



Epsilon Sigma Phi

# Recognition Opportunities

Your Key to Professional Excellence

Epsilon Sigma Phi honors its members and outstanding friends with recognition at the chapter and national levels.

## National Recognition

**Distinguished Service Ruby** – Recipient delivers the annual Ruby Lecture at the National ESP Conference. Nominee must be an ESP member.

## National and Chapter Recognition

**Friend of Extension** - Recognizes volunteers who build support for Extension. Nominees are individuals, teams or organizations who have given outstanding service and support to Extension. National Friends receive recognition during the National ESP Conference.

## National and Chapter Recognition—Members

**Administrative Leadership** - Noteworthy administrative performance during 10+ years of county, regional, state, program, department or national level leadership.

**Distinguished Service** - Outstanding program leadership for more than 20 years.

**Diversity/Multicultural** – Presented to one team and one individual in each Epsilon Sigma Phi chapter and each region to members whose innovative programming reinforces the organization's commitment to reaching diverse audiences. At least 50% of team members eligible for ESP must be current members. The program must have been implemented in the past three years.

**Early Career Service** - Demonstrated noteworthy enthusiasm, performance and accomplishment during their early Extension careers (less than 10 years).

**Mid-Career Distinguished Service** - Demonstrated outstanding performance during 10- 20 years of service.

**Distinguished Team** – Significant contribution to state Extension program planning and delivery. At least 50% of team members eligible for ESP must be current members.

**Distinguished International Service** - Significant contribution to international programs.

**Continued Excellence** - Experienced Extension professional with 20+ years who has exhibited continued leadership, initiative and excellence in the Extension program or administration, on a chapter/regional/national level. Members are eligible for nomination five years after receiving the chapter DSA Recognition.

**Visionary Leadership** - Extension professional whose visionary leadership has enabled Extension to anticipate emerging needs and develop support to implement relevant programs.

*Recognition Enhances ESP Membership*

## Chapter Recognition ... No Deadline

**Meritorious Support Services** - Support staff who have demonstrated significant support for Extension programs. ESP membership is not required.

**Retiree Service** - Extension retiree who continues to contribute to the mission and programs of Extension. ESP membership is required.

**25 Year Tenure of Service Recognition** - ESP members with 25 years of employment in the Extension System.

**Retirement Recognition** - ESP members at the time of retirement from the Extension System.

## Joint Council of Extension Professionals

**Excellence in Teamwork Award** - Successful Extension team programs or projects that demonstrate effective performance and significant result impacts

## General Information and Guidelines

- ◆ Expanded descriptions of the various categories are available on the ESP website, <http://esnational.org>, in the ESP Handbook - Section E.
- ◆ Chapters may submit one nomination in each category for national consideration.
- ◆ Recognition nominees, other than Friends and Meritorious Support, must be a current ESP member and have been the chapter recipient within the past two years.
- ◆ All applications require the signature and support of the Chapter President.
- ◆ All applications are limited to two pages of copy and must be submitted electronically on a CD in Word or Adobe format.
- ◆ All submissions for national consideration must be postmarked to the National ESP Office by March 1 of each year.
- ◆ Selection of national RECOGNITION recipients is by a peer voting process based on number of chapter members.
- ◆ National Distinguished Ruby recipient delivers the Ruby Lecture at the Annual ESP Conference.
- ◆ National Friend of Extension nominations are reviewed by the Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Committee and approved by the National ESP Board.
- ◆ Certificates are available from the National ESP Office for recognition of chapter level recipients.
- ◆ National recognition is presented at the National ESP Conference during the recognition banquet. Chapter Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipients are also recognized during the National ESP Conference.
- ◆ Questions? Contact the Chair of Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee, Mary Ellen Blackburn, [meblack@uga.edu](mailto:meblack@uga.edu) or National ESP Office at [espoffice@esnational.org](mailto:espoffice@esnational.org).

