

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 15, 2018, for induction in the fall of 2018 for the 2018-2019 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 an 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 September 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.

- A test score of 88 (CLT), 91 (CLT 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 must 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.**

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 September 15 of each year.