



# PHI THETA KAPPA

## HONOR SOCIETY

### ***What is Phi Theta Kappa?***

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society founded in 1918 for outstanding two-year college students. Kapi'olani Community College's chapter, **Alpha Kappa Psi**, is one of more than 1,200 chapters in the United States, Canada, Germany, and Japan. Alpha Kappa Psi has gained recognition by being named one of the 6 most distinguished chapters in the society in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and winning many regional and international awards in 2002-2004.

### ***Who can join Phi Theta Kappa?***

To be eligible for membership in the Kapi'olani Community College Chapter, a student must:

1. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and 12 credits of coursework at 100 level or above (English and Math courses numbered below 100 do not count toward the total number of credits or the GPA for eligibility.)
2. Meet requirements of the Phi Theta Kappa International Constitution (available at <http://www.ptk.org/>) by establishing a record of "academic excellence" and being "of good moral character" by submitting faculty recommendation forms (provided in the application).
3. Be enrolled at Kapi'olani Community College in at least one course for credit.
4. Pay \$100 for the appropriate one-time fees:

\$60	International lifetime membership fee
\$10	Regional membership fee
\$30	Chapter fee
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\$100	Total one-time fees

### ***What if you don't meet all membership requirements?***

Kapi'olani Community College's chapter welcomes as *Provisional Members*, new students who belonged to a high school honor society, transfer students who maintained a 3.5+ GPA at other colleges, or Kapi'olani Community College students with a 3.5 GPA who have completed between 6 and 11 credits. Provisional Members may take part in activities at the chapter level during their provisional membership.

### ***Why join Phi Theta Kappa?***

Phi Theta Kappa membership earns you numerous benefits:



**RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** At Kapi'olani Community College, those maintaining active standing will be recognized for academic excellence. Phi Theta Kappa graduates wear distinctive gold stoles and tassels at graduation and receive a special seal for their diplomas.



**FINANCIAL AID:** Many scholarships and grant applications add points for membership in Phi Theta Kappa and additional points for serving as an officer. Many four-year colleges have partial or full tuition scholarships designated for Phi Theta Kappa members only.



**PREFERENCE IN COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** Phi Theta Kappa membership helps in getting accepted to four-year colleges.



**OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD RÉSUMÉ:** Through leadership roles, community service, and participation in a variety of activities, students develop impressive records that enhance applications for scholarships, universities, and jobs.



**PERSONAL ENRICHMENT:** Members develop friendships with other honor students at Kapi‘olani Community College and nationwide. Opportunities for travel to national and regional conferences are available.

### ***What is expected of Phi Theta Kappans?***

Once inducted, members are required to do the following:

1. Continuously strive for “academic excellence”, including maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and continuing to be of “good moral character”.
2. Be enrolled in at least one course for credit during each semester of membership.
3. Support the chapter to the extent that they are able. All members are highly encouraged but not required to participate in chapter activities, such as:
  - General membership meetings
  - Fundraisers and special events
  - Chapter service projects (campus and community)
  - Future inductions of new members

### ***How can you join Phi Theta Kappa?***

If you meet the eligibility requirements for the program, submit the following:

- ✓ **Complete application form for Phi Theta Kappa.**
- ✓ **Print a copy of your transcripts**
  - Go to [MyUH portal](#)
  - Click on *Star Degree Check/View Transcript* on left
  - Click on *Transcript/Campus* at the top
  - Select option for *Campus transcripts BY SEMESTER*
  - Click on PDF button option to print
- ✓ **Drop off completed application, transcripts, and payment at ‘Iliahi 231, office 11.** Look for the Phi Theta Kappa sign on the gray cubicle on the left.
- ✓ If possible, attend an orientation meeting for new members to receive additional information.

### ***Do you have any questions?***

Contact the Honors Education Coordinator, Lisa Kobuke, at [lykobuke@hawaii.edu](mailto:lykobuke@hawaii.edu) or stop by the Phi Theta Kappa office in the ‘Iliahi Building, Room 231, office 11 during office hours.

More information about the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is available at <http://www.ptk.org/>



# PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Completion of all sections of this application is a requirement of membership. Return this form to your local chapter advisor. You may find your advisor's contact information online at [ptk.org/advisor-quick-search](http://ptk.org/advisor-quick-search).

