

Gold, Gods and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power

Phi Theta Kappa 2006 Faculty Scholar Application

Eligibility:

All Phi Theta Kappa advisors and regional coordinators are eligible to apply, except those who served as Faculty Scholars in BOTH 2004 and 2005. *Note:* Only advisors who intend to continue to serve as Phi Theta Kappa advisors throughout the full 2006-07 academic year should apply.

Faculty Scholar Duties:

All advisors and coordinators selected as 2006 Faculty Scholars must be able to attend the ENTIRE Faculty Scholar Conference at the Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, February 2-5, 2006, and the ENTIRE International Honors Institute (dates and location to be announced). Faculty Scholars will also participate in a Pre-Conference the weekend prior to the Honors Institute.

Faculty Scholar Benefits:

- Work closely with leading scholars as they analyze issues pertaining to the Honors Study Topic, *Gold, Gods and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power*.
- Work with experienced facilitators to enhance and practice skills as a seminar discussion leader.
- Receive ideas, study questions and a bibliography for an honors course or seminar.
- Be challenged and inspired by the questions and comments from conscientious honor students with varied backgrounds.
- Develop ideas for chapter and regional programs to implement the Honors Study Topic.

Expenses Paid:

Phi Theta Kappa will pay Faculty Scholars' lodging, registration and travel for the Faculty Scholar Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, and for the Pre-Conference and Honors Institute.

NOTE: During the Honors Institute, Faculty Scholars will be responsible for any meals off campus. In addition, Phi Theta Kappa cannot accommodate family members of Faculty Scholars at the Faculty Scholar Conference or at the Honors Institute. Phi Theta Kappa is also unable to assist in making arrangements for family members who choose to stay in the vicinity of the Faculty Scholar Conference or the Honors Institute.

Selection Criteria:

Selection of Faculty Scholars will be based primarily on the quality of the application. Expertise in the current Honors Study Topic, *Gold, Gods and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power*, is important, and experience with leading small-group discussions is necessary. Length and quality of service to Phi Theta Kappa, geographic location, and field of study will also be considered.

Please return the completed application to Headquarters by **November 21, 2005**, (Monday before Thanksgiving) for consideration. Applicants will be notified of their selection status in early December. If you have questions concerning the application, please contact **Tria Cohen**, tria.cohen@ptk.org or 601.984.3515.

I. Personal Information:

Name of Applicant: _____

Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr.

College: _____

Chapter: _____

College Address: _____

Academic Field: _____

Home Telephone: _____

College Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Use separate pages for your essay and other lengthy answers.

II. Please write a short essay of 750 to 1,000 words on one of the following 10 questions:

1. How has the pursuit of gold or wealth as a source of power determined the course of history?
2. How have the organization and reorganization of religions created shifts in power?
3. Why is the quest for glory a powerful vehicle for change?
4. How have the geographic concentrations of natural resources in the world affected the global balance of power?
5. Does a spiritual connection to a higher power give an individual access to personal power? Explain. Include in your answer a discussion of whether or not personal power can translate into access to political and economic power.
6. How do a few companies that control a large percentage of an industry positively or negatively affect the consumer?
7. Do men have a greater drive for power than women? Explore the ramifications of your answer.
8. Certain historical and contemporary symbols are extremely powerful. Does the destruction of symbols effectively diminish the power associated with them? Explain.
9. What are the positive and negative effects of the exertion of power in interpersonal relationships?
10. Historically, all civilizations ultimately decline. What is to prevent the United States from losing power and facing the same fate?

- III. Why do you feel that you would be effective in leading group discussions with honor students? Please explain the methods of leadership that you have found to be successful.**
- IV. Do you have expertise and materials that you could incorporate into your group discussions on the Honors Study Topic? Please explain.**
- V. How many Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institutes have you attended? _____**
- VI. How many Phi Theta Kappa International Conventions have you attended? _____**
- VII. Do you currently plan to attend the 2006 International Convention in Seattle, Washington, April 20-22? _____ Yes _____ No**
- VIII. Do you teach or team-teach an honors course or seminar using the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic? _____ Yes _____ No**
- IX. How long have you served as a Phi Theta Kappa Advisor? _____ Years, _____ Months**
- X. Please attach a copy of your professional resume with your application.**

Send your completed application to:

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society
Attn: Tria Cohen
Center for Excellence
1625 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS BY NOVEMBER 21, 2005.