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Letter of Intent

Hello Southeast District of Tau Beta Sigma,

My name is Ellie Grace Lawhorn, and I am a proud sister of the Epsilon Alpha chapter of Tau Beta Sigma at the University of South Carolina. It is here that I study music education in hopes to earn my Bachelor's in Music with an emphasis in Instrumental Music Education. I am pleased to announce my intention to run for the Southeast District President position of Tau Beta Sigma, and hope that you will take my application into consideration.

I am personally interested in this position of office for one reason and one reason only; to serve and give back to the sisterhood that has already given so much to me. In order to give back to the Southeast District, my goals for office are rooted in our principals of service, sisterhood, and music. These three core principals are the driving force of our sorority, and guide us to a better tomorrow.

I hope to provide services to the district such as monthly president office hours for anyone in the district to stop in with questions/comments/concerns. This way the sisters of the Southeast know that they are heard and welcome. I am also very dedicated to the upkeep and planning in district conventions, which is vital to the networking and socialization of our sisters across the states. Additionally, I promise to have open and honest communication with the district council, district counselors, and National executive team. This consists of avid email attention, open text message communication, and phone call availability. Finally, I want to continue the Southeast's rich tradition in highlighting the level of achievement and diversity across the district. This would come in many forms such as social media, websites, emails, etc.

I feel that my level of preparation, communication, experience with budgeting, and level of dedication when it comes to my sisters make me an ideal candidate for the Southeast District President role. I want to thank you for your time in looking over my letter of intent for the Southeast District President role, and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

MOTS of love,

Ellie Grace Lawhorn

Ellie Lawhorn - Epsilon Alpha - University of South Carolina - Tau Beta Sigma

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Tau Beta Sigma Resume

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Hi! My name is Ellie Grace Lawhorn and I am a senior at the University of South Carolina. I am currently studying Music Education and graduate this coming Spring, 2026. I crossed into Tau Beta Sigma during Spring 2023, and have loved it ever since. This organization has opened up so many doors for me, and the sisterhood has been nothing short of a blessing. I am a proud sister of the Epsilon Alpha chapter of Tau Beta Sigma, and it is an hour to be selected to serve! MOTS of love!

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina

Bachelor's in Music with an emphasis in Music Education

- *in progress*

SKILLS

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Extremely organized and time efficient
- Very good at multitasking and juggling different assignments at one time
- Trained in conflict management
- Detail-oriented in all of my work
- Experience in handling money and budgeting

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS/EVENTS ATTENDED

- Multiple DLC's
- Multiple MER's
- SEDC 2024, 2025, and upcoming 2026
- National Convention 2026

AWARDS/CERTIFICATES

- Received the Baton award
  - SEDC 2025
- Epsilon Alpha's "Sister of the Year" award
  - 2024-2025 academic year

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President *Epsilon Alpha*

Fall 2025

- Successfully hosted our 2025 Chapter Visitation
- Hosted a conflict management course with Kirk Randazzo
- Hosted a community wide service project that served over 500 Columbia family members
- Paperwork is always submitted early and in a timely manner

Vice President of Membership *Epsilon Alpha*

Fall 2023-Fall 2025

- Have crossed over 20 new sisters in the bond, and counting
- Organized and facilitated out-of-state service projects
  - including hurricane relief day in Asheville, NC
- Hosted multiple Professional Developments for goal setting, DEIA, portfolio work, etc.
- Facilitated 3 record breaking chapter fundraisers
- I have created and proposed Epsilon Alpha's first CME program
  - Created a new Continuing Membership Education Officer position
- Paperwork is always submitted early and in a timely manner
- Revamped our chapter's Big and Little program

CMEP Committee Chair *Southeast District*

Fall 2024 - Present Day

- Facilitated a presentations at DLC about CMEP's and their importance within the chapter
- Created digital mini CMEP lessons for the district Instagram
- Helped organize and revamp the district CMEP google drive

CPR Committee *Epsilon Alpha*

Fall 2023

- I was responsible for checking chapter emails, alumni work, helping to take chapter minutes in the absence of the Secretary, etc.

National Intercollegiate Honor Band Participant *National*

Summer 2025

- Auditioned and placed into the 2025 NIB for Bb Clarinet

Big Sister

Fall 2023-Present day

- I become and Big Sister during Fall 2023, and still continue a strong bond with her to this day

Ellie Grace Lawhorn

Education

University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC
Bachelor of Music - *Instrumental Music Education Emphasis*, Graduation, *May 2026*

Student Teaching

- **Hand Middle School, Columbia SC:** *January 2026 - March 2026*
  Assisted with daily ensemble rehearsals (6th-8th grade), paperwork, and extra curricular activities
- **Dutch Fork High School, Irmo, SC:** *Upcoming March 2026 - April 2026*

