**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE PSI SIGMA CHAPTER OF ETA SIGMA ALPHA NATIONAL HOMESCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY**

**Article I: Definitions**

* The Psi Sigma Chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society shall be referred to as the Psi Sigma Chapter.
* Aspiring member shall refer to a student submitting an application.
* Full member shall refer to a student who meets all membership requirements for the Psi Sigma Chapter.

**Article II: Name**

This organization, as a chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society, shall be the Psi Sigma Chapter.

**Article III: Objective**

The purpose of Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among homeschooled students. To achieve this purpose, Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society shall provide opportunities for the development of leadership, character, and service. The Psi Sigma Chapter shall encourage the development of an intellectual climate that will stimulate the exchange of ideas, foster scholarship, and promote academic excellence. Furthermore, the Psi Sigma Chapter seeks to promote Christian values in the academic arena while encouraging scholarship, service, character, and leadership. The Psi Sigma Chapter shall also advocate homeschooling as a viable and successful educational methodology and act as a liaison for homeschooling to the general public, colleges/universities, and the media.

**Article IV: Membership and Joining**

**Section 1:** All full members of the Psi Sigma Chapter shall first be a part of Eta Sigma Alpha, the national chapter of the Homeschool Honor Society. In order to join and be a full member of Eta Sigma Alpha, aspiring members must have scores of “88 (CLT), 97 (CLT 10), 97 (CLT 8); 1200 (SAT), 1200 (PSAT), 1170 (PSAT 10), 1090 (PSAT 8/9 for a 9th grade student), 1020 (PSAT 8/9 for a rising 9th grade student), 26 (ACT), 26 (Pre-ACT 10);  a 90% composite score on the Iowa ITBS or ITED;  90% on the total battery (the score listed under the National PR-S or PR column) on the Stanford; or 90% total score (listed under the NPR column) on the Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) 2nd Edition nationally normed standardized achievement tests is required for ESA membership. When taking the Iowa ITBS, Iowa ITED, Stanford or Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) the complete battery including science, social studies, language arts, spelling, reading, mathematics, and vocabulary must be taken. We do not accept the basic battery or core battery for admission. The test score must come from one test. Section scores from different tests may not be combined to achieve the required test score for membership. Although some college scholarship applications accept super scoring, we do not. Test scores must not be more than one year old. All tests must be administered in a group setting if a parent is helping with the test administration. If a group setting is not possible, a non-family member may administer the test in a one-on-one setting, as long as the parent does not have access to the test. Parent-administered tests are not acceptable.” This section shall change immediately if Eta Sigma Alpha amends its requirements for membership. Members must be in 9th grade or higher at the start of the school year. Aspiring members may be in 8th grade or higher and must fulfill all other mandatory requirements set forth by the national chapter, Eta Sigma Alpha. After acceptance, aspiring members shall become full members and no further test scores shall be required.

**Section 2:** Aspiring members must submit a completed application form, test scores, and membership fee. Application materials shall be mailed to the chapter’s Sponsors for review. New members shall receive a letter of acceptance prior to the new member induction ceremony each year.

**Section 3:** Members must be homeschooled at least 50% of the time to comply with the requirements of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society.

**Section 4:** Each full member must perform community service for at least 20 hours per year, either as a group or independently. Community service may include Psi Sigma Chapter service projects, church service, and independent service.

**Section 5:** All students joining the Psi Sigma Chapter shall pay an annual membership fee. The annual fee for the upcoming year will be determined in conjunction with the Sponsors and Officers and voted on by the membership at the last meeting of the year. One (1) need-based, full scholarship shall be instituted along with one (1) need-based, half scholarship to assist aspiring or returning members. Sponsors shall determine who is awarded each scholarship.

**Section 6:** Each student that remains a full member in good standing of the Psi Sigma Chapter for the entirety of the academic year will be given an Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society certificate. Remaining in good standing requires maintaining homeschool eligibility requirements, completing 20 hours of community service, meeting attendance requirements, and paying the applicable membership fee.

**Section 7:** All full members shall remain in good standing unless they miss more than one-third of scheduled chapter meetings per academic year, fail to meet other membership criteria, or commit conduct that the Psi Sigma Chapter’s Sponsors and Officers deem necessary to reprimand with disciplinary status or dismissal. Additional absences for further academic pursuits can be excused at the Sponsors’ discretion.

