

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College

## 2008 Faculty Scholar Application

### “The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences”

#### Eligibility:

All Phi Theta Kappa advisors and regional coordinators are eligible to apply, except those who served as Faculty Scholars in BOTH 2006 and 2007. *Note:* Only advisors who intend to continue to serve as Phi Theta Kappa advisors throughout the full 2008-09 academic year should apply.

#### Faculty Scholar Duties:

All advisors and coordinators selected as 2008 Faculty Scholars must be able to attend the ENTIRE Faculty Scholar Conference at the Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, January 31 - February 3, 2008, and the ENTIRE International Honors Institute (Date and Location TBD). Faculty Scholars will also participate in Phase II of the Faculty Scholar Conference the weekend prior to Honors Institute.

#### Faculty Scholar Benefits:

- Work closely with leading scholars as they analyze issues pertaining to the Honors Study Topic, *The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences*.
- Work with experienced seminar leaders and leadership development certification facilitators to enhance and practice skills as a small-group dialogue leader.
- Gather ideas, study questions, and bibliography for an honors course or seminar.
- Be challenged and inspired by the questions and comments from conscientious colleagues and, at the International Honors Institute, honor students with varied backgrounds.
- Develop ideas for chapter and regional programs to implement the Honors Study Topic with projects and activities that emphasize and integrate the Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship Hallmarks.
- Complete your Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Certification. Faculty Scholars who are not yet Certified Leadership Instructors will complete their certification as part of the Faculty Scholar Conference program.

#### Expenses Paid:

Phi Theta Kappa will pay Faculty Scholars' lodging, registration, and travel for the Faculty Scholar Conference, Phase II of the Faculty Scholar Conference, and the International Honors Institute.

NOTE: During the Honors Institute, Faculty Scholars will be responsible for any meals off campus and ground transportation from the airport to the college where the Institute will take place. 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. Experience with facilitating small-group discussions is important. Length and quality of service to Phi Theta Kappa, geographic location, and field of study will also be considered to ensure a diverse class of Faculty Scholars.

Please return the completed application to Headquarters by **November 16, 2007** for consideration. Applicants will be notified of their selection status in early December. If you have questions concerning the application, please contact Susan Edwards, [susan.edwards@ptk.org](mailto:susan.edwards@ptk.org) or 601.984.3541.

**I. Personal Information:**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms.  Mrs.  Mr.  Dr.

**College Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include the entire mailing address with the city, state, and zip code)

**Academic Field:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please 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 related to the 2008-10 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic, *The Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences*:**

1. How do different societies define affluence?
2. How has patronage, or the lack of it, affected the creation and preservation of fine arts?
3. What are the diseases of affluence? What diseases has affluence eliminated?
4. Does a pro-business economic policy have a positive or negative effect on the affluence of the average citizen?
5. Why has the desire for affluence led to policies of expansionism in some civilizations, but not in others?
6. To what extent is religious pluralism a prerequisite for affluence?
7. What factors contribute to sustained affluence in a society?
8. To what extent does technology and intellectual capital outweigh geography and natural resources to produce affluence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
9. Does everyone need to go to college to be affluent? Why, or why not?
10. To what extent does affluence allow more choices for individuals, families, and communities? What problems may occur from having more choices?

- III. Describe in detail an example of a Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks project in which your chapter has combined the Honors Study Topic, leadership development, and elements of service. NOTE: If you have not developed such a project, please describe in detail a proposed project, using the 2008-2010 Honors Study Topic, your chapter might implement on your college campus or in your community.
- IV. Have you taught or team-taught an honors course or seminar using the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic and/or the Leadership Development course with Phi Theta Kappa's curriculum, *Leadership Development Studies: A Humanities Approach*?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, please attach a copy of the syllabus(i).
- V. Why do you want to serve as a Faculty Scholar?
- VI. Describe the methods of facilitation that you will employ to lead successful small group dialogues at the International Honors Institute.
- VII. Please answer the following questions:
- How many Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institutes have you attended?  
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  - How many Phi Theta Kappa International Conventions have you attended?  
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  - Do you currently plan to attend the 2008 International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 3-5? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
  - How long have you served as a Phi Theta Kappa Advisor? \_\_\_\_\_ Years,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Months
- VIII. Please attach a copy of your professional vita with your application.

Send your completed application to:

Mail: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
Honors Program  
1625 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211

E-mail: [honors.programs@ptk.org](mailto:honors.programs@ptk.org)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS  
BY 5:00 PM CENTRAL TIME ON NOVEMBER 16, 2007.**