

Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society

Rho Omicron Chapter

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 public, colleges/universities and the media.

The Rho Omicron chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society is an independent organization, not affiliated with any specific group. The Rho Omicron chapter is available to students in Eagle's Nest who meet the homeschool eligibility requirements and who meet the academic requirements of the honor society.

The next application deadline is September 1, 2017, for induction in the fall of 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. Students entering 9th to 12th grades may apply in the summer for consideration of membership. Transfer high school student applications will not be accepted after October 31st of their senior year. Formal induction will be at a ceremony held in the Fall of each year if there are new members.

Only those students who meet the HSLDA definition of a homeschooler are eligible for ESA membership. This rule states that a student must complete 50% of his/her studies at home under the direct supervision of the parent. Co-op programs, group classes, and even community college courses are acceptable as long as the 50% rule is followed. 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.

Application fee is \$15 per student and must accompany application. There is a \$10 annual membership fee each year thereafter. All students will be required to purchase a ESA T-shirt to wear at ESA events and during volunteer work.

After induction into ESA, documentation of grade point average must be submitted annually by August 15. A GPA of **3.8 on a 4.0 grading scale (88%)** must be maintained in order to be a member in good standing.

Membership in Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society is an opportunity for home school scholars to be rewarded for their academic successes. We hope that you will choose to apply for this honor.

Application Requirements

Applicant must have a 3.8 (88%) grade point average on a 4-point scale and must supply a transcript with her/her application.

Applicant must provide proof of test scores from one of the following tests: SAT (1200), ACT (26), PSAT (1200); **OR** the IOWA or Stanford test taken in the spring of a student's 8th grade year or later, with a composite/complete battery score of 90% or greater. Beginning in 2009, MAT, Woodcock Johnson, PASS, THETA, and COMPASS Tests are NOT accepted. **No parent-administered test can be accepted.**

After testing 2 years in a row to the above standards in 8th grade or later, students are no longer required to submit testing scores.

Applicant must submit a letter of application telling why he/she would like to join ESA.

Applicant must arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the sponsors.

Applicant must submit a completed application form with \$15 application fee.

Applications may be submitted in the spring of the student's 8th grade year for membership consideration in the 9th grade.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ✦ Attend meetings.
- ✦ Actively participate in 10 hours of community service with other members (3-5 times a year will be offered, mandatory to attend 3). Usually we do a service project for the church that hosts us, one for a member of EN (approved by the EN Board), and we also volunteer at the EN book sale and Round Up. Other volunteer opportunities may also be offered during the year.
- ✦ Submit documentation of GPA annually. A minimum of 3.8 (88%) must be maintained in order to be a member in good standing starting at the end of the 9th grade year.
- ✦ \$10 annual membership dues. Dues are paid by August 15 of each year.