



Lambda Sigma Honor Society

Who we are:

PURPOSE: Lambda Sigma Society, a national honor society for second-year college students, is dedicated to fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service among its members as they promote the interests of the colleges and universities they represent.

HISTORY: Lambda Sigma Society was founded as an honor society in 1922 at the University of Pittsburgh. Since its founding, Lambda Sigma has become a national organization with more than forty chapters. Its national heritage is strengthened through activities associated with an annual Presidents Conference, which brings presidents together to share ideas among chapters, including student engagement and servant leadership. Lambda Sigma Society has been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies since 1981.

INSIGNIA: The official symbol of Lambda Sigma Society is composed of the Greek letters lambda and sigma superimposed in gold on a diamond with a blue field. The letters lambda and sigma are emblematic of leadership and scholarship.

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Membership

Membership in Lambda Sigma is not only recognition for students' first-year college accomplishments, but also a challenge to serve throughout college and beyond. Lambda Sigma offers opportunities for servant leadership, civic engagement, personal growth, campus involvement and enduring friendships with other students, leaders and scholars. Members of Lambda Sigma are challenged to fulfill their own intellectual potential while serving their institution and their community.

Chapter Activities

Lambda Sigma chapters plan a wide range of diverse activities designed to achieve the shared objectives of scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service on their campuses and in their communities. This includes a service project that represents the national service theme of underprivileged children and at-risk-youth. Each chapter also conducts activities to inform, select and initiate new members in accordance with the national rituals of Lambda Sigma Society.

Scholarships

The Lambda Sigma Society annually awards five \$1000.00 scholarships. The scholarships are available to members of all Lambda Sigma chapters. Each chapter may nominate one candidate each year. Four of the scholarships are named for outstanding former Lambda Sigma members.

They are:

- ◆ **The John Yocca Scholarship**
- ◆ **The Pat Watt Scholarship**
- ◆ **The Emily Taylor Scholarship**
- ◆ **The Thyrsa Amos Scholarship**
- ◆ **The Jane Price Harmon Scholarship**

Selection Criteria

Candidates for membership are those first-year students who have placed in the top 35% of the class academically at the time of selection and who have shown strong evidence of leadership. Students meeting these qualifications are eligible for selection in the spring term following completion of at least one academic term. Members are selected in the spring and are active members during their second year. Membership consists of not more than 50 students nor fewer than 15 students.

Diversity

Inherent in the purposes and ideals of Lambda Sigma Society is the understanding of the importance of diversity within the organization in achieving its goals. To this end, the National Executive Board of Lambda Sigma encourages its member chapters to actively pursue candidates for membership who would broaden and strengthen the local chapters by providing diverse backgrounds.