

Phi Theta Kappa 101

What is Phi Theta Kappa?

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of Two Year Colleges. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in the world, with over two million members in 1,300 chapters worldwide.

Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold:

- 1) Recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and
- 2) Provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

How do I join?

Annually, approximately 100,000 students are inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. Eligible students usually receive an invitation to join from their college. To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of twelve hours of associate degree course work and generally earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students must maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment in the two-year college, generally a 3.0 GPA. Details at: www.rhotheta.org/membership

Benefits of membership

Five Star Competitive Edge - Sharpen your competitive edge for transfer, scholarships and job interviews by participating in Five Star Competitive Edge. This professional development plan designed exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members helps strengthen highly sought-after skills such as communication, critical thinking, team building and goal setting through hands-on leadership activities and online video courseware. Members will build an online portfolio that will showcase their accomplishments in one convenient location that can be easily shared with scholarship providers, admissions officials and potential employers.

CollegeFish.org free enrollment - Members have free access to Phi Theta Kappa's online transfer tool. Research colleges, learn about transfer scholarships, manage important transfer dates and deadlines and communicate with four-year college representatives to ensure a smooth transfer to a four-year college.

Membership Credentials - The Golden Key Membership Pin, Membership Certificate and Membership ID Card are mailed to the member's home address.

Phi Theta Kappa Graduation Regalia - The Society's Honors Stole, Tassel and additional graduation regalia may be purchased and worn at college commencement exercises, contingent on college policy.

Gold Diploma Seal - The Diploma Seal may be affixed to the member's community college diploma to denote Society membership.

Transcript Notation - Society membership may be noted on the member's community college transcripts, contingent on college policy.

Letters of Recommendation - Request letters of recommendation from Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to a college admissions counselor, scholarship official or potential employer.

Transfer Scholarships - Members may apply for more than \$37 million in transfer scholarships, provided exclusively to Society members by more than 700 senior institutions. On the reverse is a list of 4 year colleges and universities just in Oregon with Phi Theta Kappa transfer scholarships. These total over \$80,000!

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarships

- Concordia University - Portland
 - Phi Theta Kappa Premier Award - \$2,500 renewable scholarship
 - Transfer Student Leadership Award up to \$1000 renewable scholarship
 - Transfer Student Merit Scholarship \$7,000 renewable scholarship
- Corban College - Salem
 - Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$1000 renewable scholarship
- Lewis & Clark College - Portland
 - Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$2,000 renewable scholarship
- Linfield College - McMinnville
 - Chemeketa Scholars at Linfield Scholarship \$15,000 renewable scholarship
 - Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$3,000 renewable scholarship
 - Transfer Scholarship \$11,500-\$13,500 renewable scholarship dependent on GPA
- Marylhurst University - Marylhurst
 - Phi Theta Kappa \$3,000 renewable scholarship
- Pacific University - Forest Grove
 - Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$2,500 renewable scholarship
 - Transfer Merit Scholarships \$10,500-\$22,000 renewable scholarship
- University of Portland - Portland
 - U of P Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$3,000-\$4,000 renewable scholarship
- Warner Pacific College - Portland
 - Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$1,000 renewable scholarship
- Willamette University - Salem
 - Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship \$2,000 renewable scholarship