

EPSILON TAU PI

A National Brotherhood of Eagle Scouts



Colonization Packet

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Foreword

Epsilon Tau Pi expects excellence in all areas from each of its groups, chapters, and colonies alike. For this reason, Epsilon Tau Pi has set high standards for affiliation. This guidebook explains these standards and provides a “roadmap” of how a group of students interested in becoming an official Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi should proceed. Three major steps must be accomplished to become a recognized Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi.

First, an interest group (at least ten individuals) must petition and obtain Colony status from the Epsilon Tau Pi Fraternity. Second, the interest group must obtain an academic advisor and receive recognition from the location’s university. And finally, the interested group must complete the induction process as designated by the National Board.

If this process is successfully followed and the petition is accepted and approved by the Fraternity, then Colony status will be granted and the organization will become an official Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi with all privileges, rights and obligations thereof.

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What is Epsilon Tau Pi

Epsilon Tau Pi is an honorary Eagle Scout Fraternity that was founded in 1999 by a group of Eagle Scouts at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. Epsilon Tau Pi was formed on the principles of Honor, Courage, Loyalty, and Service.

THE HISTORY

In April 1999, eight Eagle Scouts came together at the University of Dayton and formed Epsilon Tau Pi. There were many social and service organizations on campus and around the area; however, there was no organization that held the ideals of Scouting close to heart. These eight men decided that an organization should be formed that would uphold the principles of the Boy Scouts of America and bring together those whom have shown through dedication and hard work that they believe in those values.

Since then, hundreds of men have become members of the Brotherhood. Brothers come from all parts of the country. The Brotherhood is also diverse academically with Brothers studying and working in many different fields of study.

In spite of these diverse interests and backgrounds, the common thread that draws these men together is the Eagle Scout award itself. The highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout is achieved by only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts. The requirements alone for the Eagle Scout rank demonstrate the leadership, initiative, and resolve required of those that achieve this high honor.

Epsilon Tau Pi is governed by a National Executive Board, elected by all active members of the fraternity to two-year terms. The National Executive Board is currently comprised of three national officers and Regional Directors. The officers include a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. The principle purpose of the National Executive Board is to guide and oversee the expansion of the fraternity. The National Executive Board also maintains the National Constitution and the General Regulations of the Fraternity. All Chapters and Colonies are permitted a large degree of autonomy, however the National Executive Board addresses critical issues that affect the fraternity as a whole, as well as assist the various chapters with difficult issues. In all issues, the National Executive Board is the highest authority in the Fraternity, and may overturn a decision made by any individual Chapter.

Any college student who has earned the Eagle Scout rank from the Boy Scouts of America, and is a student in good standing with the university or institution, of which they are a member, may rush Epsilon Tau Pi. Upon completion of the Candidacy, the Eagle Scout is initiated as a full member of Epsilon Tau Pi.

SERVICE

Epsilon Tau Pi is dedicated to helping Scouting and the community by volunteering our skills and assets to various groups and individuals. We give back to Scouting in many ways such as providing help to repair council campgrounds or mentoring Scouts that are working towards the Eagle Scout rank.

SOCIAL LIFE

Social life in college is just as important as service and academic endeavors. The Brothers of Epsilon Tau Pi get together for a social activity at least once a month officially; however, often many of the brothers will get together once a week or more to socialize.

The official social activities are planned and coordinated by the Social Chair of the Chapter. These activities are added to the calendar once they become official.

Epsilon Tau Pi is more than just a service fraternity; it is a group of like-minded individuals that come together under the banner of Brotherhood. To the Brothers of Epsilon Tau Pi, Brotherhood is more than just a word used to describe us; it is something that we use to describe the bond that we have with each other. Many of us forge friendships with each other that last beyond our college careers. Along with these forged friendships, we know that as Brothers, no matter the circumstances, no matter the distance, we will always be there for one another. That is the foundation of the Brotherhood of Epsilon Tau Pi.

Obtaining Colony Status

When a group of individuals want to become a Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi on a campus where there is no Epsilon Tau Pi chapter in existence, they may achieve “Colony Status” by receiving permission to affiliate with Epsilon Tau Pi from the National Executive Board of the Fraternity.

Ten individuals are required to form an interest group that can qualify for Colony Status. All individuals must be an Eagle Scout and in good academic standing with their university. Students on academic probation cannot Rush with Epsilon Tau Pi until the subsequent semester when probation is lifted.

