

THE HONOR  SOCIETY OF

PHI KAPPA PHI

FELLOWSHIPS

For the support of students entering their first year of full-time graduate or professional study.

2012–2013

APPLICATION
PACKET

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PHI KAPPA PHI FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

Before completing the Fellowship application, carefully read all instructions and information that follows and review the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Fact Sheet.

DEADLINES

Spring 2012 (*check with your local chapter for exact date*) — A complete application must arrive at your local Phi Kappa Phi chapter on or before this date. A complete application consists of:

- Complete 2012–2013 Application Form
- Official Academic Transcripts
- Standard Test Score Reports (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, etc.). If test scores are not required, attach a copy of one or two pages from your portfolio or an example of your creative work, e.g. CD, DVD, slides, or several pages of a manuscript.
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Note that the early chapter deadline allows for each chapter to review submitted applications and to select the **ONE** applicant to represent the chapter as their nominee in the national competition.

April 15, 2012— Chapters are required to submit the materials of the ONE applicant they have selected as their nominee for the national competition to Phi Kappa Phi Society Headquarters so that it is postmarked on or before the April 15 deadline. **Any materials postmarked after the April 15 deadline will be disqualified.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. **OBSERVE DEADLINES.** Remember that the application must be submitted to your Phi Kappa Phi chapter by the chapter deadline.
2. Do not use application forms from previous years. Only the current Application Form will be accepted. No others will be considered.
3. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED.**
4. Type all material in no smaller than a 10-point font size.
5. Please answer every question as fully as space permits. **Do not add supplemental sheets** other than transcripts, standardized test score reports or creative work, and letters of recommendation.
6. Be clear, concise, complete, organized, and orderly in preparing your application.
7. Complete all sections of the application form and include all appropriate and relevant information.
8. Clearly identify your rationale for selection of the graduate institutions you have chosen.

9. Give attention to your personal statement. Include an explanation for weaknesses or anomalies in your grade reports and “gaps” that exist in your record, e.g., periods of inactivity in your academic pursuits.
10. Exercise care in selecting the persons who will supply letters of recommendation. Be sure to stress to them that letters must be typed.
11. **PROOFREAD** your application.
12. **Submit one original and five copies** of your application and supplementary documents (except for sealed transcript(s) and Letters of Recommendation) to your chapter.
13. **ASSEMBLE ORIGINALS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:** Application Form, Transcripts (sealed), Test Score Reports, Letters of Recommendation in sealed envelopes. (*Your chapter officer will open and make copies of sealed documents.*)
14. Complete the Applicant Checklist and read and sign the Applicant’s Certification on the last page. This indicates that should you be selected to receive a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship, you understand and accept the responsibilities, obligations, conditions, and possible causes of revocation of the award.
15. Maintain a copy of your application for your records. *Application materials will not be returned.*

IF SELECTED TO RECEIVE A FELLOWSHIP

Recipients of Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships will be required:

- To provide a high resolution color photograph and a brief biographical sketch for publicity purposes.
- To pursue the proposed course of study at one of the institutions listed, unless prior approval of changes in plans is secured from the Fellowship Committee.
- To pursue graduate or professional study as a full-time student and to maintain a high level of scholarship and good standing.
- To submit, on time, any reports required by Phi Kappa Phi and to notify the Society Headquarters of any circumstances that may significantly alter student status.
- At the completion of the Fellowship year, to submit within 30 days a summary report of accomplishment (approximately 350 words) to the Society Headquarters.
- Fellowship grant funds will be disbursed after July 1, 2012, once the Society has received the completed certificate of registration form.

NOTE: *This application may be completed (but not submitted) online at PhiKappaPhi.org. For more information, call Society Headquarters at 1-800-804-9880, ext. 35.*

PHI KAPPA PHI

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Name of Applicant _____

Recommendation Requested of _____

I hereby waive my rights of access to this confidential evaluation report, as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. *(optional)*

Applicant's Signature

Date

PROVIDING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The individual named above has identified you as someone who knows and can evaluate his or her qualifications for a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship.

