

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE GAMMA SIGMA DELTA NOMINATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

Q: I'm not sure what Gamma Sigma Delta is and I do not remember filling out a nomination application. What would it mean if I became a member?

A: You were nominated by your academic advisor, or a faculty member for the membership. The Gamma Sigma Delta is the Honor Society of Agriculture. Only students who meet the eligibility conditions of high academic standards are nominated and accepted into the Society. It is an honor to become a GSD member. Please visit the website at <http://gsd.ifas.ufl.edu/> for more information.

Q: I would like to find out more information about membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. What specifically do I need to do in order to become a member?

A: Becoming a GSD member is an honor. Once your nomination is accepted, you need to pay the initiation fee of \$25 for the first year, and attend the Ceremony and Reception. After the first year, annual membership will be \$15 for one year or \$40 for three years. If you are attending the Ceremony, the fee for the Reception is \$10/person.

Acceptable forms of payment are cash or check, payable to Gamma Sigma Delta. Please also write on the memo-line whether the payment includes initiation, initiation + reception, etc.

Please send the payment to our Treasurer:

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Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department
Rogers Hall, Museum Rd / PO Box 110570
Gainesville, FL 32611-0570
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In an effort to streamline the process, we have opted to use PayPal to collect dues and donations. The pricing and links are as follows:

- 1 yr for student @ \$15: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=NYBQJ8LWN5QFL
- 3 yrs for students @\$40: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=3BSU58P3FT4UE
- 1 yr for faculty and staff @ \$20: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=GVY5KLC3FBCVY
- Donate button for any amount: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=N8W3W2268AXPN

Q: Can I just give my payment and information to the Treasurer in person? I am on campus.

A: Sure, please do so. Please contact the GSD Treasurer before you stop by the office.

Q: I think I am already a member. How do I find out?

A: Please send the year of membership to Treasurer or Secretary. Also, please let them know whether you received the membership certificate.

Q: I have been a member in the past, I just have not paid the yearly dues. But I am interested. How do I become a current member?

A: If you have been a member, all you need is to pay your membership dues to continue. Please contact Treasurer to find out how much you owe and send your dues to Treasurer at the address above.

Q: I was inducted into the GSD as an undergraduate at my previous institution. Does my membership automatically transfer as graduate student?

A: Membership can be easily transferred to the Florida Chapter upon request and the member roster will be updated. No new initiation is necessary. You are welcome to attend the Reception and Award Ceremony.

Q: Do I have to renew the membership after one year?

A: Yes, if you plan to continue your membership, annual dues are required. New student members will receive a membership certificate and a pin. Each year approximately 100 students will become new members. There will be two student awards and other awards. Please see at <http://gsd.ifas.ufl.edu/> for more information.

Q: I cannot attend the Initiation and Award Ceremony this year. Do I have to attend the Ceremony?

A: If you have a conflict, you don't need to attend the ceremony. However, if you would like to become a member, the membership initiation fee of \$25 is required and the membership certificate will be mailed to you.

Q: What kind of ceremony would be on the Award Banquet? How many people have been nominated?

A: Almost all eligible people were nominated from all IFAS departments. The number varies in each department, but we have approximately 100 new members each year. The ceremony will take about 2 hours. It will include initiation of the new members, presentation of awards and a keynote address from an invited speaker. There is a \$10/person fee if you plan to attend the Ceremony.

Q: Is there a dress code for the ceremony?

A: Though there is no particular dress code, it will be good to dress nicely. If you would like, please take a look at photos from a previous year's ceremony: <http://kingdom.ifas.ufl.edu/tylerljones/UFEVENTS/GammaSigmaDeltaAwards032609/Gallery/>.

Q: Can I bring a guest with me to the ceremony?

A: We welcome any guests! Please pay a \$10 ceremony fee/person.

Q: Are we eligible for honors cords for Gamma Sigma Delta?

A: Honor cords are available for undergraduate students for \$10 upon request. Please pay \$10 by cash/check to Treasurer at the above address and write "GSD honor cords" on the memo-line. You can pick it up from Treasurer's office, once your honor code arrives.

Q: I was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta last year. Are only new inductees eligible for the best graduate student award? If not is there a separate application for this award?

A: The best student award is open to all member students, not just new members. There is no separate application for this award. All eligible students are automatically considered.