



Introducing PHI THETA KAPPA

✓ 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 CC Chapter, a student must:

1. Have a cumulated 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 Phi Theta Kappa International Constitution (available at website www.PTK.org) by establishing a record of "academic excellence" and being "of good moral character" by submitting faculty recommendation forms (provided in application).
3. Be enrolled at KapCC in at least one course for credit.
4. Pay appropriate fees: a one-time \$38 International fee for lifetime membership; a one-time \$10 fee for Regional membership; and a one-time \$27 Chapter fee (\$75 total).

✓ What if you don't meet all membership requirements?

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

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✓ Why join Phi Theta Kappa?

Phi Theta Kappa membership earns you numerous benefits:

- **RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** At Kapi`olani CC, 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 CC 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?

Complete an application and, if possible, attend an orientation meeting for new members to receive additional information.

Contact the Honors Education Coordinator.

✓ Do you have any questions?

Contact the Honors Education Coordinator, Colette Higgins, at `Ohia 103A
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