I have known the applicant for a period of _____ years and/or _____ months.

I have served as the applicant's: teacher in one class teacher in several classes department chair
 academic advisor other (please explain): _____

Among approximately _____ senior students I have known in this field over the past _____ year(s),

I would rank this applicant in the upper _____%.

In no more than 350 words, please indicate your impressions of the applicant's (1) scholarship with particular reference to capacity for original work as a graduate student and (2) character and personality attributes, or other observations that will assist in appraising the applicant's probable success in advanced study and in potential career contributions. Provide the **typed** letter of recommendation on your letterhead. Please complete this form and include it with your letter in a **sealed envelope**. Type the following in the mailing address section of the envelope:

Recommendation for [Name of Applicant]
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
2012-2013 Fellowship Program

Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____



Deadline: Check with your local chapter.

MUST BE TYPED. ALL OTHERS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Male Female

Preferred Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street

Active Member? Yes No
(Annual dues paid through March 31, 2012)

City State Zip Code

New Initiate *(recently invited to join)*

Telephone No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Affiliation: _____
Chapter/Institution Name Chapter #

Undergraduate Field(s) of Study (Major): _____

Minor (if applicable): _____

Degree: _____ Date Degree Expected: _____

Proposed Field of Graduate or Professional Study: _____

Graduate or Professional Degree(s) to be pursued *(i.e., Ph.D., M.Ed., M.D., etc.)*: _____

Please indicate how you learned about the Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship Competition (check all that apply):

- Local Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Officer
- College/University Office
- Announcement Poster
- Phi Kappa Phi Forum (magazine)
- Phi Kappa Phi Website
- Monthly Mentions (E-zine)
- Phi Kappa Phi E-Mail
- Chapter Workshop
- From Headquarters
- Phi Kappa Phi Information Fact Sheet
- From Chapter
- Faculty Member
- Friend
- Other, explain _____

SUMMARY OF EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Include only post-high school institutions: academic, professional, technical, etc. Note: The applicant may not have earned credit for a full term of graduate study or its equivalent in any field prior to the 2012–2013 academic year.

List All Institutions Attended:

<i>Name & Location</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>GPA (on 4.0 scale)</i>	<i>Degree(s), Certificate(s) or Diploma(s) received or expected and approximate date(s)</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

A. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Indicate below the names, positions and phone numbers of three university professors or other persons who are able to attest to your academic ability, personal qualities, and achievements in letters of recommendation.

It is your responsibility to request typed letters of recommendation from these three individuals. To do this you must provide them with a copy of the Recommendation Request Form from this packet and ensure that the completed Form is returned to you in a sealed envelope so that you may submit it with your application.

1) _____
Name *Position and Field (if applicable)* *Phone Number*

2) _____
Name *Position and Field (if applicable)* *Phone Number*

3) _____
Name *Position and Field (if applicable)* *Phone Number*

B. ACADEMIC RECORD

Transcripts or other official evidence of academic record at all college or university-level institutions attended must be submitted as a part of the application. Summarize your record below, grouping by subjects such as mathematics, languages, history, etc. List the number of semester or quarter hours in which you received an A, B, C, or D in each subject group. Leave blocks blank when not applicable. If grading systems are different, make necessary adjustments.

SUBJECT GROUPS	Number of Semester or Quarter Hours by Grade						
	A	B	C	D	PASS OR UNGRADED	CLEP OR ADV. CR.	FAILED
TOTALS							

C. HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Does your institution have an honors or curriculum enrichment program? Yes No

If so, did you participate? Yes No

If yes, describe the nature of your involvement, including honors thesis, projects, etc.

If no, explain why you did not participate.

Identify research and/or creative endeavors in which you have participated:

D. ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

List all your academic awards, recognitions, honors received as an undergraduate: scholarships, research grants, publications, juried shows, recitals, etc.

E. UNDERGRADUATE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AND LEADERSHIP

List activities in which you have participated since high school graduation (cultural, service, athletic, political, volunteer, employment) and leadership roles both on campus and in the community. Give dates and estimates of time (e.g., hours per week) involved in each activity. Distinguish between ongoing and one-time commitments.