Teaching Experience

- **River Bluff High School Band Camp Staff**: *July 2025*
  Led woodwind sectionals and outside marching band fundamentals
- **A.C. Flora High School Band Camp Staff:** *July 2025*
  Led woodwind sectionals and outside marching band fundamentals
- **Private Lessons Instructor:** *January 2024 - Present*
  Currently meet with students to improve individual musical comprehension and performance
- **Salvation Army Academic Tutor:** *August 2022 - December 2025*
  Met with students (2nd-5th grade) for individual reading and mathematics tutoring

Selected Professional Experiences

- Washington, DC, Professional Development for Future Educators - *May 2024*
- South Carolina Teaching Fellows Junior Educator's Conference - *February 2025*
- The Georgia "Classic City" Undergraduate Conducting Symposium - *May 2025*
- Conducting Programs International Summer Conducting Symposium: *upcoming July 2026*
- Tau Beta Sigma Annual Southeastern District Leadership Convention - *2024, 2025, and 2026*
- Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi Biannual National Leadership Convention - *July 2025*

Professional Organizations and Leadership

- South Carolina Teaching Fellows: *2022 - Present*
  - Fundraising Committee: *2024 - Present*
- Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority: *2023 - Present*
  - Tau Beta Sigma "Baton" national award recipient: *March 2025*
  - Southeast District Tau Beta Sigma Continuing Membership Education Committee Chair: *2024 - Present*
  - USC Chapter President: *2025*
  - USC Chapter Vice President: *2023 - 2025*
- Women's Band Directors International: *2025 - Present*
- South Carolina Arts Alliance: *2024 - Present*
- National Association for Music Educators: *2023 - Present*
- South Carolina Music Educators Association: *2023 - Present*
- Teaching Children of Poverty Scholars: *2025 - Present*

Performing Ensemble Experiences

- University of South Carolina Ensembles
  - *Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, University Band, Jazz Lab Band, Clarinet Quartet, Mighty Sound of the Southeast Marching Band, Carolina Sound Mini Band*
- 2025 National Intercollegiate Honor Band: *Bb clarinet*
  - *Conducted by Jason Fettig and world premiered Kevin Day's Symphony No.2*
- 2025 South Carolina Intercollegiate Honor Band

Arnold School of Public Health
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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February 17, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ellie Lawhorn for the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District President position. I had the pleasure of meeting Ellie when I became the Chapter Sponsor for Epsilon Alpha in October 2024. Ellie has served as the Vice President for Membership and President for Epsilon Alpha, and we worked together extensively throughout her time in these roles.

Ellie displays a sincere dedication to service, volunteering for every opportunity she can. One example is her participation in USC's annual Band Clinic and School of Music audition days. In this role she is patient and driven, a combination that allows her to work effectively while also ensuring that every need is addressed, and question answered. She connects well with both prospective students and parents. As a result, prospective students gain valuable insight into our campus and walk away from this University with a newfound respect and admiration for our students and the many opportunities offered here.

Ellie cares deeply about the University of South Carolina band program and Tau Beta Sigma. Through her role as chapter Vice President for Membership, I watched as she worked closely with the fall 2024 and spring 2025 cohorts and their relationship with her is a testament to her caring nature and ambition for excellence. Ellie's kind spirit and professional manner are an asset to our organization. Across the board, Ellie approaches this position with a desire to do her very best each day and to help propel the organization forward and achieve organizational goals.

Tau Beta Sigma and The Carolina Band have been richly rewarded by Ellie. I have every confidence she is prepared for the challenges she will face in this role. If you have any questions or need my further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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February 20, 2026

To whom it may concern,

It is with the utmost pleasure that I recommend Ellie Grace Lawhorn for the Tau Beta Sigma Southeast District President position. I met Ellie in August 2023, during my freshman year at the University of South Carolina. Throughout my time in the Fall semester Ellie was a guiding light and a shoulder to lean on when times got tough.

In the Spring of 2024, I started my membership process for Tau Beta Sigma, where Ellie served as the Vice President of Membership. She has been a crucial part of the growth and development of not only my journey in Tau Beta Sigma, but the journey of so many others in the chapter. During her time as VPM she led the recruitment of three successful lines before stepping into the role of President in Fall 2025. It is with great pleasure that I was able to step into the president role after her.

Ellie shows the highest level of dedication to not only the USC band program and Tau Beta Sigma, but to her friends and all that she cares about. Ellie is a light that is well needed during the dark times and will do tremendously as she steps into her next journey with Tau Beta Sigma. Her kind, and caring nature are evident in the lifelong and resounding relationships she has made in her time at UofSC and Tau Beta Sigma Epsilon Alpha. Ellie shows her continued dedication to this organization daily and strives to do her best always.

Epsilon Alpha and the Carolina Band have been lucky to have Ellie as members. The chapter has full confidence that Ellie will flourish in this role and step to the occasion and give it her all. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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