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LEADERS
of PROMISE
SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION 2008

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2008 LEADERS OF PROMISE OVERVIEW

Phi Theta Kappa's Leaders of Promise Scholarships were established in 2001. The Leaders of Promise program is the Society's only scholarship initiative that provides financial support to members while they are enrolled in associate level coursework. The Leaders of Promise program also supports the development of leadership, by encouraging recipients to participate in Society programs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Leaders of Promise scholarships is to provide Phi Theta Kappa members who are new college students with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college and to develop leadership potential by engaging students in Society programs.

CASH AWARDS

Thirty Leaders of Promise scholarship recipients will be named. Scholarship recipients will receive a \$1,000 stipend. The award will be disbursed in two equal payments of \$500 per semester.

The first \$500 scholarship payment will be made once the student provides documentation of enrollment in a minimum of six semester hours at a community college. The second \$500 stipend will be paid the following semester once the student 1) provides documentation of enrollment in a minimum of six semester hours, 2) has successfully maintained a minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average, and 3) has met the minimum participation requirements in his or her Phi Theta Kappa chapter as outlined in the Participation Requirement Form. The Participation Requirement Form can be found at

<http://www.ptk.org/schol/leadpromise/#awards>.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ A student must be a Phi Theta Kappa member in good standing and currently enrolled in a community college at the time of application.
- ◆ Students must post a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA out of a possible 4.0 at the time of application on all associate degree course work.
- ◆ Part-time students, full-time students and international students are eligible to apply.
- ◆ Students who have completed 36 semester hours or less (54 quarter hours or less) of associate degree course work by January 31, 2008, are eligible to

apply. If the student has not been enrolled for five consecutive years and has requested academic clemency from the institution in which they are currently enrolled, those previously earned grades/credits will not be counted toward the maximum of 36 hours.

- ◆ Students must not hold an associate degree or bachelor degree from any community college or four-year college.
- ◆ Students must enroll at a community college for the fall 2008 semester in a minimum of six semester credit hours.
- ◆ The student's record must be free from suspension, probation or other disciplinary action.
- ◆ The student's record must be 1) free from any criminal conduct, or 2) if a convicted felon, must have completed all conditions of sentencing, including probation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- ◆ Materials cannot be submitted by fax machine or e-mail.
- ◆ Partial materials, even submitted before the deadline, will be deemed ineligible.
- ◆ Photocopied forms may be submitted.
- ◆ Completed applications must be mailed in one packet to be received (not postmarked) at Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters on or before April 25, 2008.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ◆ An application can be downloaded from the Phi Theta Kappa web site, <http://www.ptk.org/schol/leadpromise/>.

Mail complete applications to be received (not postmarked) on or before April 25, 2008, to:

Phi Theta Kappa
Leaders of Promise
1625 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

Direct all questions to:
601.984.3504 extensions 3539 or 3545
or scholarship.programs@ptk.org



BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND CERTIFICATION FORM

To be completed by the applicant

Legal Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Former Name)

Phi Theta Kappa Member Number: _____
(Your member ID# can be found on your membership card. If you do not have your membership card, please contact Membership Services at 800.946.9995)

Permanent Address: _____
Number Street Apartment Number

City/State/Province Zip Postal Code

Telephone: _____ () _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Social Security Number _____

E-mail: _____
(Please select an email address that will follow you if you move.)

Name of Two-Year College: _____

Location: _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Campus: _____

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Name: _____

Based on all college coursework completed, what is your cumulative GPA? _____ on a _____ point scale.

How many credits have you completed as of January 31, 2008? _____ Quarter Hours Semester Hours

What date do you expect to graduate from the institution in which you are currently enrolled? _____

Describe briefly your long-range goals and career ambitions. _____

List courses in which you plan to enroll in fall 2008. _____

Applicant Certification

To be completed by the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Advisor

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor: _____

College: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ () _____ E-mail: _____

I verify that _____ is a Phi Theta Kappa member in good standing.

Signature of Chapter Advisor: _____

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Use additional pages to complete the following sections. Use type no smaller than 10 point. Number each part and include your name and school at the top of each page. Pay attention to length limits.

1. Discussion Questions (may not exceed one-half typed page on each). Answer only TWO of the three discussion questions.

- A. What is a servant leader? Choose one social or government leader in the world (past or present) who has demonstrated servant leadership and cite how this either contributed to the leader's effectiveness or led to the leader's downfall.
- B. Phi Theta Kappa's current Honors Study Topic is **Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power**. What is your personal definition of power and why is its study important?
- C. Phi Theta Kappa's current International Service Program is **Operation Green: Improving Our Communities**. When there are many other issues that occupy our time and resources, do you feel it important to support environmentalism? Why or why not? Do you feel this is a personal responsibility or a role for our local and government leaders?

2. Essay (may not exceed two pages, typed and double-spaced). Joel Arthur Barker writes, "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." Give a specific example of how you have developed a vision and then followed it through with action. Do you agree with Barker's statement that "vision with action can change the world?"

3. Letter of Recommendation (may not exceed 500 words). A letter of recommendation must accompany this application to give the judges an expanded picture of the applicant's leadership potential. The letter should be from a faculty member or administrator at the community college where the applicant is currently enrolled and should describe a specific incident(s) that demonstrates the applicant's potential for leadership.

Current community college: Faculty Member or Administrator (circle one)

Recommender's name _____ Title _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

4. Official Transcript. Transcript(s) must include applicant's complete college record. Applicants whose transcript(s) show more than 36 semester hours (54 quarter hours) of associate degree coursework completed as of January 31, 2008, are ineligible for the Leaders of Promise scholarships.

5. Waiver and signature.

I agree to allow my name to be placed in application for the 2008 Leaders of Promise scholarships. I understand that any part of this application may be released for public consumption. The principal purpose for which the data will be used is selection of Leaders of Promise scholarship recipients. Other routine uses of the data include public relations including press releases to news media. I understand that Phi Theta Kappa has the right to use and publish anything submitted such as photographs and written materials. I fully understand my receipt of any stipend for Leaders of Promise is contingent upon my enrollment in a minimum of six semester credit hours at a community college in fall 2008. 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, if found untrue, will result in my disqualification.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____