



Chartering

Summary of Purpose

Eta Iota Sigma was formed at Texas Christian University in 1992 in order to provide Christian women on the campus a place to unite and grow in spiritual development. Although we place a strong emphasis on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, this organization is set-up to minister to and encourage Christian women through the study of God's holy word, prayer, worship, and fellowship.

Appointment of Officers

During the first two years of your charter, the founding members may self-appoint the leadership. Those who are willing to take on the responsibility of positions must submit the following items to the National Board in order to serve in an executive position:

1. Executive Service Application
2. Testimony (1-3 pages, typed)
3. Visionary Statement (why you feel you are called to serve in this position, what God has laid on your heart, etc.)

After these items are received and reviewed, the National Board will contact you. If you are approved, then you will be inducted as officers. Those who are not approved are encouraged to serve in chair positions in preparation for future service on the Executive Committee. During the third year of the chartering process, the sorority will begin the voting procedures for electing officers onto the Executive Committee. This procedure is detailed in the Eta Iota Sigma Constitution.

Application Fees and Financial Responsibility

After the written testimonials and applications have been reviewed and approved by the National Board, a one-time fee of \$100 is due to begin the chartering process. This fee is essential in order to provide the necessary materials and information to the chartering

body. During the first 2 years, prior to becoming an official chapter, National Board will aid in providing financial assistance for operational needs of the interested charter.

We encourage members to begin participating in fund-raisers or other opportunities in order to raise money and awareness of this organization. However, when the application fee is submitted, an explanation of how the money was collected as well as the individuals who contributed must be included. If the chartering body should choose that they no longer desire to establish Eta Iota Sigma on their campus, the money will be returned to those who contributed. Any traveling expenses or other expenses that have already been used will not be refunded.

Each chapter member and prospective new member will contribute \$15 each semester to the National Board as a part of the semester dues. This fee will help to pay for operating expenses of the National Board.

Accountability

The chartering process lasts 36 months. Each chartering campus must submit monthly reports to the National Board concerning expenses, number of members, time and location of meetings, scheduled activities, and the weekly Bible Study topics. This is to ensure that the purpose of Eta Iota Sigma is being fulfilled at each campus as we continue to strive toward the same goal. The National Board Committee members have the right to come to a meeting at any time during the semester unannounced.

Prayer

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.” 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ” Colossians 4:3

Prayer is essential and crucial in beginning a chapter of Eta Iota Sigma on your campus. You will not succeed without it and the Lord wants to bless you through it, so please devote much time to prayer for direction, willingness, leadership, and God’s glory through the establishment of HIS at your university. We will be praying with you!

Paraphernalia

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God- even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.” 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

In order to maintain integrity within HIS, no paraphernalia advertising HIS will be allowed until the charter process is complete and the chapter is officially inducted. This verifies that any person wearing or owning HIS clothing, etc. will not be misrepresenting what the sorority stands for- Jesus Christ and his glorification.

Requirements

Leadership: Having the strong desire to form a Christian sorority is a great first step. Having committed and strong leaders is a must.

“If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task.” 1 Timothy 3:1

It is important to have a small group of women who are passionate about Christ and willing to serve Him by forming this group. Because of this, we require this questionnaire to be filled out by each founding member.

Needs Assessment: It is also necessary to evaluate the needs of your campus. Gathering a group of girls who want to join a Christian sorority can be done using flyers, word of mouth, email, etc. Please respond with an estimate of how many women you anticipate to join. As you go thru the application process, it would be a good idea to gather these women regularly (ex. Bible study) to see if your group is committed.

University: Every University varies in its organizational policies. Therefore it is necessary to know your university requirements for sororities so that we may uphold standards and integrity in each campus. Some of these policies include GPA, minimum number of members, etc.

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.” 2 Corinthians 5:20