



PHI THETA KAPPA[®]
HONOR SOCIETY

Welcome

Welcome and congratulations on your academic achievement!

Please take a few minutes to view this presentation to learn more about the benefits and opportunities associated with Phi Theta Kappa membership.



What is Phi Theta Kappa?

- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was founded in 1918 at Stephens College in Missouri
- For nearly 100 years, Phi Theta Kappa has recognized the academic achievements of two-year college students.
- In addition, the honor society provides opportunities for members to grow by engaging in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming



What is Phi Theta Kappa (cont)

- More than **3 million members** inducted since its founding
- Today the Society has nearly **1,300 chapters** worldwide and inducts more than **130,000 new members** each year



Phi Theta Kappa Membership

Take a step closer and one will find that Phi Theta Kappa membership can be a life-changing experience. Whether it's in large or small ways, membership in Phi Theta Kappa can change your story.

Click the “Change Your Story” link to play the video

[Change Your Story](#)



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Membership Benefits

The benefits of membership include both those that you can see and touch as well as those that come from the Phi Theta Kappa Experience. Here we have grouped the primary benefits into categories to give you a good overview of what's in store for you as a member

- **Recognition** - First is recognition: Phi Theta Kappa wants to recognize your accomplishments as a high-achieving scholar
- **Scholarship opportunities** - Membership can bring you many opportunities to apply for scholarships to help with all stages of your education



Membership Benefits (cont)

- **Leadership skills development** - As a member, you'll have access to tools and experiences to strengthen your leadership skills – and you might even find yourself stepping out of your comfort zone a little
- **A network of fellow scholars** - And, in Phi Theta Kappa, you are not alone. You'll find a network of support from fellow members, alumni and advisors



Recognition

- **Membership pin, certificate** - approximately 5-7 weeks after your name is reported to Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters, you will receive a packet in the mail with your golden key membership pin, personalized membership certificate and identification card
- **Press release / recommendation letters** - As a member you'll have access to tools on Phi Theta Kappa's website through which you can request a press release announcing your induction and letters of recommendation confirming your membership in the honor society



Recognition (cont)

- **Transcript / diploma seal** - “Phi Theta Kappa Member” will be noted on your transcript, and a Phi Theta Kappa diploma seal will be attached to your diploma when you graduate
- **Graduation ceremony recognition** - also, you can stand out from the crowd during your graduation ceremony by purchasing and wearing Phi Theta Kappa graduation regalia



Scholarship Opportunities

- **Nearly \$90 million in opportunities** - As a member, you'll have access to nearly \$90 million in scholarship opportunities from Phi Theta Kappa, partnering senior colleges and universities and foundations
- **Available at every educational level**
 - Associate degree
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Master's degree



Scholarship Opportunities

- In addition, Phi Theta Kappa offers scholarships with special focuses like those to help students who are facing unanticipated financial barriers to completing their degree.
- Each scholarship program is different, so we encourage you to go to <http://www.ptk.org/Scholarships.aspx> to check out more of the details



Leadership Skills Development

- **Five Star Competitive Edge** - Whether your next step after Horry Georgetown Technical College will be starting a new career or transferring to a four-year college or university, you'll need more than just good grades to stand out as a leader.
- You'll need skills like professional etiquette, team building, critical thinking and other soft skills to give you the advantage. Phi Theta Kappa calls this the Competitive Edge, and it's an online program available only to members that can equip you with such skills and even includes an online resume you can share.



Leadership Skills Development

- **Leadership positions**

- Local
- Regional
- International

There are also opportunities to stretch your leadership skills in a variety of ways, ranging from something as small as volunteering as a committee member to the greater responsibility of serving as a chapter, regional or international officer



A Network of Scholars

- **Connect with members** - Becoming a member of Phi Theta Kappa connects you with a network of scholars – locally here on our campus, regionally within the Carolinas Region and even on an international level
- Members often say that Phi Theta Kappa feels like a family and that it was the place where they “fit in” and found others like them
- As a member, you choose your level of engagement with the organization



A Network of Scholars (cont)

- Our **mission** is to first recognize your **achievement**. To receive this recognition you simply accept your invitation.
- If you want to connect with our network of scholars, there are lots of opportunities from attending a chapter event, connecting virtually through the internet and social media or even by traveling to a regional or international meeting. The choice is yours.



Member for Life

- **Member for life** - To maintain your membership while attending Horry Georgetown Technical College, our only requirement is that you maintain a 3.25 GPA. When you leave Horry Georgetown Technical College as a member in good standing, you remain a member for life. You can continue involvement as an alumni through an alumni association or simply by volunteering at the local, regional or international level as an alumni.



Finish what you start

92% of Phi Theta Kappa members complete their associate degree and/or transfer to a four-year college or university.

(compared to the national average of 38% non-members)



Ready to change your story?

- **One-time membership fee** - \$75 (which includes \$60 international fee + \$10 regional fee + \$5 local fee)
- **Deadline** – the 2017 Fall Semester deadline for submitting your application and membership fee is December 8, 2017
- See mailed insert on **where** and **how** to **submit application and fees**



Induction Ceremony

- **Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2017
- **Time:** 7:00 pm
Inductees should arrive at 6:30 pm for rehearsal
- **Location:** Conway Campus
Bldg. 1100 Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium
Induction ceremony at 7:00 followed by a
reception with light refreshments in
Café 1100



Questions?

- Contact any advisor for additional information (contact information on mailed insert)
- Thank you

