



# GEICO PATHWAY TO COMPLETION MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

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## APPLICATION

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The GEICO Pathway to Completion Master's Degree Scholarship Application and required items must be emailed or mailed and postmarked by Friday, December 1, 2017, at 5:00 pm CST. Late applications will not be accepted. Your completed application and required items must be submitted to the address at the bottom of this page. Applicants selected as GEICO Pathway to Completion Master's Degree Scholars will be notified via email immediately after the judging process is complete. Scholarship funds will be disbursed in Spring 2018.

### **Eligibility Criteria & Conditions:**

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Phi Theta Kappa alumni, having left your chapter in good standing.
- Graduate of a regionally accredited senior institution with a bachelor's degree.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher from your bachelor's degree program.
- Must be a US Citizen or US Permanent Resident in order to apply.
- Currently enrolled full-time in your first master's degree program at a regionally-accredited university with the intention of continuing full-time enrollment through Spring 2018. Students enrolled in a professional program, substituting for a master's degree, are eligible to apply. (i.e.: Law and Medical Programs)

#### **Conditions:**

- Preference will be given to Phi Theta Kappa members who served as chapter, regional or international officers.
- You are ineligible to apply if you hold a previous master's degree.

### **Mailing Address:**

Phi Theta Kappa  
Scholarship Operations  
1625 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211

### **Contact Information:**

Email: [scholarship.programs@ptk.org](mailto:scholarship.programs@ptk.org)

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PTK Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Are you the first member in your immediate family to enroll in college?     YES     NO

For survey/statistical purposes ONLY (not viewed by judges), what is your household/family income? (Circle One)

Under \$15,000	\$35,000-\$49,999	\$100,000-\$149,999
\$15,000-\$24,999	\$50,000-\$74,999	\$150,000-\$199,999
\$25,000-\$34,999	\$75,000-\$99,999	\$200,000 or more

Gender:     MALE     FEMALE     PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

Race: (Circle One)

American Indian or Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Asian	White
Black or African American	Two or More Races
Hispanic or Latino	Other

Citizenship: (Circle One)

US Citizen	US Permanent Resident
US National	Temporary Resident
Asylee	Cuban-Haitian Entrant
Humanitarian Parolee	Refugee
International Student attending college in the U.S.	

Is this the first time you have applied for the GEICO Pathway to Completion Master's Degree Scholarship?

YES     NO

**EDUCATION**

***Master's Degree Information:***

College currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree currently seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major in your master's program: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of master's credits you have completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester or Quarter hours:       Semester       Quarter

Number of credits remaining to complete your master's degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits hours currently enrolled for Fall 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours anticipated for full-time enrollment in Spring 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected master's degree graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Bachelor Degree Information:***

College where bachelor's degree was received: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA at the completion of bachelor's degree program: \_\_\_\_\_

Bachelor's degree program/major: \_\_\_\_\_

Date your bachelor's degree was received: \_\_\_\_\_

***Two-Year College Information:***

Two-Year College attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Associate degree(s) awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

Years you attended two-year college? \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Entry test taken for graduate school admission: (Circle One):

GMAT      GRE      LSAT      MCAT      OTHER      NOT REQUIRED

Test Score received on above test: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in an honors program while enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree?  YES  NO

## **AWARDS**

List up to three (3) academic honors/awards/scholarships, date received, and a short description of the award. Do not duplicate activities across sections. *If more space is needed, attach responses on additional pages.*

1. Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Description: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Description: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## **LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

List up to three (3) leadership positions (i.e., Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Regional or International Officer position(s), other campus or community leadership positions). Do not duplicate activities across sections. *If more space is needed, attach responses on additional pages.*

1. Position & Summary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Term of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Position & Summary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Term of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Position & Summary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Term of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

List three (3) community/campus activities and service during your associate and/or bachelor's degree studies, date, hours per week and a short description. Do not duplicate activities across sections.

1. Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Short description: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Short description: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Short description: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CAREER GOAL(S)**

What are your professional aspirations, and how will earning a master's degree help you achieve these goals? *Attach on additional pages.* (250 word max)

## **SHORT ANSWER**

Describe your most significant Phi Theta Kappa activity and the impact or legacy your involvement left with your college or community. *Attach on additional pages.* (250 word max)

## ESSAY

Cite specific examples in describing how your leadership skills have progressively evolved throughout your educational journey from the associate to the master's degree level. Attach on additional pages. (500 word max)

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach a letter of recommendation from an academic reference to this application. This individual should know you well and should comment on your academic abilities, your leadership experience, your commitment to your education and making an impact in your community. The academic reference can be either a current or former faculty or staff member from your community college, four-year college, or your graduate school. Letter must be submitted with your application. (500 word max)

### **Recommender contact information for verification:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENTS

To determine eligibility, all items listed below must be attached to this application.

1. **MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE LETTER** - Attach a copy of your master's degree program acceptance letter.
2. **TRANSCRIPT(S)** – Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript(s) supporting your bachelor's degree AND master's degree programs. Transcript(s) must reflect all undergraduate degree coursework and show a minimum cumulative 3.50 GPA or higher, show the degree you obtained, and the date you received your bachelor's degree. Master's degree transcripts must show full time proof of enrollment. If a transcript showing enrollment in your first semester of your master's degree program is not available, provide proof of enrollment from your college registrar's office.
3. **WRITTEN COMPONENTS** – Career goals, short answer entry, and essay.
4. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

## WAIVER

I agree to allow myself to be placed in the GEICO Pathway to Completion Master's Degree Scholarship competition. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification, and I acknowledge that if any of the contents of this form are untrue or if I engage in activities inconsistent with being held up nationally as an outstanding student, I could be disqualified even after notification. I understand that should I be named as a scholar, anything submitted as part of this application form could become available to the public. If selected as a scholar, I understand my name and application contents may be shared with GEICO as the funding sponsor. I understand as a scholarship recipient, any funds received should be used for qualified educational expenses. I further understand that according to federal tax laws, the scholarship(s) will be taxed as ordinary income if used for purposes other than qualified educational expenses. (Information can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf>.)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_