About Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the honor society of the National Communication Association for four-year institutions of higher education. Lambda Pi Eta represents the first letters of what Aristotle described in The Rhetoric as the three modes of persuasion: Logos, Pathos and Ethos. The official colors of Lambda Pi Eta are crimson to represent the communication discipline and silver in recognition of speech and oratory skills. The purpose of the honor society is to promote outstanding academic achievement in the communication discipline.

LPH is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), whose mission is to build a visibly cohesive community of national and international honor societies, individually and collaboratively exhibiting excellence in scholarship, service, programs, and governance.

The Six Goals of Lambda Pi Eta

1. Recognize, foster, and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies;
2. Stimulate interest in the field of communication;
3. Promote and encourage professional development among communication majors;
4. Provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication;
5. Establish and maintain closer relationships between faculty and students; and
6. Explore options for graduate education in communication studies.

Student Membership

How to join Kappa Omega, your local chapter

To be eligible for admission, undergraduate students must meet the following criteria:
1. Complete 60 semester credit-hours (90 quarter credit-hours)
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all courses taken
3. Complete the equivalent of 12 semester credit-hours (18 quarter credit-hours) in communication studies
4. Have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all communication studies courses
5. Currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution's policies
6. Rank within the highest thirty-five percent of one’s class in general scholarship.
7. Complete a group service or fundraising project during your first semester of involvement.
8. Attend at least one chapter meeting each month.
9. In order to join, students must do so during their first available semester.

Selection for membership shall be made without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, physical disabilities, physical qualities, or age.
Benefits of Membership

Student members shall be eligible to:

1. Vote at all chapter meetings of the Society
2. Be elected to chapter offices
3. Attend scholarly presentations and colloquia of the sponsoring academic department
4. Attend social events hosted by the group
5. Represent the local chapter at state, regional, and national conventions
6. Submit to research paper sessions at NCA’s annual convention
7. Receive LPH electronic newsletter “Simply Speaking”
8. Utilize LPH’s Experience.com online job service for honor students
9. Participate in LPH social media efforts via Linked-In, Facebook and Twitter
10. Participate in periodic teleconferences on topics ranging from career development to chapter management
11. Compete for various LPH national awards.

Fees Associated with Joining

- The membership fee to join is $35. This pays lifetime national dues as well as costs for your certificate of membership and for your Lambda Pi Eta pin.
- The annual local chapter dues are $25 for each academic year.
- When you graduate, you will also need to pay a $10 fee if you want the honors cord.
- Need-based scholarships are available on a limited basis. Please email Dr. Manning if you would like additional information.

Officer Duties and Positions

Local officers are responsible for the following items, among others:

1. Actively promote the purposes of LPH in the college or university community
2. Organize chapter meetings
3. Encourage academic excellence and stimulating intellectual inquiry among members through activities such as inviting guest speakers, informing members of opportunities for research and involvement in professional associations, and presenting awards for outstanding contributions
4. Keep meeting minutes and a record of chapter activities
5. Provide guidance for each semester’s pledge task (Fall community service or Spring fundraising event)

This Semester’s Activities (Must Participate in One in Order to Be Admitted)

- Research: Popular culture project
- Professor appreciation dinner
- Community service: Event to be selected by group
Application Form
Kappa Omega Chapter

Lambda Pi Eta
Northern Illinois University

Name:

Credit Hours (end of Fall 2016):

Current Grade Point Average:

Preferred Email Address:

Major(s):

Emphasis Area in Major(s):

Minor(s):

By submitting this application, I do promise to uphold the rules of the Kappa Omega Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta. These rules include taking an organized role in a key project during my first semester of membership, attending at least one meeting each month, and making a genuine contribution to the organization each semester during my time at Northern Illinois University.

Signature:
Every Fall semester Lambda Pi Eta will have bi-weekly meetings, send delegates to the National Communication Association meeting, complete a research project, and will host a spaghetti supper for professors. New pledges will also do a community service project with assistance from the officers.

Every Spring semester Lambda Pi Eta will have bi-weekly meetings, bring a nationally-known speaker to campus, and will host a career panel for students. New pledges will also do the Pi a Professor fundraiser with assistance from the officers.

What activities do you believe you would most enjoy as part of LPH?

Please return this form with the first year’s dues and the membership fee ($60 total) to WH 207. If no one is available, these items may be left with a Communication Department administrative assistant.
Payment Plan Application
Lambda Pi Eta Dues and Fees

To help assist member with paying their membership fees and annual dues, the Kappa Omega chapter of Lambda Pi Eta has developed a payment plan that will allow students more comfort in meeting their financial obligations. By applying for this payment plan, you are agreeing to the following payment schedule:

$20.00 (payable by cash or check) at the time of application
$20.00 (payable by cash or check) by October 15, 2016
$15.00 (payable by cash or check) by November 15, 2016

Please understand that by submitting this application you are agreeing to the following rules and regulations:

1. The initial payment should be submitted with this application. The application can be delivered with payment to 207 WH (the office of Dr. Jimmie Manning) or, if he is not available, this application and payment should be placed in an envelope and given to a Communication Department administrative assistant who will ensure it gets to Dr. Manning. Neither the Department of Communication nor Kappa Omega can be responsible for lost or misdirected funds.

2. Both of the additional payments should be made on or by the dates due. Failure to pay the fees by the dates listed above puts the student at risk for not being eligible to join Lambda Pi Eta during the current semester.

3. All transactions are final and there cannot be any refunds, exchanges, or transfer of funds. The payments submitted are exclusively for the Lambda Pi Eta pledge who has submitted those fees; and if, for any reason, membership is not granted into the organization or an applicant wishes to exit the membership process, there will be no refunds.

4. Please include your name, Z-ID, and preferred email with all payments. An electronic receipt will be provided for all payments.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the above payment plan and that all transactions are final. I may terminate this agreement at any time, but any funds paid will not be refunded nor can they be applied to another applicant’s membership.

X______________________________ DATE: