



SIGMA TAU DELTA

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

ALPHA OMICRON BETA CHAPTER AT NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

SIGMA TAU DELTA – AT A GLANCE

- English honor society for 4-year colleges and universities.
- 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.
- Over 800 local chapters in the U.S. and abroad—and growing.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Student membership is available to undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled at a college or university with an active Sigma Tau Delta chapter. Candidates must have

- completed at least 3 semesters of college work and a minimum of 2 college courses in English language or literature beyond the first-year composition by the Spring term of the application year.
- a minimum of a 3.0 (B) standing in English and a general GPA of 3.0 (B).

Candidates are not required to be English majors or minors.

ENROLLMENT FEE

Each new student member pays a one-time induction fee of \$45 for a lifetime membership. Contact Dr. Doreen Thierauf, chapter faculty sponsor (dthierauf@ncwc.edu) for information about how to apply.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

LIFETIME ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Members receive a personalized Sigma Tau Delta membership certificate and the official Society pin to signify high achievement in English language, writing, and literature.

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 internship opportunities with a major publisher; an online book store that funds worldwide literacy initiative; and various Washington-based internship programs.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

- Members may submit papers for presentation at the annual Sigma Tau Delta international convention. Works selected for presentation are also eligible for overall 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 presentations by noted authors. Features speakers at recent conventions include Neil Gaiman, Azar Nafisi, Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, Ursula K. Le Guin, and Leslie Marmon Silko.

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 overall awards and monetary prizes.
- Members may submit articles to Sigma Tau Delta's online publications, *The Sigma Tau Delta Newsletter* and *WORDY by Nature*, the official Sigma Tau Delta blog.
- Members may submit articles to Sigma Tau Delta's regional publications, where available.

PROMOTION OF QUALITY & RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE
