

Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society

Theta Mu Chapter

Bylaws

Article I: Name

This organization, as a chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society, shall be the Theta Mu Chapter, covering the CSRA of Georgia and South Carolina. For the sake of brevity, it shall be termed the Theta Mu Homeschool Honor Society.

Article II: Objective

The purpose of the Theta Mu Chapter is to encourage scholarship among Christian homeschool students. To achieve this purpose, Theta Mu shall provide opportunities for the development of leadership and service. Theta Mu shall encourage the development of an intellectual climate that will stimulate the exchange of ideas and ideals, foster scholarship, and promote academic excellence. Theta Mu shall be a caring Christian example of the homeschool community in the CSRA.

Article III: Membership and Joining

Section I: All full members of Theta Mu shall first be a part of Eta Sigma Alpha, the national chapter of the Homeschool Honor Society. In order to join, members must be in 9th grade or higher and 14 years old or older. In order to join and be a full member the Eta Sigma Alpha students must have:

❖ 1200-SAT	❖ 26-ACT	❖ 88-CLT
❖ 90% Composite Battery-IOWA or Stanford Achievement Test	❖ 90% TerraNova2 (CAT6) 2nd Ed.	❖ 1200-SAT 8/9, 10, PSAT

This section shall change immediately if Eta Sigma Alpha changes its requirements for membership.

All testing examinations must be administered by someone other than the parent and the test scores cannot be more than one year old. After becoming a full member with the necessary scores, no further test scores are required. The local chapter leader shall provide the application which must be initialed and signed by the member and parent every academic year.

Section 2: Members must be members of the CSRA Home Education Association (CSRA HEA) and as such be home schooled at least 50% of the time in order to comply with the requirements of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society

Section 3: Each full member must have a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and be agreeable to prayer at all meetings and functions.

Section 4: Each full member must perform community service for at least 15 hours per year; either as a group or independently. If the member already does 30 hours or more of community service elsewhere, this will fulfill the Theta Mu yearly service requirement. The member must have the head of the community organization sign the service form indicating the type of service performed, the name and contact information of the group leader, and the date of the signature.

Section 5: All students must be a member of the CSRA HEA. All students joining Theta Mu as a full member shall pay a \$10 fee. This fee can be waived by a sponsor in cases in which significant financial circumstances adversely affect an otherwise fully qualified member. In addition to the \$10 member fee, all students must pay a \$15 fee to ESA National Chapter.

Section 6: Each student that remains a full member in good standing of the Theta Mu for the entirety of the academic year will be given an Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society certificate. A member in good standing includes:

- Signing/agreeing with all sections and requirements of the application
- Submitting satisfactory test scores
- Maintaining homeschool eligibility requirements
- Completion of 15 hours of community service
- Attending at least 50% of the meetings
- Paying applicable membership fees.

Section 7: All members shall remain in good standing unless they miss more than 50% of chapter meetings, fail to meet other membership criteria, or commit conduct that Theta Mu's Sponsors deem necessary to sanction with disciplinary status or dismissal from the Theta Mu Chapter. Biblical standards serve as a general code of conduct.

Section 8: All members shall make a full effort to participate in as many service projects as Theta Mu organizes and the member's schedule allows.

Section 9: All members are expected to participate fully in the meetings and activities of Theta Mu. A member must attend for at least 31 minutes of the 60 minute meeting time for the meeting to count for the mandatory 50% attendance requirement. Each member is expected to be present at the beginning of the meeting, if at all possible. In cases of unavoidable tardiness, please inform a sponsor. A second roll will verify attendance after the initial member sign-in in order to make sure everyone receives full credit for his or her participation in the meeting.

Section 10: The primary officers of Theta Mu include but are not limited to President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The officers will be selected by the Theta Mu Leaders. The officers' positions are earned by prior performance. This primarily includes the attendance record of the previous year. Secondary criteria will include whether the member fulfilled their previous year's Theta Mu administrative position. If a member is requested to hold a leadership position, they are not required to accept. The seniors will

be asked first to act as officers. If enough seniors are not available, juniors will be asked next, followed by sophomores and freshmen if necessary. If there is an attendance and job performance tie, the attendance record of the preceding year will act as the tiebreaker.