**1 Please Print**

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Most correspondence is via email)

**2 To complete your membership application, and to be considered for scholarships and other exclusive membership benefits, you must provide your graduation or transfer date and major on this form. If you do not know the exact date, use a close approximation or the date you will complete your coursework at this college.**

Graduation/Transfer from the Two-Year College: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Major Codes:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided..... UNDEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology..... INFOTEC
<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting..... ACCT	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism/Broadcasting..... JOURNAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Sciences..... AGRI	<input type="checkbox"/> Languages..... LANG
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture/Drafting..... ARCH	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Services/Paralegal..... LEGAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Art..... ART	<input type="checkbox"/> Liberal Arts/General Studies..... LIBART
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation..... AVIAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing..... MARKET
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sciences..... BIO	<input type="checkbox"/> Management..... MGMT
<input type="checkbox"/> Business..... BUS	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics..... MATH
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry..... CHEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Technology..... MEDTEC
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications..... COMM	<input type="checkbox"/> Music/Theatre/Dance..... THEATR
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Sciences..... COMP	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing..... NURS
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Trades..... CONST	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Leadership..... ORGLDR
<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling..... COUNC	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy..... PHARM
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice..... CRIM	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics..... PHYS
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Health..... DENTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> Political Science..... POLSCI
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics..... ECON	<input type="checkbox"/> Precision Production Trades..... PROD
<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Teaching..... EDUC	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Law..... LAW
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics..... ELEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Medicine..... MED
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Civil..... CIVLENG	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology..... PSYCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Electrical..... ELECENG	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Administration and Services..... PUBADM
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Mechanical..... MECHENG	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Advertising..... ADV
<input type="checkbox"/> English..... ENGL	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Bible..... RELIG
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies..... ENVIRO	<input type="checkbox"/> Sociology/Social Science..... SOCIO
<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion/Merchandising..... FASH	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Material Moving..... TRANSP
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance..... FIN	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Tourism/Hotel Mgmt..... TRAVL
<input type="checkbox"/> General Science..... SCI	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine..... VETMED
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Related Professions..... HEALTH	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Major..... OTHER
<input type="checkbox"/> History..... HIST	

**3** If you do not wish to receive email updates from Phi Theta Kappa, check here

If you do not wish to receive information concerning special opportunities and scholarships for members, check here

**4** Local chapters extend invitation to membership. Once initiated, a student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA established by the chapter. A student who fails to maintain GPA requirements must notify the chapter advisor immediately. Membership is revoked if the GPA requirement is not met by the following term.

Note: A student must meet all membership eligibility requirements stated in Article IV, Section 2 of Phi Theta Kappa's Constitution and Chapter 1, Section 1 of the Bylaws ([www.ptk.org/about/constitution](http://www.ptk.org/about/constitution)). **A person currently incarcerated is not eligible for membership. A person convicted of a felony crime or any crime whose potential sentence is more than one year is not eligible for membership until three years following completion of all conditions of the sentence including probation.**

Oath: I believe in and support the purpose of the Society. Furthermore, **I have read and affirm that I meet all membership eligibility requirements stated in Phi Theta Kappa's Constitution and Bylaws.** I adhere to the moral standards of the Society. Therefore, I solemnly promise to uphold the standards of Phi Theta Kappa, and to keep this object and aim in my mind, and I pledge to support my fellow members and promise to aid them in all worthy endeavors.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Following the submission of your application to Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters you will receive an email notification within 24 hours that your membership has been processed. This email will contain your membership identification number allowing you full access to exclusive membership benefits.

*Phi Theta Kappa is committed to the elimination of discrimination based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, political affiliation and cultural and religious backgrounds.*

**NEW MEMBER INFORMATION FORM**

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Fall/ Spring

Please write a few sentences (2-3 sentences) telling us about your background, activities, goals or interests. This short biographical statement will be read during the induction ceremony.

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What skills or talents do you have that you contribute (e.g., photography, graphics, artistic talent, business contacts, writing ability)? Please include anything else you would like us to know about you.

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**Would you like to serve as an Officer?**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe

**Would you like to participate in chapter activities?**    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe

**Would you like to participate in community service?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe

(Remember that many scholarship and grant applications add points for serving as an officer and being an active member.)

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For office use only

Application reviewed by _____			Date: _____
GPA verified:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Initial _____	Date: _____
Faculty Recommendation #1 received:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Initial _____	Date: _____
Faculty Recommendation #2 received	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Initial _____	Date: _____
Payment received	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Initial _____	Date: _____

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**FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**CANDIDATE** to complete this section:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ request this reference  
First Middle Last

from \_\_\_\_\_ . I plan to use it apply for Phi Theta Kappa.  
First Last

Please initial and date **one** of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  I request a confidential reference and hereby waive my right to inspect it.  
Applicant's initials and date

\_\_\_\_\_  I request an open reference and reserve the right to inspect it.  
Applicant's initials and date

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Please return the form by the date indicated below to assure that the student named will be eligible for induction and membership.

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First Middle initial

**The student indicated above:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Has completed with a grade of \_\_\_\_\_ OR

\_\_\_\_\_ is expected to successfully complete with a grade of \_\_\_\_\_ in my

\_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_  
Course title Course Alpha/ Course code

a course offered in the \_\_\_\_\_ Department

for the semester and year \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend this student because: (This section is optional)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please PRINT Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_@hawaii.edu

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ph Ext. no.** X9 \_\_\_\_\_

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