

# BY-LAWS of Gamma Xi

Gamma Xi Chapter, Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society, was chartered in September 2011. It was founded by Melinda Youngblood and Desiree Blackwell, and is sponsored exclusively by the [BEACH](#) and [LFHSC](#) homeschool groups of Baldwin County, AL.

ETA SIGMA ALPHA  
National Home School Honor Society  
**Γ Ξ Gamma Xi Chapter**  
Baldwin County, AL

## By-laws

Adopted November 2011

Revised Sept 7, 2017

### ARTICLE I Name and purpose

Section I. Name – The name of this organization shall be known as the Gamma Xi Chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society.

Section II. Purpose – The purpose of the Gamma Xi Chapter shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among home school students and to develop integrity in its members through: Leadership, Community Service, Scholarship, and Networking.

### ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. Eligibility – Students may apply as early as fall of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Seniors will not be accepted after December 31 of their senior year. Membership is open to homeschooled students who meet the following criteria:

- (A) Membership in LFHSC, BEACH, or a Baldwin County church school cover
- (B) Fulfillment of the the homeschool requirement (minimum 50% of schoolwork is under direct supervision of the parent, per HSLDA definition of a homeschooler)
- (C) Grade Point Average – a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale upon acceptance.
- (D) A qualifying test score on a nationally normed standardized achievement test defined as:
  - 90% composite score on the IOWA
  - OR 90% total battery (listed under National PR-S) on the Stanford Achievement Test
  - OR 90% total score (listed under NPR column) on the Terra Nova 2 (CAT 6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
  - OR score of 1200 on the SAT, PSAT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9
  - OR score of 26 on the ACT
  - OR score of 88 on the Classical Learning Test (CLT).

The qualifying test must have been taken within the last 12 months, given in a group setting and not administered by the parent of the qualifying student.

Section 2. Application Requirements – Students must submit the following:

(A) Completed Application Form;

(B) Transcript – Parent or church school cover must provide a transcript at the time of application;

(C) Copy of the qualifying Test Score;

(D) Letter of Recommendation (1) – One letter of recommendation from an adult known to the applicant, not a family member;

(E) Applicant Essay – A brief essay of no more than 200 words by the applicant stating why s/he wants to join the Gamma Xi Chapter and what s/he will contribute to the chapter in regards to service and/or leadership;

(F) Code of Ethics and Conduct – Each member is accepted for membership based on his/her academic merit, service and character. Applicants must agree to the by-laws of Gamma Xi and sign the Code of Ethics and Conduct (Article VI). The Code of Ethics and Conduct states that the Gamma Xi Chapter (ESA) requires all members to reflect strong Christian principles in their conduct, words, and deeds; however, members are not required to be professing Christians.

Section 3. Attendance – Members must attend required meetings. Excused absences can be granted due to exceptional circumstances by sending a written request to the Honor Society Parent Leader or to a Sponsor of the Gamma Xi Chapter. Excused absences may not exceed three per year. (see Article IV Meetings)

Section 4. Community Service – Members must participate in at least one Gamma Xi Chapter service project per semester.

Section 5. Dues – \$20 annually, due in the first semester of the academic year, or upon acceptance.

Section 6. Honor Cord – High School seniors in good standing may wear an Honor Cord (property of Gamma Xi), signifying Gamma Xi Chapter membership, during graduation ceremonies; the honor cord is to be returned promptly to the Parent Leader following graduation. Honor Cords may be purchased by seniors at the discretion of the Parent Leader.

Section 7. Rescinding Membership – Membership in the Gamma Xi Chapter is a privilege and is not guaranteed simply by attaining academic requisites. Membership is subject to termination for failure to maintain the conditions set forth herein.

### ARTICLE III Officers and Decision-making

Section 1. Election of Officers – Gamma Xi Chapter Officers will be elected annually. Leadership will include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations. Other offices may be created as needed.

Section 2. Decision-making – Members agree to be bound, on all matters subject to a vote of the membership of the Gamma Xi Chapter, to the majority vote of the membership. Votes will only be taken when more than half of the Officers are present.

### ARTICLE IV Meetings

Section 1. Required Meetings – Meetings will occur monthly during the academic year. The time, date, and place will be decided by the Officers and the Parent Leader with input from chapter members. (see Article II Section 3 Attendance)

Section 2. Additional Meetings – Additional Meetings will be called as needed. Attendance is not required, but it is strongly encouraged.

### ARTICLE V By-laws

Section 1. The by-laws of the Gamma Xi Chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society must be amended to reflect any changes in the national Eta Sigma Alpha requirements.

Section 2. The by-laws of the Gamma Xi Chapter (of Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society may be changed by a unanimous vote of all current members in good standing, or by an agreement of the Honor Society Parent Leader and Sponsors.

The by-law changes must be distributed to each member and the Honor Society Parent Leader and Sponsors.

ARTICLE VI Code of Ethics and Conduct

I will show respect and courtesy at all times to the Honor Society Parent Leader and Sponsors and to all adults and fellow members that are volunteering their time and resources to assist the Gamma Xi Chapter of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Honor Society. (1 Peter 2:17)

I will use communication in all its forms that is decent, honoring and kind towards all fellow members and adults involved with the Gamma Xi Chapter. (Romans 12:10)

In private and public service, I will seek to set an impeccable example of integrity, honesty, and unselfishness as a representative of the Gamma Xi Chapter. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 and Psalm 19:13)

I will hold to the ideals of this organization's goals and purposes, which are to stimulate academic thought and endeavor, to build partnerships in the local community for service, and to exhort others to a higher standard of success in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. (Proverbs 2:6)

I will seek to apply the principles of devotion and service to others before self and to God first of all. (Colossians 3:23)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_