



ETA SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL HOME SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

Founded in 1999

Mission Statement

"The purpose of Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among home school students. To achieve this purpose, Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society shall provide opportunities for the development of leadership and service. Eta Sigma Alpha shall encourage the development of an intellectual climate that will stimulate the exchange of ideas and ideals, foster scholarship, and promote academic excellence. Eta Sigma Alpha shall also advocate homeschooling as a viable and successful educational methodology and act as a liaison for homeschooling to the general public, colleges/universities, and the media."

Application Requirements

- Applicant must complete and submit an application form, along with \$30.
- Submit a short statement about why student would like to be a member of Eta Sigma Alpha.
- Applicant must submit letters from two additional references.
- Student must be a homeschooled student meeting the 51% rule as noted by HSLDA.
 - Qualified students must be home-schooled students whose education is managed by their parents or legal guardians. A qualified student's education may include the use of tutors, video courses, Internet courses, college correspondence courses, classes in cooperation with other home-schooled students, and other creative methods that supplement home education. Students enrolled in public school programs, charter school programs, full-time college programs, or other programs where more than 50% of the school time is spent in the supervision of a school setting or where the public school receives 50% funding for the student's attendance are not eligible for ESA membership. (See HSLDA's webpage at www.hsllda.org for more information.)
- Application may be submitted in the summer after the student's 8th grade year through October of his/her 12th grade year, for membership during his/her 9th-12th grade years.
 - Your student can apply for Delta Nu at any time during the year. Because the most commonly recognized college entrance exams and nationally-normed achievement tests, the PSAT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, IOWA and Stanford tests, are given at multiple times throughout the year, we did not establish an annual deadline for Eta Sigma Alpha membership. To limit registration would be prohibitive in our eyes. Any student with the appropriate scores deserves to receive recognition for their merit.
- A test score of 97 (CLT 8 or 10); 1200 (SAT), 1200 (PSAT), 1170(PSAT 10), 1090 (PSAT 8/9 for a 9th grade student), 1020 (PSAT 8/9 for an 8th grade student); 26 (ACT), 26 (Pre-ACT 10); a 90% composite score on the Iowa ITBS or ITED); 90% on the total battery (the score listed under the National PR-S column) on the Stanford; or 90% total score (listed under the NPR column) on the Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) 2nd Edition nationally normed standardized achievement tests is required for ESA membership.

- *When taking the Iowa ITBS, Iowa ITED, Stanford or Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) the complete battery including science, social studies, language arts, spelling, reading, mathematics, and vocabulary must be taken. We do not accept the basic battery or core battery for admission.*
- The test score must come from one test. Section scores from different tests may not be combined to achieve the required test score for membership. Although some college scholarship applications accept super scoring, we do not. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE FOR ANY ONE!**
- *With the continuing technology changes, online testing is currently being offered more frequently in lieu of hard copy testing. Online testing may be used if given at a testing center or at a private tester's facility. Parents must not have access to the student, computer or test materials while the test is being administered. Students must not have access to other electronic devices which may connect to the internet, email or texting during testing.*
- Test scores should not be more than 1 year old.
- All tests must be administered in a group setting if a parent is helping with the test administration. If a group setting is not possible, a non-family member may administer the test in a one-on-one setting, as long as the parent does not have access to the test. Parent administered tests are not acceptable.

Benefits:

Once approved, students will receive a membership card and a certificate of membership. Each year when the membership is renewed, the student will receive a new certificate of membership for that year. Graduating seniors are eligible to order an ESA Diploma of Graduation from the HEP Bookstore. Students may also order a gold honor cord and ESA shawl for graduation. Other products are available at www.etasigmaalpha.com.



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Delta Nu Chapter

*Sponsored by the National Organization of ESA
Membership Application*

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ **Cell** _____

E-mail _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Current Grade Level _____ **Date of Graduation:** _____

Please include the following documentation with your application:

1. A short statement about why you would like to be a member of Eta Sigma Alpha.
2. Two letters of recommendation from someone other than your parent(s).
3. Payment: \$30.00, payable to Amy Brunsting.
4. A copy of the test score report from **one** of these groups of tests:
 - a. SAT or PSAT (1200); PSAT 8/9 (1020); or ACT or Pre-ACT 10 (26) score required
 - b. the IOWA, Stanford, or Terra Nova 2 (90% composite score required). Also, include a letter from the test administrator confirming that it was administered by someone other than your parent(s).
 - c. 97 (CLT 8 or 10) score required

*Mail to: Amy Brunsting, c/o Honor Society, 2582 Country Ledge Drive,
New Braunfels, Tx 78132 (830) 822-2388*

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