

**BE A SPONSOR  
FOR A COMMUNITY MEMBER**

Nurses who are community leaders in the areas of education, practice, research or administration are eligible to apply for community membership in Sigma Theta Tau. The requirements and accompanying forms are included in this newsletter. Recognize the contributions of a leader in your work place or community. Self nominations are encouraged. You may be sponsored by any two members of Sigma Theta Tau.

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Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Kappa Chapter-at-Large  
Regis University /University of Colorado

**COMMUNITY MEMBER  
LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT CRITERIA  
Requirements for Application and Membership**

**Purpose:** To recognize leadership, creative work, support for professional standards and commitment to scholarly nursing. This category is the only one which does not have as a criteria achievement in academic scholarship but rather emphasizes all other areas related to purposes of Sigma Theta Tau.

- a. **DEFINITION:** Nurses with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree who have demonstrated marked achievement in education, practice, research, administration or publication. The majority have degrees in nursing but consideration is given to individuals with a bachelor's degree in another field if achievement in nursing is exceptional. This exception is made primarily in situations where a person obtained a non-nursing degree because a BSN program was not available rather than choosing not to attend a BSN program.
- b. **EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY LEADERS:**
1. Educators (e.g., faculty in school of existing chapter or school without chapter)
  2. Clinicians
  3. Researchers
  4. Administrators
  5. Authors
  6. Other categories (e.g., consultants, entrepreneurs)
- c. **ACHIEVEMENT AREAS:** Areas in which excellence of community leader is demonstrated. Community leader may demonstrate achievement in one of the following areas: education, practice, research, administration or publication.
1. Education (may be demonstrated in 1 or more of the following ways).
    - a. teaching
    - b. curriculum development
    - c. course development
    - d. evaluation process
    - e. administration in education
    - f. post-graduate education

2. Practice (may be demonstrated in 1 or more of the following ways).
  - a. Outstanding clinician in field as documented by peers and others.
  - b. Outstanding contributor to improvement of the status of professional nursing through leadership in professional nursing organizations.
3. Research (may be demonstrated in 1 or more of the following ways).
  - a. Research in practice, teaching or administration.
  - b. Conduct of outstanding research as documented by peer researchers and nurse colleagues.
4. Administration (may be demonstrated in 1 or more of the following ways).
  - a. Outstanding administrator in nursing service as documented by peers and others.
  - b. Outstanding contributor to improvement of health care through leadership in nursing service.
  - c. Staff development by creating a climate for nurses to practice professional nursing.
5. Publication (may be demonstrated in 1 or more of the following ways).
  - a. Contribution to the knowledge of nursing through publication of books, articles, research reports, news media, etc.
  - b. Recognition by peers and nurse colleagues for nursing publications.
6. Other Category (may be demonstrated in 1 or more of the following ways).
  - a. Outstanding consultant in field of nursing as documented by peers and others.
  - b. Outstanding contribution to nursing as an entrepreneur.

### **All Information to be Submitted**

1. Candidate should submit Community Leader Membership Intent Form (see attached).
2. Candidate should indicate area of achievement as education, practice, research, administration, publication, or other.
3. A minimum of two endorsements (see attached Endorsement for Membership Form) are required and should be submitted with the application. Endorsements are required to be from active members of Sigma Theta Tau.
4. Candidate should describe most recent contribution to nursing as an educator, clinician, researcher, author, or administrator. Details are encouraged in meeting this important criteria. Data and/or vitae are to be submitted to support selection criteria.

Submit application to: Sara Jarrett, EdD, RN, CNS, CNE

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Sigma Theta Tau  
Alpha Kappa Chapter-at-Large

**ENDORSEMENT FOR  
COMMUNITY MEMBER**

**Definition:**

An endorsement is a letter supporting an individual for membership in Sigma Theta Tau. Two endorsements per individual are necessary in order for an application to be considered by the Chapter Eligibility Committee. This endorsement enables the candidate to be considered for membership. The Eligibility Committee of the Chapter invites your letter of endorsement supporting the following individual for membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for membership in Sigma Theta Tau. A community nurse leader is eligible for membership if the leader has a minimum of a baccalaureate degree and has demonstrated marked achievement in nursing in at least one of the following areas: Education, research, practice, administration or publication. On the basis of this individual's accomplishment in \_\_\_\_\_ area and on the basis of education preparation, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in Sigma Theta Tau.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relation to Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

**Please attach your letter of endorsement.**

