**Mission Statement:** Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.

**Vision Statement:**Epsilon Sigma Phi leads the Extension System in promoting and supporting professionalism in Extension.

With the relaxation of many of the Covid restrictions, we are happy to announce that in keeping with the above statements, Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Psi Chapter is “re-awakening” its scholarship program for 2021. While we are disappointed that many of the usual opportunities for professional development such as the Extension Leadership Conference (JCEP), PILD – Public Issues Leadership trip, and the International Study Tour were not available during the crisis. However, the good news is that the ESP National Conference will be held both in-person and virtually in October. will award up to four scholarships ($500 max./scholarship) to ESP Members to attend the ESP National Conference. Priority will be given to ESP members that have been active in the association and meet the following criteria:

* Presenter at the ESP National Conference
* Involvement on an ESP committee or has/currently serves on the Board
* First time attendee of ESP National Conference

The national conference will be held October 25-28, 2021, in Savannah, Georgia. The conference will be held at [**The DeSoto Savannah**](https://www.thedesotosavannah.com/), an historic property overlooking Madison Square in the heart of Savannah's Historic District. A unique aspect of the conference this year is that you can attend in-person or virtually. The meeting is a great opportunity to learn about recent developments in Extension and meet colleagues from other states with whom you can exchange ideas. For more information on the meeting, and to register, click on this link: <https://espnational.org/2021-ESP-National-Conference>. Be sure to act soon…early bird registration ends August 31st.

To apply for a scholarship, complete the application, starting on the next page, and submit it to Brian Klatt, ESP Past President at: klattb@msu.edu.

*Note: This professional development scholarship will serve as a reimbursement upon full attendance of the conference or study tour, with receipts provided.*

Applicant Full Name: 

My role in MSU Extension: please select from the dropdown: Choose an item.

Email Address:  Telephone: 
 **Please complete the following:**

1. Are you a current ESP member (paid dues for 2020)? Yes     No 
2. What year did you join ESP? 
Have you ever had a lapse in ESP active membership? Yes   No 
3. Total number of Years as dues-paid ESP member: 
4. Have you ever attended PILD, JCEP, ESP National Conference, and/or an International Study Tour? Yes     No 

 If yes, which one(s)? Anything notable to share about that experience?

1. Describe your career involvement in Michigan ESP. How have you been a supportive member, served on a committee, led a study tour, organized professional development, etc.?
2. Current employees, please share how participating in this conference or study tour will strengthen your role as an MSU Extension Educator. **250 words or less**

1. Life members, please share how participating in this conference or study tour will strengthen your continued involvement in ESP (both Michigan ESP and/or national ESP). **250 words or less**
2. Describe the impact of these scholarship funds on your ability to participate in the

national conference or study tour.  **200 words or less**

Each application will be scored using this guidance.

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| **Description of involvement with MI ESP chapter.** | **Current or life member description of how participation can strengthen role or continued involvement in ESP.**  | **What is the impact the funds will have on the ability to participate in this activity?** | **Overall Application:** **Clarity, completeness, innovation, special circumstances, etc** | **Total Points** |
| **Up to 15 points** | **Up to 30 points** | **Up to 15 points** | **Up to 40 points** | **100 max** |

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