



ORDER OF OMEGA
HONORING GREEK LEADERS SINCE 1959

**Lehigh University
Zeta Lambda Chapter**

History:

The Order of Omega was founded at the University of Miami in the fall of 1959 by a group of outstanding fraternity men who felt that individuals in the Greek community should be recognized for their service to the fraternity community and the University. On February 9, 1967, a chapter was chartered at the University of Southern Mississippi. There are now over three hundred chapters in the United States. Since 1985, the Order of Omega has awarded \$721,850 in undergraduate scholarships, including \$63,150 during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Purpose:

- To recognize those fraternity men and sorority women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment.
- To bring together outstanding fraternity men and sorority women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs.
- To bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness.
- To help create an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across Greek lines and to help work out solutions.

Eligibility:

The qualifications for membership in the Order of Omega are character, scholarship and intelligence, service and leadership in the inter-Greek affairs of Lehigh University. Exemplary character is the primary consideration for membership.

To be eligible for membership in the Order of Omega, a student shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. One full academic year at Lehigh University
- b. Junior or Senior Class Standing (based on academic credits)
- c. Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average or rank academically above the all-Greek average, currently a 3.14599 (whichever is higher)
- d. Be in good standing with your respective fraternity/sorority and Lehigh University

Selection:

The selection committee is currently composed of Zeta Lambda chapter members in consultation with Danny Grzesik, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

Requirements for Application/Membership:

1. Completed applications must be typed and submitted to Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Danny Grzesik at (dag309@lehigh.edu) or dropped off at the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (Warren Square E) **no later than 12:00pm on Friday, October 14th, 2011.**

2. Upon invitation for membership, two payments are due. A one-time \$50 initiation fee is to be paid to the Order of Omega Headquarters for an honorary certificate and pin and \$25 for Zeta Lambda chapter dues.

3. Upon invitation for membership, an initiation ceremony and program will take place on Monday, November 7th at 5:00pm.

Please note that you can be a member of academic honor societies related to your program of study and be initiated into the Order of Omega.

Timeline:

-Completed applications are to be submitted by 12:00pm on Friday, October 14th, 2011.

-Notification of membership will be communicated by email on Tuesday, October 18th, 2011.

-If accepting membership into the Zeta Lambda Chapter of the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society at Lehigh University, two separate payments are due. A check in the amount of \$50 to Order of Omega and a \$25 check to the Lehigh University Chapter of Order of Omega is to be submitted to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (Warren Square E.) by 5:00pm on Monday, October 24th, 2011.

-An Order of Omega Initiation ceremony and program will take place at 5:00pm on Monday, November 7th, 2011.

Should you have any questions regarding the purpose, expectations of membership, or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me at dag309@lehigh.edu or at 610-758-4157. I encourage you to access the Order of Omega website at www.orderofomega.org for more information.

The membership of Zeta Lambda and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs looks forward to receiving your application for membership.



**Lehigh University
Zeta Lambda Chapter
Fall 2010 Membership Application**

Name: Affiliation: Email:

Lehigh ID #: Cumulative GPA: Major:

Junior or Senior (based on academic credits):

Home Address:

Please type your responses to the following questions on a separate sheet.

- 1. List the leadership roles (including committees) and significant activities that you have held or been part of within your chapter, the fraternity/sorority community and the greater Lehigh University community. Please include the time periods in which you were involved. Describe the impact that was made as a result of your involvement in these leadership roles.**
- 2. List your community service and philanthropy involvement throughout your time at Lehigh University, clearly indicating any events that you organized. Briefly describe what you have learned about yourself through these commitments.**
- 3. List all honors, awards, and special achievements you have received while enrolled at Lehigh University (do not include financial aid awards unless they are merit based). Include the year in which you were awarded.**

Brief Statements (200 words or less)

- 1. What is your strongest leadership characteristic and why?**
- 2. What role would you like to see Order of Omega play on campus? How do you see yourself contributing to the organization and this role? Please indicate if you would be willing to be an executive board member of Order of Omega (i.e. President, Vice President, etc.) during the Spring 2012 semester.**