

**For Membership Information-  
Contact our local chapter at our local  
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<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/esp/>

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**EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS' CREED**

I Believe in people and their hopes, their aspirations, and their faith; in their right to make their own plans and arrive at their own decisions; in their ability and power to enlarge their lives and plan for the happiness of those they love.

I Believe that education, of which Extension is an essential part, is basic in stimulating individual initiative, self-determination, and leadership; that these are the keys to democracy and that people when given facts they understand, will act not only in their self-interest, but also in the interest of society.

I Believe that education is a lifelong process and the greatest university is the home; that my success as a teacher is proportional to those qualities of mind and spirit that give me welcome

entrance to the homes of the families I serve.

I Believe in intellectual freedom to search for and present the truth without bias and with courteous tolerance toward the views of others.

I Believe that Extension is a link between the people and the ever-changing discoveries in the laboratories.

I Believe in the public institutions of which I am a part.

I Believe in my own work and in the opportunity

I have to make my life useful to humanity.

Because I Believe these things, I am an Extension professional.

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**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION TO:  
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***EPSILON SIGMA PHI  
The Cooperative Extension  
Professionals' Organization  
Membership:  
An Invitation to Join***



## ***Becoming a member***

Membership is open to those Extension personnel and retirees who exhibit excellence in Extension programming. Most states and some territories have an Epsilon Sigma Phi chapter that develops and implements a program to promote the mission of the organization. To be eligible for Alpha Alpha Chapter (LSU) of ESP anyone with 1% or more of Extension responsibility.

Epsilon Sigma Phi is a member of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) which brings together the leadership of all the Extension professional organizations to support the Extension system at the national level.

## ***Developing leadership capacity***

Epsilon Sigma Phi's organizational leadership roles offer opportunities to unite with members from all levels, units and subject matter disciplines of the Cooperative Extension System.

## ***Celebrating excellence***

Since Epsilon Sigma Phi was established in 1927 at Bozeman, Montana, members have worked to strengthen the impact of

the Cooperative Extension System to address needs of individuals and communities through research based education.

**The mission of Epsilon Sigma Phi** is to foster standards of excellence in the Extension System and to develop the Extension profession and professional.

## ***Benefits of membership***

- ◆ **Professional development conferences and distance learning opportunities.**
- ◆ **Extension personnel united across disciplines, units and program areas.**
- ◆ **National platform to give scholarly presentations.**
- ◆ **Building leadership, communication and teamwork skills.**
- ◆ **Connecting personnel and retirees to build networks, continuity, and support for the Extension System and related issues.**
- ◆ **Access to scholarships and**

**mini-grants.**

- ◆ **Public Issues and Leadership Development Seminar held each spring in Washington, DC.**
- ◆ **Recognition system for excellence in Extension's personnel and retirees.**
- ◆ **As a member you can recognize volunteers through our "Friends of Extension Award."**
- ◆ **Quarterly *ESP Connection* newsletter.**

## ***Other Benefits to joining ESP:***

- ◆ **Looks good on performance appraisal portfolio's.**
- ◆ **Looks good on resumes.**
- ◆ **Great Leadership training.**
- ◆ **Keeps you up to date with what's going on in the region and nationally.**
- ◆ **Excellent source of program ideas.**
- ◆ **Up to \$1,000 scholarships for Graduate work**  
*(check out IROD website for the application forms)*