Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health
Eligibility & Nomination Criteria
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the categories in which Delta Omega inducts members?

1) SPHHS graduate degree students
2) GWU baccalaureate students
3) SPHHS alumni
4) SPHHS faculty

What are the eligibility criteria for student inductees?

Graduate student inductees must:

• Be a current SPHHS graduate student
• Have completed at least 31 credit hours for Master's students (except 25 credit hours for MS in Exercise Science, Biostatistics, and Epidemiology) and 40 credit hours for doctoral students by the end of the preceding Fall semester
• Have a cumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 3.85
• Demonstrate leadership in public health practice, including research policy, advocacy and other activities

Baccalaureate student inductees must:

• Be candidates for a baccalaureate degree in public health, exercise science or athletic training during the current or previous academic year.
• Have a cumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 3.80
• Demonstrate leadership in public health practice, including research policy, advocacy and other activities

Which disciplines are eligible?

Individuals from all disciplines within the SPHHS are eligible.

What materials are required for the student nomination process?

Students must submit the following:

• A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or your mentor in the field are accepted. The recommender must be able to explain your contributions to the public health field. Recommendations will not be accepted from fellow students.
• One-page personal statement demonstrating your leadership potential in public health
• Current resume or CV
• Your transcript will be pulled from Student Records to verify GPA

When are nominations due?

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Nominations are accepted in the Spring each year. For the 2014, nominations are due on Monday, March 24 at 9 am.

Where do I submit the nomination package?
Nomination packages should be submitted electronically to Ms. Mallory Boyd (mallory@gwu.edu). Please include your GWID on all documents. Recommenders may submit their letters of recommendation separately to Mallory.

Can students with less than the credit requirement apply if they are graduating in the summer semester and plan to complete the remaining credits over the Spring and Summer?
No. A student must have completed the required credits by the end of the preceding Fall semester.

How long after the deadline date will applicants know whether they have been inducted?
Applicants will be notified of induction status approximately 3 to 4 weeks after the deadline date.

How strict is the 3.85 (for graduate students) and 3.80 (for baccalaureate students) GPA cut-off? If someone is slightly below, should they still apply?
The GPA minimum requirement is a strict cut-off and must be attained at the time of application. Student applicants below this GPA will not be considered.

I am planning to apply as alum. What is the requirement?
Alumni must demonstrate leadership in professional and community activities within the field of public health that would serve as a model for future graduates of the school. Alumni members must have at least three (3) years of full-time professional experience related to public health and may not be eligible for nomination within one year of graduation. Nomination must be made by a current Delta Omega member. Alumni are to submit: a letter of recommendation from a current Delta Omega member; a 1-page personal statement related to professional and community activities; and a CV/resume.

Where can I find out more information?
For more information, please visit the Omega Chapter’s website: https://sphhs.gwu.edu/projects/delta-omega

Information on the national Delta Omega Honorary Society can be found at: http://www.deltaomega.org/index.cfm

E-mail us at: dltomega@gwu.edu

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