

# Honor Society Membership

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In November of 2003, a local chapter of the National Homeschool Honor Society (Eta Sigma Alpha) was formed in Lawrence. This local chapter, Phi Gamma Chapter, is sponsored by TEACH. "The purpose of the local chapter is to recognize and encourage scholarship among homeschool high school students. To achieve this purpose, the society shall provide opportunities for the development of leadership and service. Therefore the group will elect officers amongst themselves to plan and implement various types of service projects throughout the year."

During the first year, the students helped to flesh out the local requirements and to establish officers. They also helped to clean and provide a meal at a local homeless shelter and collected cell phones that were then donated to a battered women's shelter. Last year the group collected care packages for about 55 troops deployed overseas and also collected food to help stock the shelves of a local group that hands out food to needy families.

Phi Gamma Chapter is looking for new members for the following school year. The mandatory requirements are as follows:

1) Student must be in high school and meet one of the following test scores:

90% composite score on Stanford, California or Iowa Achievement Tests

SAT score of 1800

ACT score of 26

PSAT score of 120 (add the math and verbal score together)

2) Current GPA (3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale required)

3) Two letters of recommendation and a short statement about themselves.

4) Meet with the group to plan and implement some service project.

Remember that universities are looking for more than academic performance! These institutions like to see involvement in extra curricular activities, offices held, and volunteer/service projects the students have performed throughout their high school experience. Scholarships are most often awarded to students that demonstrate not only academic success but also leadership potential. Colleges will look for the student's involvement!

If you have a student that qualifies for membership, please contact Cathy Barfield at 785-843-9207 or HSBioMom@earthlink.net to receive an application. The applications are due September 15th so that the group may have its elections at the October meeting.