

# ETA SIGMA GAMMA



## An Administrative Guide for the Formation of a New Collegiate Chapter

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## **WHAT IS ETA SIGMA GAMMA?**

Eta Sigma Gamma is the only National Professional Honorary in Health Education. Eta Sigma Gamma is fully incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the state of Indiana. The principal purpose of Eta Sigma Gamma is to elevate the standards, ideals, competence and ethics of professionally trained individuals in the Health Education discipline in the areas of teaching, service and research.

## **WHY ETA SIGMA GAMMA?**

The objectives of Eta Sigma Gamma are to further the professional competence and dedication of the individual members in and for the Health Education discipline and the promotion of this discipline by stimulating scientific research; facilitating communication and discussion between individuals, agencies and governmental jurisdiction through the exchange of practices and philosophies; motivating service and academic achievement; recognizing service and academic achievement; developing methods, materials and programs; and raising professional standards and ethics. An organization such as this will help to further identify the Health Education discipline in the minds of colleagues in the fields of Education as well as the general public. In addition, it will help establish autonomy for the discipline as a distinct, separate, integral part of school and college curricula, as well as in matters concerning the health of the public. Furthermore, such an organization will encourage and attract capable people to work in this discipline, and it will serve in the recruitment of personnel. Finally, a sense of camaraderie will develop among those people who have chosen this area for their professional work.

## **WHAT IS A SPONSORING COMMITTEE? WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE SPONSORING COMMITTEE?**

A committee of three to five members should be charged with the responsibility of seeking admission of a new chapter into Eta Sigma Gamma. The committee should be comprised of Health Education Faculty members with terminal degrees in Health Education and students who are pursuing a major in Health Education. The committee should be charged with the responsibility for selection of petitioners. The members of this committee should know the standards for membership that are to apply locally and should know what constitutes eligibility for membership according to the constitution and by-laws of the national organization. The committee should be certain of the statuses of each petitioner before the record is submitted.

## **WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OF ETA SIGMA GAMMA?**

Collegiate chapters are granted to institutions of higher education that have as a part of their curriculum a separate degree program offering preparation in Health Education.

## **WHAT CONSTITUTES ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP INTO A COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OF ETA SIGMA GAMMA?**

Candidates who are Health Education majors or minors may be considered for membership into Eta Sigma Gamma after having completed two or more semesters or two or more quarters of college work leading toward a degree in Health Education. In addition to the above requirement for membership, each candidate must earn a grade point average of at least 2.7 (on a 4.0 grade point system) in one semester or quarter, followed by an average of at least 2.5 in the next semester or quarter to be eligible for election into the collegiate chapter. During initial formation of the collegiate chapter the above academic standing requirement may be waived. Instead, each petition student must have achieved a cumulative grade point of 2.25 on a 4.0 grade point system.

## **WHAT DOES IT COST A NEW CHAPTER TO AFFILIATE WITH ETA SIGMA GAMMA?**

The charter fee, which must accompany the petition for a campus chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, is \$600. It must be paid by the petitioners or by the institution seeking the chapter. This group will be billed for other supplies provided, but these materials may be paid for after installation of the new chapter.

## **WHAT DOES IT COST A NEW MEMBER?**

Initiation fee is \$50 for students and \$75 for professionals. Annual National dues are \$50 for students and \$75 for professionals. The fees and dues are paid to the National Office. Campus chapters may assess initiation fees and annual dues.