Section 11: Each member will be asked to grant permission to have their pictures taken and used for various Theta Mu and related homeschool 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 Theta Mu activities know their preferences in order to make sure they are not accidentally included in any picture against their will.

Section 12: All members of the Theta Mu Honor Society must read and sign a copy of the Bylaws. 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 sign the amended Bylaws.

Section 13: Upon graduation from their senior year of highschool, Theta Mu membership shall be terminated.

Article IV: Primary Officers and their Duties

The officers will be selected by the Theta Mu Sponsors. The officers' positions are earned by prior performance. This primarily includes the attendance record of the previous year. Secondary criteria will include whether the member fulfilled their previous year's Theta Mu administrative position. If a member is requested to hold a leadership position, they are not required to accept. The seniors will be asked first to act as officers. If enough seniors are not available, juniors will be asked next, followed by sophomores and freshmen if necessary. If there is an attendance and job performance tie, the attendance record of the preceding year will act as the tiebreaker.

Section 1: The primary officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other offices as deemed necessary by the group each school year. All other offices besides the four primary ones shall be available to full and aspiring members.

Section 2: The President shall lead each Theta Mu meeting, set up the agenda, arrange the meeting space, and otherwise organize all Theta mu meetings.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall act as the community service organizer and recorder of service fulfillment hours for each member. The Vice-President will also help other officers fulfill their offices and take second roll. The Vice-President shall also act as the president in the absence of the president.

Section 4: The Secretary shall take and type up minutes of all meetings. Finished minutes shall be submitted in digital format to the communications coordinator of Theta Mu.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall collect the members' yearly fee, relevant activity fees, and money/orders if members want to purchase items from the National Honor Society group. Theta Mu funds shall be held in trust by a sponsor or the CSRA HEA.

Section 6: If an officer fails to fulfill his or her duties, he or she may be impeached. For impeachment to be considered, the Sponsors will place the article(s) of impeachment on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting. The stated reasons for the article(s) of impeachment shall be included on the agenda. The president shall conduct the meeting at which impeachment is being considered, unless the president is the officer subject to the articles 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 subsequent period of Theta Mu group discussion will occur. 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 Theta Mu.

Section 7: If a vacancy arises, the Sponsors will appoint a replacement.

Section 8: All officers must be willing to hold the office and have the desire to fulfill the office to the best of their ability.

Section 9: Each Member should not hold an office more than once 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 V: Meeting Protocol

Section 1: Regularly scheduled Theta Mu meetings shall be held once a month from September to April. A December meeting is optional at the discretion of the Sponsors, and may be utilized as an opportunity for students struggling to fulfill their 50% mandatory attendance requirement.

Section 2: The date, time, and place of the meetings shall be set by the chapter sponsors.

Section 3: In case of an emergency, the leader or president may change the date and time of the meeting.

Article VI: Special Committees and Guest Speakers

Section 1: At the discretion of the sponsors, Theta Mu may establish temporary or ongoing committees. The task(s) of the committee(s) shall be discussed with the members and /or committee members at a regularly scheduled meeting or by email. Each temporary or permanent committee shall remain under the authority of the sponsors. The committee shall cease to exist when/if the assigned task(s) is/are completed.

Section 2: Guest speakers may address the members after obtaining permission of the sponsors.

Article V: Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1: Amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted exclusively by the sponsors.

Section 2: Amendments to the bylaws must be submitted by the sponsors to the president in writing before the president adds it to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting. The proposal shall be part of the new business for that meeting.

Section 3: Amendment to the bylaws shall take effect upon a “yes” vote of approval of a two-thirds majority of the full members present at the meeting at which they are submitted by the sponsors to the members as new business.

Print Name

Signature

Date