chapter officers to learn what their positions entail, to ask questions, and to find out where they can get help.

**Spur Pin.** Awarded to a member who sponsors a new member during Branding Time membership drive.

**Strategic Planning.** Planning that each incoming Chapter President does with his/her chapter to determine its goals.

**Therapist of the Year.** A local therapist that a chapter considers to be the most outstanding in their community. The chapter honors this person as their Therapist of the Year and submits an application to the Resource Center. The National Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and chooses a National Therapist of the Year.

**Top Spread Chapter.** A chapter that increased their net membership by five or more members during the Branding Time membership drive.

**Trail Boss.** A title the Chapter President receives for achieving a net gain of 5 members during the Branding Time membership drive.

**Visibility Month.** February is designated AS NATIONAL AMBUCS™ Month when all chapters try to publicize AMBUCS™.

**William L. White Member.** A member who has personally donated at least \$1,000 to the Living Endowment Fund AMBUCS Scholars-Scholarships for Therapists.