



PHI THETA KAPPA

International Honor Society

Providing
Opportunities for Scholarship, Recognition,
and Enrichment

Since 1918

Congratulations! Your commitment to scholarship and desire to achieve academic excellence have been rewarded by an invitation to become a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence in the two-year colleges since 1918 and has become the largest and one of the most prestigious honor societies in higher education. More than 1.2 million members have been inducted at 1,200 colleges in the United States, Canada, and U.S. territorial possessions and military installations abroad.

Phi Theta Kappa membership is based primarily upon academic achievement. Invitation to membership may be extended only by the local chapter at the institution in which you are enrolled. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in a regionally accredited institution offering an associate degree program; you must have completed at least 12 hours of course work leading to an associate degree program (part-time students may be eligible); and you must generally have a grade-point average of 3.5 and enjoy full rights of citizenship of your country. The chapter may raise eligibility standards as long as they are in accordance with the Society's International Constitution.

Note: To be eligible for membership in the Sigma Theta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at MATC, a student must have completed at least 24 associate degree credits with a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade-point average.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will open new doors for your academic journey. Phi Theta Kappa, unlike most honor societies, offers much more than a mere certificate of membership. The organization offers a myriad of opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment, and personal development through programs based on Phi Theta Kappa's four hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship.

As you begin your journey with Phi Theta Kappa, you will discover that membership provides many opportunities to make your quest for academic success more meaningful. The privilege of lifetime membership is yours, based solely on your outstanding academic record. While participation in chapter activities is **not** a requirement for membership, you will certainly want to consider the many opportunities membership affords.

Through the local chapter, you will become part of a strong network of scholars who, like yourself, are committed to the pursuit of excellence. You will discover new opportunities for learning and expanding your horizons through Phi Theta Kappa's Honor Society Study Topic. Serving as a chapter officer can refine your leadership skills. And, through the Society's International Service Program, you can help your college and community, and grow and develop within yourself.

As a member of Phi Theta Kappa, you become part of a league of scholars that includes the most outstanding honor students enrolled in two-year colleges today . . . as well as many distinguished Society alumni, including businessman H. Ross Perot, former U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise, Grammy-winning entertainer Rudy Gatlin, and Emmy Award-winning actress Sela Ward.

Let your journey begin!

Scholarship Opportunities

The rewards of Phi Theta Kappa will continue long past your two-year college membership and may help you continue your academic journey through its multi-faceted scholarship program.

Phi Theta Kappa makes available to its membership three types of scholarships:

- 1) those offered directly by the Society;
- 2) those offered by affiliated agencies; and
- 3) those offered by senior institutions.

Together, they make available a total dollar offering in excess of \$28 million in transfer scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa members annually.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships

Guistwhite Scholarship: Each year Phi Theta Kappa presents 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each for baccalaureate studies. Applicants are judged on the basis of academic excellence, service to college and community, and participation in Phi Theta Kappa.

Guistwhite Finalist Awards: Ten outstanding Finalists in the Guistwhite Scholarship competition are selected to receive awards of \$1,000 each for baccalaureate studies.

International Officer Scholarship: Phi Theta Kappa's International President and four International Vice Presidents each receive scholarships of \$2,000 for baccalaureate studies on successful completion of their duties of office.

Senior Institution Scholarships

Currently, more than 360 institutions in 37 states offer exclusive Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, and the number increases regularly.

As a member of Phi Theta Kappa, you will receive detailed, updated information concerning these scholarships, through the Society publications and the Phi Theta Kappa website. You will also receive a printed directory of all Phi Theta Kappa scholarships to assist you in planning your transfer to senior institutions.

Phi Theta Kappa Affiliated Scholarships

All-USA Academic Team: Twenty First-Team members are selected annually and receive stipends of \$2,500 each. Applicants are judged on scholarship, service, and articulation of their community college experience. The All-USA Team competition is co-sponsored by USA Today, the American Association of Community Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa.

Citation Award and Reynolds Scholarships: Phi Theta Kappa annually publishes an anthology showcasing the literary works of members. One selection is chosen to receive the \$1,000 Citation Award. Four finalists receive Reynolds Scholarships of \$500 each.

National Dean's List: All members of Phi Theta Kappa are automatically recommended for inclusion in the prestigious *National Dean's List* publication, at no obligation. Those who submit biographical information become eligible for five scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Benefits of Membership

- The prestigious Golden Key lapel pin – long recognized as the symbol of academic excellence in two-year colleges.
- Recognition as a member of the largest and one of the most dynamic honor societies in all of higher education.
- Gold-embossed, personalized commemorative certificate of membership.
- A dedicated Phi Theta Kappa toll-free number for expedited service to members.
- More than \$28 million in transfer scholarships exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members.
- Guistwhite Scholarships totaling 60,000 annually, awarded exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members.
- Stipends totaling \$50,000 awarded through the Phi Theta Kappa/USA today/AACC-sponsored All-USA Academic Team program. Team nominees may also apply for society internships at prestigious Washington, D.C., agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation.
- \$60,000 in scholarships to attend the internally acclaimed Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute.
- Opportunity for recognition as an All-State Academic Team member. All-State programs in 35 states award thousands of additional scholarships and provide newspaper coverage to the winners.
- Phi Theta Kappa's Transfer Database, providing members' profiles to senior institutions throughout the U.S., which recruit and reward top transfer students with many exclusive scholarship offers.
- Sigma Theta, MATC'S Phi Theta Kappa chapter offers discounts on Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Pops concerts, Milwaukee Admiral, Brewers and Wave games, Milwaukee Art Museum and Milwaukee Public Museum admissions and more.

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