



# 2010 Faculty Scholar Application

## *The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise*

### **Eligibility:**

All Phi Theta Kappa advisors and regional coordinators are eligible to apply, except those who served as Faculty Scholars in BOTH 2008 and 2009. *Note:* Only advisors who intend to continue to serve as Phi Theta Kappa advisors throughout the full 2010-11 academic year should apply.

### **Faculty Scholar Duties:**

All advisors and coordinators selected as 2010 Faculty Scholars must be able to attend the ENTIRE Faculty Scholar Conference at the Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, February 3 - 7, 2010, and the ENTIRE International Honors Institute at Chapman University in Orange, California, June 14-18, 2010. Faculty Scholars will also participate in the ENTIRE Phase II of the Faculty Scholar Conference the weekend prior to Honors Institute, June 12-14, 2010.

### **Faculty Scholar Benefits:**

- Work closely with leading scholars as they analyze issues pertaining to the Honors Study Topic, *The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise*.
- Work with experienced seminar leaders 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 Honors in Action projects and activities that emphasize and integrate the Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship Hallmarks.

### **Expenses Paid:**

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

During the Faculty Scholar Conference, transportation from the airport to the hotel will be provided. Faculty Scholars will be responsible for transportation to/from local airports, airport parking, tolls, and any additional meals.

During the Honors Institute, Faculty Scholars will be responsible for ground transportation from the airport to the college where the Institute will take place, transportation to/from local airports, airport parking, tolls, and any meals off campus.

*Note:* 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. New advisors and advisors who have not previously participated in honors programming opportunities are encouraged to apply. Phi Theta Kappa welcomes applications from advisors representing the multicultural, multiethnic and multidisciplinary intellectual community that characterizes the community college arena.

Please return the completed application to Headquarters by **Wednesday, November 18, 2009** for consideration. Applicants will be notified of their selection status in early December. If you have questions concerning the application, please contact Susan Edwards at [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)

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

**Alternate Telephone:** Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**College Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**College Public Relations/Media Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and email 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 2010-12 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Topic, *The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise*:**

1. To what extent has the democratization of information been a force for change in the modern world?
2. How do advances in information acquisition lead to the perceived need for more technology?
3. NetFlix, iTunes, on-demand video, and Sirius Radio have replaced the traditional distribution of entertainment arts and made them more accessible, yet, we must purchase new equipment for access. To what degree has this made entertainment art more or less accessible?
4. What impact has the democratization of information had on our time management and quality of life?
5. The ability to buy and sell directly through the Internet has eliminated the "middle man." What businesses have been affected both positively and negatively?
6. How and why has information driven regime changes around the world?
7. In what ways has the 24-hour news cycle had an impact on the reliability of information?
8. How has the exchange of information affected the development of cultures and civilizations?
9. As our acquisition of scientific information increases, we gain the capability to do previously impossible feats, such as human cloning. Does the fact that we can mean that we should?
10. How has the democratization of information increased or decreased the level of discourse in scholarly debates?

**III. Describe in detail an example of a Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action project in which your chapter has participated or plans to participate on your college campus or your community. Be sure to include elements of Scholarship (Honors Study Topic), Leadership (leadership roles, leadership development), Service (action), and scholarly Fellowship.**

**NOTE: If your chapter has not developed such a project, please describe in detail a proposed Honors in Action project your chapter might implement on your college campus or in your community. For more information about Honors in Action go to [http://www.ptk.org/honors/guide/honors\\_in\\_action/](http://www.ptk.org/honors/guide/honors_in_action/).**

- 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:  
a. How many Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institutes have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_  
b. How many Phi Theta Kappa International Conventions have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Do you currently plan to attend the 2010 International Convention in Orlando, Florida, April 8-10? Yes    No  
d. 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  
Attn: Key Services - Faculty Scholar Application  
1625 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211

OR

FAX: 601.984.3550

OR

EMAIL: [honors.programs@ptk.org](mailto:honors.programs@ptk.org)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS  
BY 5:00 PM CENTRAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009.**