

ESO IN A NUTSHELL

The complete Epsilon Sigma Omicron Handbook (better known as ESO) and national suggested Reading List are available in the GFWC.org digital library.

Here is what you need to get started:

Step one, complete the ESO Application and submit it to our GFWC Montana ESO Chairman (see the Contact Book for her details).

Step two, begin your reading adventure! Look over the attached list of categories used by our Montana ESO. You may select any book that you wish that falls within that category. Your local librarian can offer suggestions to help you.

Step three, as you complete reading the four books for a category required below, send to the GFWC Montana ESO Chairman your name, contact information with phone number and email, your current level (Not what you are working towards) category being completed, title, author, if it was a paper, ebook or audiobook number of pages or listening time, plus a brief summary of 25 words about the plot or your opinion of the book. Handwritten, Google Doc, Word, or on a spreadsheet – all are acceptable methods to report. Keep a copy so you do not duplicate submitting a title.

Below are the levels:

- *Pledge*: A Pledge has submitted an enrollment application.
- *Member*: A Member has completed four books from four different categories, for a total of 16 books. They are then eligible to wear the ESO pin and receive a membership certificate.
- *Star Level*: A Star level member has completed four books from ten different categories, for a total of 40 additional books. Members will then receive a Star Level membership certificate.
- *Torch Level*: A Torch Level member has completed four books from 16 different categories, for a total of 64 additional books read. They are then eligible to wear the ESO Torch Guard and receive the Torch Level membership certificate. At this point, you have read 120 books and the next step does not seem so daunting!
- *Century Award*: A Century Award member has completed 100 additional books from any combination of categories. They can continue to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Century Award levels and will be eligible to receive the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and/or sixth century membership certificates.
- *Diamond Award*: A Diamond Award member has completed 1,000 books. They will be eligible to receive a Diamond Award certificate.

Questions? Do not hesitate to contact our GFWC Montana ESO Chairman

MONTANA GFWC ESO READING LIST CATEGORIES

American History
Animals/Nonfiction
The Arts
Biographies and Memoir
Business and Finance
Drama
Conservation and Ecology
Education
Fiction, Classic
Fiction, General
Fiction, Historical
Fiction, Mystery and Thriller
Fiction, Romance
Fiction, Science Fiction and Fantasy
Health and Medicine
Home and Garden
Humor
International Authors
Montana Authors

Montana – Books about or taking place
in Montana
Montana History
Parenting and Family/ Nonfiction
Poetry
Reading to/with Children – Picture
books
Reading to/with children – Chapter
books
Religion and Inspiration
Science
Self-Help
Social Science
Sporting and Recreation
STEM Books for Adults
STEM Books for Children
Travel and Geography
True Crime
Volunteerism
Women's Studies
World History