The 1911 Society, established in 2020, honors East Tennessee State University’s most distinguished graduates from undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs.

Situated “in the shadow of the mountains,” ETSU has been educating, serving, and supporting the region since its founding in 1911. Students inducted into The 1911 Society have distinguished themselves among all graduates for academic excellence, service, and leadership.

Eligibility
Any East Tennessee State University student, domestic or international, who meets the eligibility requirements for their category are eligible to apply:

- **Undergraduate seniors** who received their first baccalaureate degree in August or December 2019 or who will receive their degree in May 2020; or
- **graduate students** who received their first master’s or doctorate degree in August or December 2019 or who will receive their degree in May 2020; or
- **pharmacy and medical students** who will receive their degrees in May 2020.

Eligible students will have a GPA at the time of application which reflects academic excellence, as well as personal achievements which demonstrate and support the mission and values of East Tennessee State University.

To apply, students must submit responses to the application questions as well as the required two letters of references. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Selection Criteria
From the applicants, the Selection Committee will choose no more than 12-15 students to be invited for an interview. The Committee will select no more than 11 students to be recognized during any one academic year (2-4 graduate and professional students and 6-8 undergraduate students) for induction into The 1911 Society.

Selections will not be based on GPA exclusively. The committee will base its decision on all of the following:

- Academic achievement (GPA, scholarship, research)
- Sustained service
- Honors, awards, recognitions, publications, presentations
- Demonstrated leadership
- Work experience, study abroad, internships, externships, clinicals
• Personal narratives on application (including your most significant academic experiences, personal goals, the value of your ETSU experience)

Selection Committee
The Selection Committee will be composed of the following representatives:
• President of Faculty Senate (or designee)
• Designee from Student Life and Enrollment
• Faculty designee from Graduate Council
• Faculty designee from Quillen College of Medicine or Gatton College of Pharmacy
• Vice President for Equity and Inclusion (or designee)
• Faculty Athletic Representative

To Apply
Students should complete the responses to items 2-8 either as a MS Word document or a PDF file to be uploaded to the online submission. All documents should be submitted to the Office of the Provost at provost@etsu.edu.

Respond to the following questions:
1. Provide your name, degree, E#, degree/major, hometown, and cumulative GPA.
2. List college activities and demonstrated leadership (examples include student government, sports, schools, publications, arts, exhibits, exchange programs, tutoring, etc.) Using a table/chart, list: College Activity, Dates, Offices Held, Average number of per week.
   a. Discuss one example of your effective leadership in one of the college activities described above (not to exceed 250 words)
3. List community and service activities while a student that are not required by your major/degree program, a service organization or judicial sanctions. Include projects with community organizations, environmental protection or conservation efforts, work with religious organizations, summer activities, etc. Do not repeat items listed previously. Using a table/chart, list: Activity, Dates, Offices/Position held, Average number of hours per week.
4. List part-time and full-time jobs, internships, clinical placements, and study abroad experiences since high school graduation. Using a table/chart, list: Type of Work, Employer, Dates, Average number of hours per week.
   a. Discuss how this experience has contributed to your overall development.
   b. Discuss how this experience prepares you to achieve your leadership goals.
5. List publications, presentations, awards, scholarships, or special recognition (honors, awards) you have received while pursuing your current degree. Do not repeat items previously listed.
6. Describe your most significant academic experience at East Tennessee State University during your current degree program, other than GPA (do not exceed 250 words).

7. Personal Goal Statement. What additional personal goals do wish to share with the Selection Committee? You may wish to include a response to the question: Why should the Committee select you for this award? Do not repeat information already provided (not to exceed 250 words).

8. Prepare a statement describing the value of your East Tennessee State University undergraduate, graduate, or professional program experience (selecting the appropriate level). This essay must not exceed 500 words in length and should be written in a clear, simple, and direct manner.)

**Two Letters of Reference**

1. One letter of reference from a faculty member who taught you in your major field/program of study (at your current level) and knows you well enough to evaluate your academic performance.

2. One letter of reference from a faculty member, advisor, counselor, employer, or other individual (non-family member) who has a special relationship with you while a current student at ETSU.

3. Do not submit additional letters of reference.

4. Reference letters should be submitted with your application or emailed directly to the Office of the Provost.

**Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm on March 27, 2020, to the Office of the Provost provost@etsu.edu.**

Interviews will take place the week of April 6, 2020.

Inductees will be notified of their selection no later than the week of April 20, 2020.

**Inductee Recognition**

Students selected for induction into *The 1911 Society* will receive a tartan stole to wear with their regalia. Names of new inductees will be identified in the Commencement program. Inductees, and members of their immediate families, will be invited to a lunch on the day of Commencement to celebrate and recognize this achievement.

March 10, 2020