

THETA ETA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

The following semester based scholarship awards in the amount of \$350 each will be made to undergraduate members of the Theta Eta chapter of Sigma Chi at Missouri S & T. Determination of awards is based on the following criteria. The criteria listed are for academic performance for the most recently completed (previous) semester. Funds for scholarships will be from the Theta Eta scholarship fund managed by the Sigma Chi Foundation. Recipients will be selected by the house corporation.

The chapter must have each member sign a grade release and request member's grades from the university. The chapter must provide a copy of the grades from the university to the house corporation in order for the award determination to be made. The chapter must furnish each member's GPA, number of grade points earned, the number of credit hours completed, the change in GPA from the previous semester, and the previous semester GPA.

The awards will be presented in the following semester, typically after initiation. The same person is not eligible for more than one semester based scholarship award per semester. For example, if someone qualifies for the highest grade points and a 4.0 or the highest grade points and most improved GPA, a single combined award would be presented for the categories for which the member qualified. If a graduating member qualifies for an award based on his final semester grades, the award will be given to the next eligible member since the recipient must be enrolled in school to receive an award. High grade points are used as the basis for the awards instead of high GPA in order to recognize a brother who takes a significantly heavier course load and does well, thus effectively doing more to raise the chapter GPA.

All members receiving awards must be current in their financial obligations to the chapter. Awards will only be made to members who have a \$0 balance as of the most recent monthly bill from the chapter. Prior to requesting award checks from the Foundation, the house corporation will check with the Quaestor to verify that the selected recipients of all awards are paid in full as of the most recent monthly bill. If a selected recipient has a balance to the chapter as of the most recent monthly bill, they will be given 24 hours to pay the full balance or forfeit the award. The award may be presented to the next eligible member meeting the selection criteria below. The balance due to the chapter of all recipients will also be verified immediately prior to presenting the awards. If a recipient has a balance due to the chapter at this time as of the most recent monthly bill, they will be given 24 hours to pay the full balance or the award check will be returned to the Foundation and the award will not be presented for that semester.

The cumulative GPA award is intended to recognize brothers who have consistently performed well academically throughout their college career, some of whom may have not received a semester based award from the chapter fund for superior academic performance. It is to be given one time during their final academic year prior to graduation to recognize their dedicated pursuit of the high ideal of learning.

The house corporation may adjust or modify the criteria when deemed necessary to recognize and award good academic performance or to ensure that the awards are presented to the members with the best academic performance. The quantity of awards may be increased when more members than typical are closely grouped around the highest number of grade points. The quantity of awards may be decreased if the range and grouping of the highest grade points drops or varies noticeably from the typical or usual semester values. The distribution of awards among actives and pledges may be adjusted if necessary to reward the best performance. Typically one pledge award will always be given when a member of the pledge class meets the criteria. When adjustments or interpretations of the criteria are necessary to determine the award recipients, a minimum of three members of the house corporation will evaluate the grade report and make the award determination by a majority vote.

HIGH GRADE POINT AWARD - ACTIVE MEMBER

- Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 to qualify.
- Recipient must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Recipient must be enrolled in school the following semester when the award is presented.
- Two awards will be presented to the active members with the highest number of grade points (GPA multiplied by the number of credit hours completed).
- In the event of a tie, the award will be made to the member completing the most credit hours.

HIGHEST GRADE POINT AWARD - PLEDGE

- Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 to qualify.
- Recipient must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Recipient must be enrolled in school the following semester when the award is presented.
- Recipient must complete pledgeship and be an initiated member of Sigma Chi in order for the award to be presented the following semester.
- The award will be presented to the pledge with the highest number of grade points (GPA multiplied by the number of credit hours completed).
- In the event of a tie, the award will be made to the pledge completing the most credit hours.

4.0 AWARD

- Recipient must have completed 14 or more hours with a GPA of 4.0.
- Recipient may be an active or pledge.
- Recipient must be enrolled in school the following semester when the award is presented.
- There may be more than one recipient for this award. It will be presented to all eligible members.

