



Dear Prospective ESA Member,

Attached is an application for membership in the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society and the Quest Honor Society. Students must submit the attached application and all required documentation. Dues shall be \$25.00 per year.

Once approved, students will be invited to attend an official induction ceremony where they will receive a certificate of membership and pin. Students who have been approved are welcome to attend all ESA sponsored meetings and events immediately.

To remain active, students must submit twenty hours of service each year, ten per semester. Ten hours must be spent volunteering for Quest and the other ten may be spent at Quest or doing outside community service. Service Record Forms must be submitted online to the ESA Secretary by the end of each semester. Failure to submit the service-hours form will result in a forfeiture of membership. The form can be accessed at [www.quesths.org](http://www.quesths.org) in the Members area.

Graduating Quest Honor Society Members will be given an honor cord to wear at graduation. ESA seniors in good standing will be given a stole with the ESA emblem and an honor cord to wear with their caps and gowns during graduation. Other ESA products are available through the ESA store if you are interested. Visit the [www.etasigmaalpha.com](http://www.etasigmaalpha.com) webpage for more information about these products.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Quest Honor Society and ESA. We hope you will consider joining. Congratulations on your success as a homeschool student. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Thai*

Rebecca Thai, Gamma Omicron Chapter Director

## Membership Guidelines

"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."

Students may apply as early as the summer prior to their 6th grade year. High school seniors' applications will not be accepted after the October of their senior year.

Membership in Quest Honor Society is governed by the Eta Sigma Alpha Gamma Omicron Chapter and a Quest faculty nomination is required to be eligible for membership. Eta Sigma Alpha will notify all students who have been nominated.

Membership in the Quest Honor Society and the 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

- Student must be a homeschooled student meeting the 50% rule as noted by HSLDA.
- The application may be submitted in the summer after the student's 5th grade year through October of his/her 12th grade year, for membership during his/her 6th – 12th 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.
- Applicants to the Quest Honor Society do not need to submit a test score but must have been nominated by a Quest faculty member. Applicants can be promoted into Eta Sigma Alpha at any time by providing a test score as indicated below.
- Applicants to Eta Sigma Alpha must provide proof of test scores from one of the following tests:

A test score of 88 (CLT), 97 (CLT 10), 97 (CLT 8); 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); 23 (Pre-ACT 8/9) a 90% composite score on the Iowa ITBS or ITED); 90% on the total battery (the score listed under the National PR-S or PR 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.

All tests must be administered by someone other than the parent. Students must present a letter from the test administrator for all tests except CLT/SAT/PSAT/ACT.

- Applicant must submit a short statement about why he/she would like to be a member of the Quest Honor Society or Eta Sigma Alpha Honor Society.
- Applicant's parents must submit a letter of recommendation for their student/child.
- Applicant must submit letters from two additional references. These letters must be included with the application or emailed to:  
honorsociety@questforeducationandarts.com.
- Applicant must complete and submit an application form.

### **Commitment**

- Actively volunteer for community service at Quest and other organizations and submit 20 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
- Pay all annual dues in full and on time
- Attend scheduled chapter meetings
- Participate in chapter sponsored events

## Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Homeschool: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA (Use 4.0 Scale): \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following documentation with your application:

1. A copy of your transcript.
2. If applying to ESA, a copy of the test score report from one of the standardized tests outlined in the Application Requirements section.
3. If applying to ESA, A letter of verification from the non-parent testing administrator if the test was administered in a home setting.
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. Two letters of recommendation from someone other than your parent(s).
6. Payment: \$25.00 (This will fulfill your dues requirement for your first year).

Submit: Please submit all applications electronically by emailing them to [honorsociety@questforeducationandarts.com](mailto:honorsociety@questforeducationandarts.com). Letters of recommendation can also be submitted by the recommender to this email address. Payments can be made online using the link on the application page of our website: [www.quesths.org](http://www.quesths.org). If paying by check, make checks payable to Gamma Omicron Chapter of ESA. Place the check in an envelope marked Eta Sigma Alpha and drop it off in the Quest office.