**Section 8:** All full members are expected to participate fully in the meetings and activities of the Psi Sigma Chapter. Each member is expected to be present at the beginning and the end of each meeting. In case of unavoidable tardiness or absence, please inform a Sponsor.

**Section 9:** Each aspiring member will be requested on the application to have his or her picture taken and used for various Psi Sigma Chapter purposes. A student has the right to decline and this will have no bearing on their membership status. In the case of picture permission refusal, the individual member involved will be responsible to let anyone taking pictures at Psi Sigma Chapter activities know this preference in order to make sure no member is accidentally included in any picture.

**Section 10:** All members must read and accept the Bylaws of the Psi Sigma Chapter. They will only need to do this once when they first join the Honor Society, unless the Bylaws are amended, in which case they will be required to read and accept the amended Bylaws. Should the Bylaws be amended during the school year, members shall be required to vote on said amendment(s). If 2/3 or more of full members vote “aye” the amendment(s) shall be passed.

**Article V: Primary Officers and their Duties**

**Section 1:** The primary Officers of the Psi Sigma Chapter include, but are not limited to, President, Vice President, Media Chair, Secretary, and Activities Chair. Full membership is required to fulfill these five primary duties. The Officers will be selected by the Psi Sigma Chapter members at the end of each school year with the exception of the first year, in which case Officers will be selected following the first induction of new members. The Officers’ positions are earned by popular vote. Only full members of the Psi Sigma Chapter are eligible for nomination. If a member is nominated to hold a leadership position, they are not required to accept. Once voted in, all Officers are required to conduct their duties to the best of their ability.

**Section 2:** The duties of the President shall include: executing the Officers’ and Sponsors’ agendas, overseeing all operations of the Psi Sigma Chapter, scheduling and organizing meetings, conducting the meetings, providing general upkeep of the club, and delegating tasks to Officers and members. The President is also responsible for thank-you calls and letters.

**Section 3:** The Vice President shall assist the President in all tasks, stand in for the President when the President is absent, and help the President create goals and tasks for the organization. The Vice President shall schedule guest speakers for monthly meetings.

**Section 4:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall take note of all Psi Sigma Chapter votes, record meeting minutes, take meeting attendance, and communicate with members regarding number of absences. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain accurate books and account for all receipts and disbursements.

**Section 5:** The Media Chair shall work to promote the Psi Sigma Chapter online through the chapter website. In addition, the Media Chair shall be responsible for updating the website.

**Section 6:** The Activities Coordinator shall organize all games, social events, and service projects. In addition, the Activities Chair shall be responsible for communication with outside organizations for social events and service projects.

**Section 7:** If an officer fails to fulfill his or her duties in the eyes of the chapter, he or she may be impeached. For impeachment to be considered, the Sponsors and Officers will place the article(s) of impeachment on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting. The stated reason for the article(s) of impeachment shall be included on the agenda. The President shall conduct the meeting at which the impeachment is being considered, unless the President is the officer subject to the article(s) of impeachment. In this case, the Vice President shall conduct the meeting. If 50% of the members in attendance vote that the article(s) of impeachment are worthy of further consideration, a group discussion will be held immediately. For conviction on the article(s) of impeachment to occur, two-thirds of the attending members must vote in favor of one or more articles. Impeachment from office does not remove the member from the Psi Sigma chapter. Upon conviction of the articles, the Officer shall be removed from office.

**Section 8:** If a vacancy in office arises, the Sponsors and Officers shall appoint a replacement based on prior voting. If no prior vote exists, a new vote to fill the position shall be conducted.

**Section 9:** Each member may not hold the same office for two consecutive school years, unless specifically asked by a Sponsor in the event of a vacancy, in order to permit others to experience the responsibilities of that office, but they are eligible and encouraged to participate in the duties of other offices.

**Article VI: Amendments to the Bylaws**

**Section 1:** Amendments to the Bylaws can be submitted to the Officers by full members, fellow officers, or Sponsors for officer review. Upon submission of the amendment and officer review, the President shall add it to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Section 2:** At the next meeting, the President shall preside over the hearing of the amendment to be read by the Vice President. The merits of said amendment shall be discussed by its creator and any Officers or Sponsors obliged to speak on the matter. Any arguments against said amendment shall be heard at the discretion of the President.

**Section 3:** Amendments to the Bylaws shall take effect upon an “aye” vote of approval of a two-thirds majority of members present at the meeting at which they are submitted by the Officers to the members as new business. Upon approval of amendments, the Bylaws shall be remedied to reflect the will of the members.