MOST IMPROVED GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- Recipient must be an active member of Theta Eta chapter for all of the semester upon which the award is based (previous semester). Pledges are not eligible based on their first semester.
- Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the semester on which the award is based.
- The award will be presented to the active member with the highest positive change in GPA for the two previous semesters which is calculated by subtracting the second previous semester GPA from the previous semester GPA. If the recipient was on chapter academic probation (below 2.5) for the second previous semester, a 2.5 shall be used as the value for the second previous semester GPA and be subtracted from the previous semester GPA.
- The difference in GPA's for the two previous semesters must be .5 or more for the award to be made.
- Recipient must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in the previous semester.
- Recipient must be enrolled in school the following semester when the award is presented.
- In the event of a tie, the award will be made to the member completing the most credit hours.

CUMULATIVE GPA AWARD

- A member is eligible for this award one time only with the award to be presented in their second to last semester prior to graduation.
- Recipient must have released their grades each semester as an undergraduate and participated in the semester based award selection process to be eligible.
- Recipient must be an active member of the Theta Eta chapter and have completed at least 90 credit hours toward their degree.
- Recipient must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher as of the end of their third to last semester.
- The recipient must provide an official copy of their transcript to the house corporation not later than four weeks prior to the date of the award presentation to allow sufficient time to verify the award selection and request the award check from the Foundation.
- The award amount will be \$700.
- Recipient must be enrolled in school the following semester when the award is presented.
- There may be more than one recipient for this award. It will be presented to all eligible members.
- This award is not subject to the one award per semester limitation and will be given in addition to a semester based award earned by the recipient.

WHITE CROSS AWARD

- This award is presented to recognize an individual's outstanding contribution of time and talent to physically improve the chapter house.
- The award will be given periodically as deemed appropriate by the house corporation to recognize outstanding contributions that go "above and beyond the call".
- The award may be given to an individual for taking the lead on implementing a major project or improvement or for providing a high level of assistance to support the house corporation in the implementation of a major project or improvement of the chapter house.
- The award may be given to an individual for ongoing or sustained contributions over an extended time period on smaller projects or efforts to improve the chapter house or support the house corporation in its efforts to improve the chapter house.

HORIZONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- The intent of this award is to encourage more undergraduate brothers to apply for Horizons, a six day values based leadership program with the mission to "empower value-based leaders to act in alignment with the Sigma Chi Ritual for the betterment of self, others, and community". The award is intended to recognize the sacrifice of those who attend by helping to make up the loss of earnings from their summer job that they give up to attend or the fact that they may limit the job opportunities available to them by taking time off and not being available to a potential employer all summer. Participation in this leadership program has a proven track record of improving both the brother attending and his chapter.
- This is a one-time award for any undergraduate who applies for, is selected for, attends, and fully completes the Horizons program funded through the Sigma Chi Foundation.
- The award amount will be \$600.

Summary of Revisions

WS 2001	Establish criteria. \$100 awards for High Active GPA, High Pledge GPA, and Most Improved GPA.
WS 2002	Added White Cross Award
WS 2005	Added 4.0 Award (15 or more hours minimum)
WS 2006	Added clarification that the same person is not eligible for more than one award.
WS 2007	Changed from High GPA to High Gradepoints. Added second High Active award. Changed 4.0 Award to 14 or more hours.
WS 2008	Increased award amounts from \$100 to \$125.
WS 2013	Increased award amounts from \$125 to \$200. Added explanation of grade release process and format for chapter to provide grades to House Corporation.
WS 2014	Added clarification that HC may modify or adjust criteria when deemed necessary to recognize and award good academic performance and the quantity of awards can be increased or decreased when appropriate. Added provision that a minimum of three HC members will make the decision by a majority vote when adjustments or interpretation of the criteria are necessary.
FS 2014	Added Cumulative GPA award (\$400 for 3.25 or better with at least 90 hours). Added financial accountability provision to the criteria. Changed Most Improved minimum GPA for difference calculation from 2.0 to 2.5.
FS 2015	Added Horizons Award.
FS 2016	Increased semester award amounts from \$200 to \$250 and cumulative from \$400 to \$500.
WS 2017	Added clarification that the Cumulative GPA award may be earned in addition to a semester based award which is based on grades for a single semester.
WS 2020	Revised Most Improved GPA - in the event of a tie, the award is given to brother with the most credit hours.
FS 2021	Increased semester award amounts from \$250 to \$300 and the cumulative award from \$500 to \$600 effective for the spring 2021 awards presented during the fall 2021 semester.
FS 2023	Increased semester award amounts from \$300 to \$350 and the cumulative award from \$600 to \$700 effective for the spring 2023 awards presented during the fall 2023 semester. Increase Horizons Award from \$500 to \$600.