



Epsilon Sigma Phi

An Invitation to ESP Membership

Your Key to Professional Excellence

Mission of ESP

The mission of Epsilon Sigma Phi is to foster standards of excellence in the Extension System and to develop the Extension profession and professional.

Since Epsilon Sigma Phi was established in 1927 at Bozeman, Montana, members have worked to strengthen the impact of the Extension System to address needs of individuals and communities through research based education.

ESP is one of the oldest and is the largest organization of Extension Professionals. Epsilon Sigma Phi is an equal opportunity/affirmative action organization. The organization values and seeks a diverse membership.

Benefits of ESP Membership

- Scholarships for individual professional development opportunities including Advance Degrees
- Mini-Grants for Chapters
- Chapter and national recognition programs
- National platform to give scholarly presentations
- Involvement in legislative and public issues and activities,
- ESP Connection newsletter
- Professional development opportunities
- Chapter and national leadership opportunities
- Network of Extension professionals united across disciplines and program areas
- Mentoring opportunities
- Chapter officer/member training support
- Involvement in Global & International Opportunities
- Partnerships with Joint Council of Extension Professionals and Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension System—USDA

EPSILON SIGMA PHI WEBSITE: [HTTP://ESPnational.org](http://ESPnational.org)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to those Extension personnel (including Administration and University and County based Professionals) and retirees who exhibit excellence in Extension programming. Membership is established through state chapters that are chartered through the national organization. Each chapter has its own requirements regarding years of employment prior to membership. Chapter contacts can be found on the National ESP website under the button, State Chapters. In states where an established chapter does not currently exist, application for membership as a member-at-large is available through the National Office.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Annual Membership is extended to currently employed professionals with the Extension System of the United States Department of Agriculture; 1862, 1890, 1994 institutions and counties.

Life Membership is extended to Extension professionals who have retired from the Extension System.

At-Large Membership is extended to Extension professionals in states without an established chapter.

ESP SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- National ESP Conference
- Professional Development Workshops and Seminars
- Reflections on Leadership Series

PARTNERSHIPS WITH JCEP

- Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD)
- Regional Professional Development Leadership Workshops
- Galaxy Conferences

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