

Phi Eta Sigma



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

WHAT IS PHI ETA SIGMA?

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society rewarding first-collegiate-year scholarship. Our goal is to encourage and reward academic excellence among full-time first-year students in institutions of higher learning.

The oldest and largest first-year honor society, Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois on March 22, 1923. We now have more than 370 chapters throughout the United States and more than 1 million inducted members.

Phi Eta Sigma members take a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of our Society despite the fact that we have the lowest membership fee of any nationally recognized honor society.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

All who meet the following:

- First-year, full-time student *and*
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on 4.0 scale *and*
- This GPA is achieved for any regular curricular period *and*
- Respective campus has an active Phi Eta Sigma chapter

(Detailed eligibility criteria listed in Society Constitution)

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Cash scholarships up to \$10,000
- Cash awards of \$1,000
- Many local chapters also award scholarships

Members applying for national scholarships and awards must be nominated by their chapters. Local chapter advisers have application forms; deadline is March 1 for national scholarship committee evaluation.

2010 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1.....\$10,000	36.....\$6,000
4.....\$ 7,500	30.....\$1,000

Total **\$285,000**
Scholarships and Awards



IS PHI ETA SIGMA A SOCIAL FRATERNITY?

Although some chapters have social events, we are not a social fraternity. There is a dignified induction ceremony to which parents and friends are invited. Most chapters have projects and activities promoting academic excellence and campus and community service, but individual participation is optional.



WHERE DO NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEES GO?

Your one-time national membership provides:

- Membership certificate
- Golden membership key or tie tac
- National magazine, the *FORUM of Phi Eta Sigma*
- National website providing information and resources for members and chapter advisers
- Chapter delegate registration at biennial national convention and leadership workshops

In addition, a portion of each membership fee goes to the Founders Fund, which provides scholarships and awards to outstanding Phi Eta Sigma members.