

The purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International are:

1. Recognize superior achievement.
2. Recognize the development of leadership qualities.
3. Foster high professional standards.
4. Encourage creative work.
5. Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.



**Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing®**

Endorsement for Membership

Definition: An endorsement is a letter or statement supporting an individual for membership* in the chapter. Individuals are encouraged to submit two endorsements in order for an application to be considered by the Chapter Eligibility Committee. Nursing students should include one letter or statement of support from a nursing faculty member. At least one of the two endorsements is to be from an active member of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International.

This endorsement enables the candidate to be considered for membership. The Eligibility Committee of the chapter invites your letter or statement of endorsement supporting the following individual for membership:

_____ is applying for membership in the _____ Chapter
(Name)

On the basis of this individual's achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in the chapter.

This candidate exhibits the following characteristics:

- ☐ Potential for leadership
- ☐ Superior achievement
- ☐ Academic and/or professional integrity

Signature _____ Date _____

Chapter Membership _____

Position _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Comments (if desired):

***UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA:** Each undergraduate candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the undergraduate category of membership. Undergraduate students are required to have completed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale, ranking the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

***GRADUATE CRITERIA:** Each graduate (master's or doctoral) candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the graduate category of membership. Graduate students are required to have completed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the required graduate curriculum, have at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

*** NURSE LEADER CRITERIA:** A nurse leader is eligible for membership if the leader is a registered nurse, legally recognized to practice in his/her country with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field, and has demonstrated achievement in nursing.