

The Bylaws of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society Lambda Omicron Chapter (Amended 8/1/16)

ARTICLE I - Name

This organization, as a chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool School Honor Society, shall be called the Lambda Omicron Chapter of Centreville, Virginia. For simplicity's sake, it shall be termed Lambda Omicron.

ARTICLE II- Mission Statement

The purpose of Lambda Omicron is to encourage scholarship among homeschool students in Centreville, VA who attend CHESS. To achieve this purpose, Lambda Omicron shall provide opportunities for the development of leadership and service. Lambda Omicron shall encourage the development of an intellectual climate that will stimulate the exchange of ideas and ideals, foster scholarship, and promote academic excellence.

ARTICLE III: Membership and Joining

Section 1: All members of Lambda Omicron shall first be a part of Eta Sigma Alpha, the national chapter of the Homeschool Honor Society. In order to join Eta Sigma Alpha, students must have one of the following scores:

- Stanford Achievement: 90% total battery
- Iowa Achievement: 90% composite score
- PSAT 8/9: 1200, PSAT 10: 1200, PSAT/NMSQT: 1200
- SAT (Old SAT: 1800, or New SAT: 1200)
- ACT: 26
- CLT: 88

This test must be administered in a group setting by someone other than the parent and the test scores cannot be more than a year old. A copy of test scores must be given to the Lambda Omicron advisors to keep on file.

The local chapter advisors shall provide the necessary and proper Eta Sigma Alpha membership forms at the first meeting of every school year. This section shall change immediately if Eta Sigma Alpha changes its requirements for membership. <http://www.etasigmaalpha.com/membership>

Section 2: All students applying to Lambda Omicron for the first time shall pay \$25.00 in order to join. All returning members shall pay a \$15.00 annual fee at the start of each school year. Make checks payable to: CHESS.

Section 3: Upon joining Eta Sigma Alpha and being inducted into Lambda Omicron, the student becomes a member in full standing of Lambda Omicron.

Section 4: All returning members shall be required to certify that their high school grade point average is at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or 3.75 if weighted). An updated transcript will be required for returning members.

Section 5: All members shall remain members in good standing unless: they fail to attend 75% of meetings, or do not participate in three Lambda Omicron group service project per year, or fail to complete 20 volunteer hours.

Section 6: All members shall make every effort to participate in as many service projects as Lambda Omicron organizes with a minimum of three service projects per year. A service project shall be defined as a project that aids an organization that serves the greater community with a minimum participation of two active Lambda Omicron members.

Section 7: All members in good standing and who have met the requirements set forth in Article IV are eligible to run for any office for which they meet the qualifications in Lambda Omicron. All members have the right to participate fully in the meetings and activities of Lambda Omicron.

Section 8: Upon graduating from their senior year of high school, active membership of Lambda Omicron shall be discontinued.

ARTICLE IV: Officers and Duties

Section 1: Structure - There shall be four officers consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer for a term of one year. There will be two adult chapter advisors. Officers will be nominated and elected in the spring of the school year for the following year.

Section 2: The President shall create meeting agendas, run the meetings, oversee the other officers, coordinate one service project, and participate in all Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects. The president shall also be responsible for notifying students who are not in good standing of their probationary status.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall be in charge of overseeing all service projects, heading up one service project, collecting and recording service hours from members each semester, communicating service opportunities to the members, and filling in for the president if he or she is unable to attend a meeting.

Section 4: The Secretary shall take detailed minutes on the proceedings of each meeting, head up one service project, record member attendance at Lambda Omicron events and meetings, maintain membership records, coordinate and participate in Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects, and email written minutes to the membership within a week of the meeting, which will be read and approved at the following meeting.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall collect chapter dues and fees, and, in conjunction with advisors, keep accurate account records. The treasurer shall head up one service project and participate in Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects. The treasurer will also coordinate a snack sign-up for members to bring snacks to the meetings.

Section 6: Candidacy - In order to be considered a candidate for office in Lambda Omicron, a person must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing and have completed all general membership requirements.
- Be willing to plan and implement a Lambda Omicron service project.
- For positions of President and Vice-President, be a rising Junior or Senior.

Officers' terms begin upon election and terminate at the end of the school year with new elections.

Section 7: Elections - Nominations for officers shall be taken from any person on the floor. A nominee may accept or reject the nomination. The voting shall take place by secret ballot. Only Lambda Omicron members, including seniors in good standing, may cast ballots. Lambda Omicron advisers will tally results, which will be announced within 24 hours of the conclusion of elections.

Section 8: Vacancies - If a vacancy arises, the advisors may temporarily appoint a replacement. At the next meeting, an election shall take place to fill the vacancy.

Section 9: Multiple Offices - A member may not hold more than one of the offices of president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, at a time.

ARTICLE V: Meeting Protocol

Section 1: Meetings shall be held on the dates: September 26th (Officers only), October 24th, November 21st, January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th unless otherwise decided upon by the leadership of Lambda Omicron. Christmas party will be December 12th.

Section 2: The time and place for the meetings shall be on Mondays from 4:30 - 5:15 pm at CHESS (Centreville Homeschool Enrichment Support Services) at Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville, VA.

ARTICLE VI: Commitment of Members

Section 1: Attend all regularly scheduled meetings (minimum attendance 75% required).

Section 2: Uphold the ideals of leadership and service, maintaining high scholastic (3.5+ GPA) and social standards.

Section 3: Actively participate in a minimum of three Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects per academic year and report participation to the Vice-President of Lambda Omicron.

Sections 3: Pay yearly dues of \$25 (new members), \$15 (returning members).

ARTICLE VII: Probation

Section 1: Grounds for Probation – a member shall be put on probation if they fail to meet either the minimum meeting attendance requirements or the minimum service project participation requirements as laid out in Article III.

Section 2: Administration of Probation – The member on probation shall receive a phone call or email from the president informing them of their status and laying out the requirements that must be completed to regain status as a member in good standing.

Section 3: Requirements – If a member is on probation for failing to attend the required number of meetings, they shall be required to attend all future scheduled meetings and write up a 1000 word report on a subject that an advisor deems suitable. If a member is on probation for failing to attend the required number of service projects, they shall be required to add 5 more volunteer hours to their yearly requirement to fulfill their commitment.

Section 4: Dismissal – Failure to complete the terms of probation may result in the member being dismissed from Lambda Omicron.

ARTICLE VIII: Dismissal of Members

Section 1: Grounds for Dismissal – Students may be dismissed from Lambda Omicron for failing to complete the terms of probation as laid out in Article VII, or for being found engaging in any form of academic dishonesty (i.e. plagiarism, cheating, etc.)

ARTICLE IX: Amending Bylaws

Section 1: Lambda Omicron Bylaws shall be reviewed and modified as needed.