The group may petition the Fraternity for Colony Status by supplying the following supporting documents:

- 1) A Resolution letter signed by a minimum of ten individuals from your interest group indicating their desire to become a Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi (see Page 6);
- 2) An Approval letter from the appropriate college or university official granting permission for your group to associate with Epsilon Tau Pi;
- 3) Submit a photo of the entire group of Eagle Scouts at a social event organized for all of the potential Rush class.
- 4) A signed copy of the Risk Management form (see Page 7) signed by the Acting President; Acting Vice President; and advisor.
- 5) A signed copy of the Candidacy Dues Form (see Page 8) signed by the Acting President and Vice President.

After both of these letters have been received by the National Executive Board, communication will be conducted by a representative of the National Executive Board. The purpose of this communication is to:

- 1) Verify the number of individuals in the group; and
- 2) Review the material previously sent; and
- 3) Answer any questions.

Following confirmation of the previous points, the National Executive Board will vote whether or not to grant Colony status. You will be notified of the outcome when the vote is completed. Once you have been granted Colony Status, a document recognizing the group as an official Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi will be sent to you upon completion of the Candidate period.

Once recognized as a Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi, you are encouraged to use the purposes and principles of Epsilon Tau Pi in your day-to-day operations. Manuals, brochures, and supplies may be requested from the National Executive Board. Additionally, once you have been recognized as a Colony, the individuals who are currently recognized by the Colony will be inducted as the Alpha Class of your Colony by a team composed of Brothers of established Colonies and Chapters of Epsilon Tau Pi.

Petition to Establish a Colony

National Executive Board
PO Box 282
Dayton, Ohio 45409

Greetings:

We, the undersigned individuals hereby desire to establish a Colony of Epsilon Tau Pi Fraternity at _____ (name of institution); the objectives of the Colony are to exemplify and uphold the ideals and traditions of _____ (name of institution) and to become a duly installed undergraduate chapter of Epsilon Tau Pi.

Signature	Printed Name	Major	Graduation Semester and Year	GPA	Pledging Other Fraternity (Yes/No)

Respectfully Submitted By:

Risk Management

ALCOHOL

Under no circumstances will any fraternity sponsored activity/ event involve alcohol.

HAZING

Hazing is defined by §2903.31 of the Ohio Revised Code as “any act or coercing of another to do any act of initiation ... causing or creating a substantial risk of causing or physical harm to any person.”

The Brotherhood of Epsilon Tau Pi stipulates hazing will not be tolerated. Individuals or colonies/chapters suspected of authorizing or tolerating the occurrence of a hazing incident will be subject to disciplinary action.

Hazing includes but is not limited to, whether in public or in private: paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks of harassment, morally embarrassing, degrading or humiliating games and activities, late or excessive work sessions which interfere with scholastic achievements, and all other activities which violate fraternal, state, local, federal laws or regulations and policies of the fraternity and the college or university at which the Colony is located.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All fraternity members shall adhere to the Scout Oath and the points of the Scout Law and live up to the Eagle Scout Charge.

Pledge periods shall last no shorter than 6 weeks and no more than 10 weeks due to scheduling classes.

The Pledge period shall begin with Formal rushes and conclude with Ritual.

Under no circumstances shall probationary period activities conflict with academics.

I have read and understand the policies on risk management as set for by the National Executive Board of Epsilon Tau Pi. By signing this document, I agree to enforce this policy in my chapter and/or Colony.

Acting President’s Signature

Date

Acting Vice-President’s Signature

Date

College/University Advisor’s Signature

Date

Fraternity Education Officer’s Signature

Date

Candidacy Dues

All new Colonies are required to pay Candidate dues. This fee is used to fund trips to the new location, the Formal Rush and Ritual ceremonies, and other items that the Colony might need. Epsilon Tau Pi charges each new location a flat \$1,000 plus an additional \$15 per Candidate. Below is a graph that lays out the cost for each Candidate, depending on the number of Candidates in the new Colony.

Total Number of New Members	Dues Cost Per Person
10	\$115
11	\$106
12	\$98
13	\$92
14	\$86
15	\$82
16	\$78
17	\$74
18	\$71
19	\$68
20	\$65

I have read and understand the costs of starting a new Colony as set for by the National Executive Board of Epsilon Tau Pi. By signing this document, I signify that the Colony agrees to pay in full on the date issued by the National Executive Board.

Acting President's Signature

Date

Acting Vice-President's Signature

Date