



## MISSION:

**Iota Lambda Sigma** is a Professional Honorary Society that recognizes excellence in all phases of workforce development in the fields of education and business/industry. Men and women who may be nominated for membership in this professional society should be representative of the highest caliber professionals in their respective fields.

Secondary education nominees include CTE teachers, supervisors, administrators, board members, and advisory committee members. Post-secondary education nominees include adult education/workforce faculty, students, or administrators.

Men and women from business and industry must be directly or indirectly involved with employee training and professional development either as a trainer or one who facilitates training/development opportunities for employees.

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of ILS is to support the aims of workforce development as reflected and promoted through:

- Recognizing superlative professional performance
- Recognizing scholarly attainment
- Creating and maintaining a close fraternal bond among membership
- Promoting professional improvement

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# IOTA LAMBDA SIGMA



## OVERVIEW:

Originally conceived as a professional fraternity in trade and industrial education, the first chapter was founded at the Pennsylvania State University in 1927. The Grand Chapter was incorporated in Pennsylvania and the expansion began.

Iota Lambda Sigma initially was a university-based professional fraternity for men who distinguished themselves in trade and industrial education. All early chapters, therefore, were affiliated with colleges and universities. Over time, all vocational service areas were added. Eventually women became eligible for membership.

Excellence in adult and post-secondary technical training began to be recognized also. More recently, excellence in business and industry practices have been included in the scope of Iota Lambda Sigma.

In the late 1990's the Grand Chapter made changes to the organization and constitution to ensure survival in the years to come.

I Iota stands for Industry  
Λ Lambda stands for Loyalty  
Σ Sigma stands for Service

## MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES:

Local chapters may have several functions a year and determine their own meeting schedule. Grand Chapter holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the ACTE conference in December. Existing chapters are:

Delta	Kent State University
Epsilon	Field Chapter, Alabama
Theta	Indiana U. of Pennsylvania
Nu	Field Chapter, Maryland
Sigma	Field Chapter, Texas
Alpha Gamma	Ohio State University
Alpha Rho	Old Dominion University

## AWARDS:

The society provides opportunities for members to achieve recognition through the following awards:

- Randall Peacock Lifetime Achievement Award
- ILS Teacher of the Year Award
- Raymond L. Christiansen Distinguished Service Award
- ILS Outstanding New Member Award
- Local Chapter Awards:
  - Business/Industry
  - Chapter of the Year Award
  - Chapter Scholar
  - Student Advocate
  - CTE Administrator
  - CTE Teacher
  - CTE Program

## MEMBERSHIP:

Membership benefits include:

- Be known as one of the "Best of the Best"
- Establish and maintain contact with other high achievers in workforce development
- Develop and utilize personal leadership skills
- Make further contributions to the field of workforce development
- Learn and disseminate new information regarding workforce development through:
  - Recognizing trends in national and global issues affecting career and technical education
  - Contributing to *The Communicator*, the national newsletter

Typically a candidate for membership gains notice by excellence in his or her own work in, and commitment to, workforce development. Where a local chapter exists, candidates are invited to join by the chapter's members. Where there is no local chapter, a candidate may apply directly to the Grand Chapter for membership. A third way to join is as a charter member of a newly formed chapter.

Cost of membership is inexpensive. Typically, one will be assessed a one time initiation fee which includes the first year's dues for the local and Grand Chapter. Thereafter, unless a life or honorary member, annual dues are assessed.

*A professional honorary society recognizing excellence in workforce development!*