1. On the campus:

2. In the community:

GRADUATE STUDY PROSPECTS

A. TEST SCORES

List your percentiles for all scored sections of the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, DAT, or other appropriate tests for graduate admission. You are encouraged to take the appropriate standardized test for your discipline. Attach a copy of the test score report(s) and score interpretation sheet(s) (including any sheets verifying score percentiles). A photocopy of the report is acceptable.* If test scores are not required, then attach a copy of one or two pages from your portfolio, or you must submit an example of your creative work (e.g., a CD, DVD, slides, or several pages of a manuscript). * You must submit six copies

B. GRADUATE STUDY PLANS

List, in order of preference, three institutions of higher education that you are prepared to attend. Your specific reasons for selecting each institution are requested. You should have verified that you have a reasonable chance of being admitted to these institutions. Please remember that all awards are contingent upon attendance at one of the institutions listed unless approval to attend another institution is granted by the Fellowship Committee based on adequate justification.

Name of Institution

City, State

1st Choice: _____

Reason for selection:

Application status (Applied, accepted, etc.) _____

2nd Choice : _____

Reason for selection:

Application status (Applied, accepted, etc.) _____

3rd Choice: _____

Reason for selection:

Application status (Applied, accepted, etc.) _____

Other Choices: To what other colleges/universities have you applied? List them (in no particular order).

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Describe your educational and career goals and personal factors that have influenced your decision to pursue graduate or professional study. Limit your statement to the space provided below using a minimum of 10-point type or larger.

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

To the applicant: Be sure that your application is complete by checking the following list:

- All six pages of the application are complete. (*Use only the current application.*) Be sure your responses are confined to the printable space allotted on the application. Do not add supplemental sheets other than those requested. **Any additional materials will be ignored.**
- Transcripts are enclosed for EACH college, university, or other post secondary institution attended in separate, sealed envelopes. (Your chapter officer is responsible for making five copies of transcripts.)
- Reports of standardized test scores and percentile rankings (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, etc.) are included. (If you have taken the test, but not yet received the report, indicate on page 4, item A, the examination date and forward a copy of the results to the Phi Kappa Phi Society Headquarters immediately upon receipt.)
- Portfolio pages or samples of creative work (if applicable per instructions on page 4) included (**6 copies of each**).
- You have not/will not have completed more than 9 hours of semester credits of graduate study in any field.
- Three letters of recommendation in separate, sealed envelopes. (*Your chapter officer is responsible for making five copies of the letters.*)
- You must be an active member (dues paid) through March 31, 2012, or have accepted the invitation to join and have been initiated by June 30, 2012. To verify membership status, call 1-800-804-9880 ext. 35.
- You have read, signed, and dated the certification statement below.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship and, if selected, specifically agree to comply with the following stipulations, and understand that failure to do so may result in the revocation of the Fellowship:

1. To pursue the proposed course of study at one of the institutions that I have listed, unless prior approval of changes in my plans is secured from the Society Fellowship Committee.
2. To pursue graduate or professional study as a full-time student and to maintain a high level of scholarship and good standing.
3. To submit a high resolution color photo and brief biographical description for publicity purposes, which may include, but not be limited to, press releases, advertisements, Phi Kappa Phi publications both print and electronic, and any other venues used to promote and educate about The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and/or its awards programs.
4. To submit, on time, any reports required by Phi Kappa Phi and to notify the Society Headquarters of any circumstances that may significantly alter my student status.
5. At the completion of the Fellowship year, to submit within 30 days a summary report of accomplishment (approximately 350 words) to the Society Headquarters.

I understand that The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi assumes no responsibility or obligations whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the award.

I understand that should I be unable to accept an award, the award may be granted to another nominee.

I have examined this application and certify that all information given in it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have attached all required documents.

Signature of Applicant

Date

REMEMBER!

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Please check with your local chapter for the exact date.

Chapters then identify from their pool of applicants the ONE applicant to represent the chapter in the national competition. Chapters must send their nominee's application materials to the Society Headquarters postmarked no later than April 15, 2012.