

## **What is Delta Epsilon Sigma?**

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty, and alumni of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition. It was founded in 1939 to recognize academic accomplishments, to foster scholarly activities, and to encourage a sense of intellectual community among its members. National recognition is accorded through the college or university chapter. Over one hundred colleges and universities have received charters to establish chapters of Delta Epsilon Sigma.

## **Membership Requirements**

Undergraduate students must have completed at least fifty percent of the credit requirements for their baccalaureate degrees and rank not lower than the highest twenty percent of their class in scholarship. Graduate students shall have completed one-half of the credit requirements for their degree and shall have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

## **Benefits of Membership**

In addition to fellowship members enjoy in a national scholarly community, members are entitled to a life-long subscription to the **Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal**. Membership in the society is continuing and transferable from chapter to chapter. National dues are limited to initiation fee. Each member is entitled to vote for and to stand for nomination as a national officer or member of the Executive Committee.

Because Delta Epsilon Sigma has been admitted into the Association of College Honor Societies, members at graduation are eligible for employment in Federal Civil Service GS-7

positions instead of GS-5 if they fulfill all other requirements for the position.

## **Scholarships and Fellowships**

The Society sponsors an annual scholarship and fellowship competition for its members. Junior-year members may apply for Fitzgerald Scholarships at \$1,000 each to be applied towards tuition cost for their senior year. Senior-year members may apply for Fitzgerald Fellowships at \$1,000 each to apply towards tuition costs for first year graduate work.

## **Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal**

Published twice a year, the Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal contains essays, scholarly articles, poetry and short stories, as well as news of members and chapters. Members are encouraged to submit their own work for consideration for publication.

## **Distinguished Lecturers Program**

The Society makes available a fund to help subsidize lecturers sponsored by local Delta Epsilon Sigma chapters with a maximum award of \$200. In addition, there is an award of \$1,000 for speakers at major meetings sponsored or co-sponsored by chapters of the Society or by professional societies.

## **National Writing Competition**

An annual Writing Competition is sponsored by the Society. Prizes of \$500 each are awarded in creative writing and expository writing and the winning submissions are published in the DES Journal.

## **National Student Award**

Designed to bring national attention to truly outstanding academic accomplishment among its undergraduate members, this award is intended for graduating seniors. The award requires membership in Delta Epsilon Sigma; and overall grade point average of 3.90/4.00 on all work taken as an undergraduate; a score at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or better on a nationally recognized tests (GRE, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT); and an approved undergraduate thesis or its equivalent in the major field. A distinctive gold-plated and bronze medallion and publication of the recipient's name in the Journal constitute this award.

## **Chapter Award**

A gold-plated and bronze medallion is available to chapters for use in recognizing outstanding accomplishments or service by or for its members. Each chapter is encouraged to establish its own criteria for making this a significant award on the local campus.

## **Further Information**

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