



SIGMA TAU DELTA

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

STauD Application Letter

Dear Cal Poly English student,

I am writing to invite you to apply for membership in Cal Poly's Sigma Upsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.

Membership in Sigma Tau Delta is an outward recognition of personal accomplishment. It provides opportunities for those interested in English language and literature to join with like-minded persons on the local, regional, national, and international levels. The many benefits of membership in Sigma Tau Delta are as follows:

- Members receive a certificate attesting to membership in the Society and the Society pin.
- Members receive a one-year subscription to Sigma Tau Delta's two journals, *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* and *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*.
- Members can compete for several \$1,000 to \$4,000 scholarships and awards.
- Members can apply for internship opportunities with major publishing companies.
- Members can submit papers for presentation at the annual spring Sigma Tau Delta International Convention.
- Members can submit papers for publication in *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* and *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*.
- Members meet one of the U.S. Civil Service Commission requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal Service.
- Members can apply for internships through the [Washington Internship Institute](#) (WII), the premier internship program in Washington, DC. WII and the [Association of College Honor Societies](#) offer \$500 scholarships to all Sigma Tau Delta members who participate in WII's program.
- Members are eligible to apply for a merit-based \$1,000 scholarship to attend [The Fund for American Studies](#) (TFAS) Summer Institute or Capital Semester.
- Members are eligible for scholarships to help cover housing expenses in the internship program at [The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars](#) (TWC) through a partnership with [Association of College Honor Societies](#).
- Female members can take advantage of a complimentary membership to [Women for Hire](#) (\$38 value), which offers advice, solutions, networking, tools, tips, and other career resources and guidance.

More information on all of these benefits and opportunities is available on the [Sigma Tau Delta website](#).

If you are an undergraduate student, you are eligible for membership in the Cal Poly chapter of Sigma Tau Delta based on the following criteria:

- Major or minor in English



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- Completion of a minimum of 5 quarters (or a minimum of 15 classes)
- Completion of a minimum of 4 English classes in addition to 100-level English classes
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GPA of 3.5 or higher in all English classes

If you are a graduate student, you are eligible for membership in the Cal Poly chapter of Sigma Tau Delta based on the following criteria:

- Enrollment in the Cal Poly M.A. in English program
- Completion of a minimum of 3 full quarters of graduate work (or a minimum of 6 courses) in the English M.A. program, not including conditional coursework
- GPA of 3.75 or higher in all English courses

There is a one-time International Induction Fee of \$40, which entitles each chapter member to receive Society journals and the Newsletter for one year and to wear the Society pin. The fee must be paid prior to induction and confers life membership in the Society. If your application is approved, you will receive further information on fees and membership benefits.

Applications for membership in the Society are due the third Friday of Fall and Spring quarters. To apply, please carefully complete the application form provided on the website, and submit it to Dr. Forster at forster@calpoly.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Forster
Cal Poly Sigma Tau Delta Faculty Advisor