

# Membership Guidelines

## Application Requirements

- Student must be a homeschooled student meeting the 51% rule as noted by HSLDA.
- The application may be submitted in the summer after the student's 7<sup>th</sup> grade year through October of his/her 12<sup>th</sup> grade year, for membership during his/her 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade years.
- Applicant must have a 3.5 grade point average on a 4-point scale and must supply a transcript with his/her application.
- Applicant must provide proof of test scores from one of the following test: Iowa, Stanford, Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.-90% composite or complete score, CLT-88, SAT-1200, ACT-26, PSAT-1200, PSAT10-1170, PSAT8/9 for Grade 9-1090, for Grade 8-1020. All test scores must be administered by someone other than the parent. Students must present a letter from the test administrator for all tests except SAT/PSAT/ACT.
- Applicant must submit a short statement about why he/she would like to be a member of Eta Sigma Alpha.
- Applicant's parents must submit a letter of recommendation for their student/child.
- Applicant must submit letters from three additional references. These letters must be mailed to the address on the next page.
- Applicant must complete and submit an application form.

## Commitment

- *Actively participate in public service projects and submit 10 hours per year to ESA.*
- *Act as a liaison for ESA to let others know about our organization*
- *Uphold the ideas of leadership and service*
- *Maintain high scholastic and social standards*

## ***Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society***

# Omega 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 general public, colleges/universities, and the media."*

*Sponsored by the National Organization, the Omega Chapter is for those students who meet the academic requirements of the honor society, but who do not have a local chapter to join.*

*Students may apply as early as the summer of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. High school seniors' applications will not be accepted after the October of their senior year.*

*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.*

# Omega Chapter

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## Membership Application

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, St Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Homeschool** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade Level** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current GPA** (3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale required): \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following documentation with your application:

1. A copy of your transcript.
2. Test score from **one** of these two groups of tests which is one year or less old:
  - a. ITBS/ITED - IOWA (90% composite score), Stanford (90% on the total battery) or Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (90% total score). The complete battery including science, social studies, language arts, spelling, reading, mathematics, and vocabulary must be taken. The basic battery or core battery score is not accepted for admission. Also, include a letter from the test administrator confirming that it was administered by someone other than your parent(s).
  - b. CLT (88); SAT (1200); PSAT (1200); PSAT 10 (1170); PSAT 8/9 Score for Grade 9 (1090); PSAT 8/9 Score for Grade 8 (1020); or ACT (26)
3. A short statement about why you would like to be a member of Eta Sigma Alpha.
4. A letter of recommendation from your parent(s).
5. Three letters of recommendation from someone other than your parent(s).
6. Payment: \$40.00
  - a. Checks – make payable to HEP of Texas, Inc.
  - b. Credit card (circle one) M/C    Visa    Am. Express    Discover

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ expiration \_\_\_\_\_

CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Joanne E. Juren, C/O Omega Chapter, HEP Bookstore, 11665 Fuqua St., Suite A-100  
Houston, TX 77034 (281) 922-0478



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281-922-0478; 281-922-0504 (fax)  
[www.etasigmaalpha.com](http://www.etasigmaalpha.com)

Dear Prospective ESA Member,

Attached is an application for membership in the Omega Chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society. Over the years, many students have not been able to join ESA because a local chapter in their area of the country was not available. Many students live in rural areas where it is difficult to meet with other students for meetings and service activities. We are delighted to offer to these students membership in a national chapter, the Omega Chapter. Membership in this chapter is available only to those students to whom a local chapter is unavailable.

Students must submit the attached application and all required documentation. Dues shall be \$40.00 per year. 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.

To remain active, students must submit 10 hours of service each year. The service record form is available at [www.etasigmaalpha.com](http://www.etasigmaalpha.com). Failure to submit the service-hours form will result in a forfeiture of membership.

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 paraphernalia such as ESA pins, charms, t-shirts, insulated mugs, and Christmas ornaments are available for purchase. Visit the [www.etasigmaalpha.com](http://www.etasigmaalpha.com) webpage for more information about these products.

Once again, thank you for your interest in ESA. We hope you will consider joining. Congratulations on your success as a home school student. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Joanne E. Juren, National Executive Director