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Effective Fall 2016: All RSOs with regalia approved prior to Spring 2016 must complete this form to be re-certified before wearing organization specific regalia at the Fall 2016 and future Commencements. To see if your RSO is approved on the new form, please visit <http://registrar.eku.edu/student-organization-graduation-regalia>.

All regalia worn at University Commencement and/or College Convocations must be approved by the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) prior to graduation. Special regalia worn at Commencement/Convocation is a privilege afforded to those individuals/groups who have met a distinctive academic expectation.

An RSO requesting to have members wear organization specific regalia (stoles, cords, etc.) must complete this form and submit to the Office of EKU Student Life. Student Life will present the request at the next available CAA meeting. The wearing of sashes may not be proposed as it is exclusively reserved for those students earning Latin Honors. A request by an academic program should be submitted to the Dean's Office of their relevant college. The request will then be brought forward to CAA by the Associate Dean of the college.

Forms should be submitted no later than October 5, 2016 to request an item be approved for a December ceremony, or the 2nd week in February for a May ceremony.

RSOs must complete the form and attach a color picture of the regalia for which they are proposing approval. Failure to receive approval will result in any unapproved regalia being confiscated at graduation.

With questions, please contact Sarah Schultz, Associate Director, Student Engagement at (859) 622-3855 or sarah.schultz@eku.edu.

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Organizations can apply to CAA to have Commencement regalia approved in one of the following ways:

- A. The RSO may request approval for all members to wear Commencement regalia because the organization has an academic membership requirement of a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- B. The RSO may request approval for those individual members who have attained a 2.5 GPA or higher to be allowed to wear the approved regalia.
- C. A college may submit a request for regalia indicating completion of an academic minor; students who are Veterans may wear regalia as determined by the EKU Office of Military and Veteran Affairs; International Students may wear regalia approved and designated by the Office of International Student and Scholar Services.

Does your organization have a minimum grade point requirement for membership? If so, what is it? [Required]

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0

Please attach copies of official organization communications that relay these expectation to organization members. [Required]

Submitted File: [Phi-Sigma Membership and Stole Requirements.docx](#)

Are you proposing that only those members who meet the 2.5 GPA academic threshold wear the regalia? [Required] Yes

Please describe the significance of wearing the stole at graduation. Why should your members wear graduation regalia? [Required]

Regalia Stoles:

The stoles are made from the highest quality satin with the Phi Sigma crest embroidered on the stole in green while the stole itself is gold.

Phi Sigma Emblem:

The emblem of the Society consists of an ancient watch-key formed of the Greek Letters Phi and Sigma, the former being superimposed upon the latter. Together, they signify FELLOWS IN SCIENCE. Fellowship in science includes ardent cooperative effort, effective leadership, and creative scholarship. It is important that these future leaders in scientific endeavors receive the honor and recognition for their outstanding academic achievement.

Coat of Arms:

"Truth Shall Spring out of the Earth"

The official coat-of-arms of Phi Sigma Society consists of a simple heraldic shield with a scroll beneath it bearing the above motto of the Society in Greek. Out of the black field, representing ignorance, grow the green, white, and gold flowers of the Society, the Shasta Daisy, representing Truth seeking to rise toward the light. In the silver sky of light and knowledge appears the fiery cloud of intellectual inspiration, out of which a hand comes bearing the pearl, the Society jewel. The pearl, most interesting biologically of all precious stones, is emblematic of a scientist's reward, the conscious duty well done.

Please attach a color picture of the stole or cords you are requesting to be worn. [Required]

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