

Initiation Ceremony (Insert Chapter Name Here)

President: Will the candidates for initiation into the **(Insert Chapter Name Here)** please come forward.

Candidates, the initiation ceremony for the **(Insert Chapter Name Here)** represents both acknowledgement for your achievements and an interest in improving our chosen profession. The initiation ceremony serves to acquaint you with the purposes and principles of Alpha Epsilon.

You have been selected to join our membership because you have demonstrated potential for both service and leadership in our profession. Membership in Alpha Epsilon should not be accepted as a goal that has been reached, but rather as a commitment to better the profession and the society in which we live.

Mr./Madam treasurer, will you please announce the candidates?

Treasurer: Will the candidates for membership into the **(Insert Chapter Name Here)** for the 20__-20__ academic year please stand as I call your name:

President: Mr./Madam secretary, will you please read the preamble to the Alpha Epsilon Constitution for our initiates?

Secretary: The preamble to the Alpha Epsilon constitution states:

In order that those in the profession of Agricultural, Food, and Biological Engineering, who as a result of academic attainment or achievement in Agricultural, Food, and Biological Engineering practice and having exhibited qualities of leadership and character that bring credit and honor to their profession, may establish closer bonds for mutual benefit, the Constitution of this Agricultural, Food, and Biological Engineering Honor Society is hereby established.

President: As the secretary has read, Alpha Epsilon is built on academic excellence, leadership, character, and honor to the profession.

Mr./Madam vice-president, will you please state the requirements for membership.

Vice President: The selection of members shall be based on engineering ability, scholarship, character, leadership and personality. The membership consists of three classes: Honorary, Active, and Alumni.

Honorary membership shall be selected on the basis of successful achievement in Agricultural, Food, and Biological Engineering.

Active members shall be chosen from among undergraduate and graduate students duly enrolled in an Agricultural, Food or Biological Engineering curriculum. Selection shall be based on engineering ability, scholarship, leadership, character and service to the profession.

Alumni members shall be individuals who have previously been active members of an Alpha Epsilon chapter.

In addition to scholastic accomplishments, a prospective member must also demonstrate leadership, character and the ability to effectively manage the duties and responsibilities of a professional in Agricultural Food and Biological Engineering. The candidate for membership must also be an active member in ASABE and other appropriate engineering societies. The candidate must exhibit a profound interest in Agricultural Food and Biological Engineering and must be willing to devote time, energy and resources for the betterment of the profession.

President: Mr./Madam secretary, would you please advise the initiates of their commitment to our organization and society?

Secretary: You have shown by your eagerness for knowledge and your willingness to work hard that you will advance the standards of excellence of the Agricultural Food and Biological Engineering profession.

By obtaining the grades that place you in the upper portion of your class, you have fulfilled one of our requirements. Achieving the honor does not mean it is time to rest. Along with the knowledge comes an obligation – an obligation to learn more and perform greater services to the profession and society as a whole. Through growth and improvement, Agricultural Food and Biological Engineering can better serve society.

President: One purpose of our organization is to promote the high ideals of the engineering profession by upholding the Engineer's Creed. Mr./Madam treasurer, please read the Engineer's Creed.

Treasurer: As an engineer, I dedicate my profession, knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.

Will the candidates please stand and repeat the Engineer's Pledge after me:

I pledge:

To give the utmost of performance

To participate in none but honest enterprise

And strive to the highest standards of professional conduct

To place service before profit,

The honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage

And the public welfare above all other considerations

Vice President: Initiates, you have been instructed on the objectives and purposes of the organization. At this time, will you join with me in promising to uphold and promote the ideals of the society? Please repeat after me:

I do solemnly pledge to promote the high ideals of the engineering profession, to continue to manifest worthy qualities of character, scholarship, and professional attainment, and to encourage and support such improvements in the agricultural food and biological engineering profession that will make it an instrument of greater service to mankind.

Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you into Alpha Epsilon. Congratulations! **(Applause)** As your name is called, please come forward, accept your membership certificate, and sign the membership role.