

## **Distinguish Yourself**

## Through

**Rosen College Honor Society**

### ETA SIGMA DELTA

#### International Hospitality Management Honor Society

# About Rosen College Eta Sigma Delta

*Eta Sigma Delta* is an international honor society that recognizes exceptional academic achievement among hospitality and tourism students. *Eta Sigma Delta* is administered by the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (International CHRIE), the leading international association devoted to hospitality and tourism education.

[Eta Sigma Delta (ESD) (chrie.org)](https://www.chrie.org/eta-sigma-delta)

# The Benefits of an Eta Sigma Delta Chapter

ESD chapters provide professional, organizational, and educational benefits that affect individual students, the hospitality program, and the institution.

The professional benefits include student membership in I-CHRIE, an opportunity for outstanding students to distinguish themselves in the eyes of educators, recruiters, and industry executives in an increasingly competitive industry. In addition, ESD provides a networking system among its 100+ chapters that allows for interaction and the exchange of information between students. Some chapters also serve as a networking vehicle between ESD alumni members and active undergraduate members.

From an organizational standpoint, ESD can serve as a means of uniting outstanding students for campus activities, fundraisers and volunteer programs. Educational benefits include the opportunity for ESD chapters to provide a stimulus for students to strive for academic excellence. By functioning as a resource for the hospitality programs, ESD chapters can also provide tutoring or other forms of academic support for students needing assistance.

##### History

In 1978, a group of students from the University of New Hampshire’s Whittemore School of Business and Economics, identified a need to recognize hospitality and tourism students for outstanding academic achievement, meritorious service and demonstrated professionalism. At that time, honor societies existed for other disciplines, but not for the field of study serving one of the world’s largest industries.

As a special project, the students researched and evaluated a variety of options for fulfilling this need. The end result was the establishment of the first chapter of *Eta Sigma Delta* International Hospitality Management Society. In 1997, members of the Board of Governors voted to combine AXT and ESD into one Hospitality Management Society. Since 1978, 100+ chapters have been established on various campuses.

###### ESDLogo ESD Application Guidelines

Once an institution has met ESD Chapter eligibility requirements and has established an *Eta Sigma Delta* Chapter, students meeting eligibility requirements may apply for ESD membership (through the chapter’s ESD Faculty Advisor) by completing a **Student ESD Membership Application Form**.

Student Member ESD Eligibility

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

* 1. Students must have completed fifty percent (50%) of the credit hours required for graduation.
  2. Students have officially declared as a Hospitality, Event, Entertainment, or Theme Park management major (or related field).
  3. Students must be enrolled in an institution that belongs to International CHRIE.
  4. **Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 in a 4.0 system** **or 3.5 for Graduate students**
  5. Students must be in the top 20% of the class, if not a 4.0 system.
  6. Students must agree to uphold the values of excellence, leadership, creativity, service, ethics, and Diversity-Equity-Inclusion

Honorary ESD Membership Eligibility

To be eligible for membership, honorary members must be industry professionals, faculty administrators, or other distinguished individuals who have made outstanding contributions to hospitality management, tourism, or culinary arts. Individual chapters or Chapter Advisors may nominate individuals, in writing, for honorary membership to Eta Sigma Delta. Decisions about honorary membership are made by the Board of Governors.

***Alumni ESD Membership Eligibility***

To be eligible for membership, students who are an alumnus of the institution who would have met current student membership qualifications for ESD membership had there been an active ESD Chapter at the time of his/her enrollment in the institution.



Eta Sigma Delta

**Rosen College, University of Central Florida**

Student Membership Application

FIRST NAME MIDDLE LAST

TELEPHONE ADDRESS

EMAIL CITY ZIP CODE

**Class Status**: (Check One)  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Grad student

4.0

**Overall GPA: Highest GPA Awarded at Institution**:

**Check here if you would like your information shared with ICHRIE Industry Partners**

**Eligibility Requirements**:

* have an Undergraduate cumulative **GPA of at least 3.0 in a 4.0 system or 3.5 for Graduate student**
* be enrolled in an institution that belongs to International CHRIE
* have officially declared as a hospitality management major (or related field)
* agree to uphold the values of Excellence, Leadership, Creativity, Service, Ethics and Diversity-Equity-Inclusion

**Exceptions:**

Applicant is a candidate for honorary membership.

Applicant is an alumni of the institution who would have met current student membership qualifications for ESD

membership had there been an active ESD Chapter at the time of his/her enrollment in the institution.

Signature of applicant Date

*I hereby certify that the applicant named above meets the eligibility requirements for members in* ***Eta Sigma Delta****.*

Chapter Advisor’s Signature Date

Dr. Kevin S. Murphy 540-230-6114

Chapter Advisor’s Name (please print) Chapter Advisor’s Telephone #

**INDUCTION CEREMONY**:

***Submit the completed application and check or money order for $75.00 payable to ESD (covers national and local dues for life) to Dr. Kevin Murphy’s office, Rosen 271.***