

Rho Tau Chapter | Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society

Mandatory National Test Score Requirements for Membership:

1. Only CLT tests can be administered at home as the CLT is monitored and reviewed by an official CLT proctor. All other tests must be administered in a testing center, school, or under the supervision of an adult test supervisor who is not the applicant's parent. Parents may not be in the room during the testing. This rule applies to both paper tests and online testing.

2. When submitting an application for ESA admission, include a signed statement from the test supervisor. This statement must attest to the facts that the student received no help from anyone during the test and that he/she accessed no "outside materials" during the test time.

4. This statement must indicate where the test was administered, by whom the test was administered and his/her relationship to the student, and when the test was administered. Sponsors will accept these signed statements along with the proof of test score. ESA reserves the right to contact the test proctor to verify the statement.

Online Tests: IOWA, Stanford, TerraNova, SAT family of tests, CLT family of tests, or ACT family of tests. Students still **MUST** have a test score to join ESA. Please follow the standards for the test scores.

These test guidelines apply to all. Students must meet the test score criteria **BEFORE** joining ESA. Students will not be made "provisionary members" waiting for a test score.

- **College Admission Tests**

- SAT - 1200
 - PSAT - 1200
 - PSAT 10 - 1170
 - PSAT 8/9 - 1080
- ACT - 26
- CLT - 96
 - CLT 10 - 88
 - CLT 8 - 88

- **Achievement Tests**

- IOWA Assessment – 90% of complete battery
- SAT – 90% (the score listed under the National PR-S or PR column)
- Terra Nova – 90% (listed under the NPR column)

Local Chapter Initial Membership Application Requirements:

- Headshot/portrait photo
- Minimum score on one of the tests listed above

- 3.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale, documented via transcripts that include home education classes/grades, grades for early admission college courses, co-op or support group homeschool class grades, etc.
- 250-500 word essay written by applicant. Prompt: How has homeschooling prepared you for the world, a career, and higher education after high school?
- Three letters of recommendation (academic, extracurricular/employment, personal/social) - please submit 1 from each category
- Payment of \$100 Application/Membership fee

Membership Annual Renewal requirements:

- Bi-monthly in-person meeting attendance. (minimum of 50% attendance required)
- Bi-monthly online meeting attendance. (minimum of 50% attendance required)
- Participation in service projects (no more than two absences per year)
- Payment of \$50 renewal fee

Please Note: Eta Sigma Alpha Home School Honor Society is limited to **home school** students; this is the only limitation we have. We are friendly to people of all faiths and political persuasions.

Homeschool Eligibility

Only those students who meet the HSLDA definition of a home schooler 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-ops, 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 or where the public school system, umbrella school, on-line school assigns the grades without parent participation, are not eligible for ESA membership. (See HSLDA's webpage at www.hslda.org for more information.)