

Club News

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According to Phi Theta Kappa publications, the average member age is 29, yet the age range is from 18 to 80. The average member is married, a parent and employed, yet many members are single full-time students. Some were in the top ranks of their high school graduating classes, others were dropouts. Many are re-entry students, who are getting a second chance at education. Others, even among the older students are attending college for the first time. The majority of members are permanent residents of the United States or Canada, but many are international students, who have left their native countries solely to attend college. Some plan an academic career that will include graduate school, others will end their formal education at the two-year college level.

Interested in Joining?

Students at WCC qualify for Phi Theta Kappa if they:

- are day or evening students, full-time or part-time
- have a 3.5+ GPA
- have accumulated at least 12 quarter hours
- demonstrate leadership skills
- adhere to the moral standards of the society and enjoy the full rights of citizenship, freedom, and privileges of the USA.

If there are students who come close but do not quite make the requirements, and think they would benefit from Phi Theta Kappa membership, WCC can accept them as provisional members. At the local level we do not distinguish between regular members and provisional members. They cannot vote, hold office or represent the chapter at meetings, but they can certainly participate in all other Phi Theta Kappa activities. Currently we have about 5 provisional members.

How do I find out more?

Please come to an informal meeting about Phi Theta Kappa either at 12:00 noon or 5:30 p.m. on December 3. The meeting will be held in Room 700, Technical Arts Building. If you cannot come to one of these meetings

or need more information, call Dr. Barbara Holt, Advisor, at 838-6244 or 838-6243, or Dr. Karen Staten, Advisor, at 838-6232.

Benefits of the Phi Theta Kappa Membership

Phi Theta Kappa provides a myriad of benefits, privileges and opportunities available only to Society members. If you have a 3.5+ GPA and meet other membership requirements contact Dr. Barbara Holt, Room 700, Technical Arts Building, 838-6244, for further information.

Benefits of Membership:

- Phi Theta Kappa Golden Key Pin, presented to all new members upon induction
- Embossed gold-foil certificate of membership
- Automatic nomination for the prestigious
- National Dean's List biographical publication.
- Automatic enrollment in the Phi Theta
- Kappa Transfer Database, marketed to senior-level institutions that actively recruit transfer students.
- Complimentary issue of 3.5+ PLUS Annual, the journal of Phi Theta Kappa (sent to your home address)
- Membership Manual (sent to your home address)
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Directory (included in 3.5 PLUS Annual)
- Wallet identification card

Privileges of Membership:

- Phi Theta Kappa seal placed on diploma*
- "Member of Phi Theta Kappa" included on transcript**
- Phi Theta Kappa golden stole and tassel worn at graduation***
- Society recognition materials (available through purchase)
- Society bankcard (available by application only. Use of the bankcard supports the Society's general scholarship fund.)

Opportunities of Membership

- Participating in the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Program

- Being considered for some \$60,000 in tuition scholarships to the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute, administered through the regions

- Being a potential nominee for the Academic All-American Team sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, AACC and USA TODAY, which carries 20 cash awards programs

- Being a potential recipient of one of five
- National Dean's List scholarships of \$1,000 each

- Attaining regional and international recognition through comprehensive awards programs

- Being eligible to apply for 10 Guiswhite Scholarships of \$5,000 each

- Developing interpersonal communications and leadership skills through regional leadership conferences and the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program

- Experiencing intellectual growth, leadership opportunities and cultural stimulation by attending the Annual International Convention

- Debating distinguished professionals during the Honors Institute

- Participating in an honors course offered for credit

- Investigating the current years interdisciplinary Honors Study Topic

- Campaigning for office, and if elected, holding a chapter, regional or international office.

- Being eligible for International Officer and Officer Candidate awards, including \$2,000 scholarships presented to International Officers upon their successful completion of their terms, and the Orłowski Candidate Award, a \$1,000 scholarship

- Being eligible to apply for \$21 million in transfer scholarships provided by some 180 institutions in 32 states and the District of Columbia, reserved exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members.

(*) Chapters may order gold diploma seals without charge for distribution to members.

(**) Stamps are available to college registrars without charge.

(***) Stoles and tassels may be ordered from the Phi Theta Kappa Merchandise Department. Individual colleges set policy as to use.