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Eleven campus honorary organizations recognize the achievements of outstanding Iowa State women. Although scholarship is an important requirement for membership in these honoraries, other qualities such as personality, interest, and attitude are given much consideration. The goal of these honoraries is to set high standards for Iowa State women and encourage professional interest.

Although most honoraries are limited to students in one division, some have a broader scope. Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary, selects seniors in the upper one-fifth of their class regardless of their field of interest. Mortar Board, queen of women's honoraries, bases its selection of junior women from any division on character, scholarship, leadership and service. To be tapped for Mortar Board is the highest honor that can come to an Iowa State woman.

A second group of honoraries are those which are limited to a particular major or interest. Omicron Nu has high scholarship and leadership as its requisites. Members are chosen from the upper one-fourth of home economics seniors and the upper one-fifth of the juniors.

Applied art enthusiasts are eligible for Delta Phi Delta, which requires an all college scholastic record with no failures and an average of more than 85 percent, with a grade of B or above in all art courses. Traditional orange smocks and artist's palets mark its pledges.

Delta Sigma Rho is a national honorary for debaters. Its members must have competed in one intercollegiate debate or met other requirements satisfactorily.

Students with 30 quarter hours in chemistry with an 85 percent average are eligible for membership in Iota Sigma Pi, national chemistry honorary.

The upper two-fifths of the junior and senior classes are eligible for membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron. Requirements other than scholarship are leadership, character and professional interest in their chosen field of Home Economics.

Membership in Psi Chi, the national honorary for psychology students, is composed of students in the upper one-half of the student body in scholarship and the upper one-third in psychology. A minimum of 12 credit hours of psychology is required.

Women who excel in musical ability are honored by initiation into Sigma Alpha Iota, women's national music sorority. Eligible junior and senior women have outstanding musical ability, sincere interest in promoting the profession and an all college average of 2.25.

Theta Sigma Phi, national professional fraternity for women journalists, selects its members from upperclass women specializing in journalism. Requirements are good scholarship, outstanding work in journalism (9 credit hours), meritorious work on three campus publications, professional ability and intentions for a journalism career.

Women interested in athletics have the Women's Fraternity, a local honorary, as their goal. It is open to all juniors with a 2.0 average who have participated in three clubs of the Women's Athletic Association for six quarters.

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