SIGMA TAU DELTA

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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Sigma Tau Delta - At a Glance

- The English honor society for students at accredited colleges and universities that grant baccalaureate or higher degrees
- Established in 1924 to confer distinction for high achievement in English language, literature, and writing
- Dedicated to fostering literacy and all aspects of the discipline of English
- The second largest member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)
- Over 900 local chapters in the U.S. and abroad—and growing

Recognition and So Much More

- A mark of distinction for individuals, departments, colleges, and universities
- Connection to an international network of schools, faculty, and students who share a special interest in language, literature, and writing
- Non-classroom experiences that build student leadership through student-generated and student-directed activities
- Educational and career-building opportunities for students and faculty
- Prestigious leadership and service awards for students, faculty, and chapters

Membership Requirements

Sigma Tau Delta chapters may be established at colleges and universities that grant baccalaureate or higher degrees and are accredited by appropriate national or regional accrediting agencies.

Student membership is by invitation, extended through a local chapter on behalf of Sigma Tau Delta. Visit www.english.org for specific academic and coursework requirements.

Enrollment Fee

Each new student member pays a one-time international induction fee of $60 for a lifetime membership. Local chapter dues may vary

Student Membership Benefits

Scholarships and Internships

- Members are eligible to apply for a variety of Sigma Tau Delta scholarships valued at up to $5,000 each
- Members may apply for summer internship stipends and internship opportunities with a major publisher, an online book store that funds worldwide literacy initiatives, and various Washington-based internship programs.

Annual Convention

- Members may submit papers for presentation at Sigma Tau Delta's annual spring convention. Works selected for presentation are also eligible for awards and monetary prizes.
- Members who attend the annual convention have opportunities to hear students from throughout the U.S. and abroad present their creative and critical writing, to attend sessions on student leadership and chapter activities, and to listen to noted authors. Featured speakers have included Karen Auvinen (2021); Richard Blanco and Nic Stone (2022); Brenda Peynado, the authors of the Toni Morrison Book Club, and Nicky Beer, Wayne Miller, and Emily Pérez (2023); Natalie Diaz, Benjamin Saenz, Cynthia Kadahata, and Diana Khoi Nguyen (2025); and Jesmyn Ward and Aimee Nezhukuatathil (2026).

Writing Awards and Publishing Opportunities

- Members may submit papers for publication in *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* and *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*. Works selected for publication are also eligible for awards and monetary prizes.
- Members may submit articles to Sigma Tau Delta's blog, WORDY by Nature.
- Members may submit articles to Sigma Tau Delta's regional publications, where available.

Lifetime Academic Recognition

- Members receive a Sigma Tau Delta membership certificate and the official Society pin to signify high academic achievement and lifetime membership.
- Members may use their honor society affiliation as a tangible sign of academic success to help advance their professional career.
- Members may qualify to enter U.S. Civil Service positions at a higher level (GS-7) and salary.

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