

The Bylaws of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society Lambda Omicron Chapter (Amended 6/22/17)

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 CHES. 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 who attend CHES. 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. To join Eta Sigma Alpha, students must have qualifying scores of at least:

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

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.**

Online testing will be accepted if given at a testing center or at a private tester's facility. Parents must not have access to the student, computer, or test materials while the test is being administered. Students must not have access to other electronic devices which may connect to the internet, email, or texting during testing.

Test results must be less than one year old.

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 to join. The annual fee for first time members includes an honor society t-shirt. All returning members shall pay a \$15.00 annual fee at the start of each school year. Make checks payable to: CHES and include with your new or returning student application and all required documents. All paperwork must be submitted by Wednesday, September 20, 2017 to be considered for membership during the 2017-2018 academic year.

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: To remain in good standing, all members shall attend six out of the eight monthly meetings, complete 20 service hours (group and individual combined), and participate in a minimum of three group service projects.

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: Leadership Structure - There shall be five officers consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and historian for a term of one year. There will be at least two adult chapter advisors. There will be monthly planning meetings with the advisors the week prior to regular member meetings. 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, secure student or visiting speakers and coordinate with Lambda Omicron advisors. The president shall also be responsible for notifying students who are not in good standing of their probationary status. The president shall head up one service project and participate in Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall oversee all service projects, collect and record service hours from members at each meeting, communicate service opportunities to the members, and fill in for the president if he or she is unable to attend a meeting. The vice-president shall also be responsible for notifying students who of their service hour status. The Vice-President shall head up one service project and participate in Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects.

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

Section 5: The Treasurer shall collect chapter dues and fees, and in conjunction with advisors, keep accurate account records. The treasurer will also coordinate a snack sign-up for members to bring snacks to the

meetings. The treasurer shall head up one service project and participate in Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects.

Section 6: The Historian shall take photographs of the meetings, service projects and social gatherings sponsored by Lambda Omicron. The historian is responsible for maintaining a scrapbook with visual and written details of group activities. The historian shall head up one service project and participate in Lambda Omicron sponsored service projects.

Section 7: Candidacy - 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. Officers must be available for monthly officer meetings.

Section 8: 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 9: 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 10: Multiple Offices - A member may not hold more than one of the offices of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or historian during the same academic year.

ARTICLE V: Meeting Protocol

Section 1: Meetings shall be held on the dates: September 25th (Officers only), October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th (holiday party), January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, and April 2nd and May 7th unless otherwise decided upon by the leadership of Lambda Omicron.

Section 2: The time for the meetings shall be on the first Mondays of each month from 4:30-5:30 pm.

ARTICLE VI: Commitment of Members

Section 1: Attend at least six of the eight scheduled meetings.

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 complete a total of 20 service hours (group and individual combined).

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.