



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits to joining Phi Theta Kappa? Why should I join?

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society guarantees you access to benefits that will recognize your outstanding academic accomplishments and provide you with the competitive edge that helps ensure future success.

Benefits include recognition during college induction ceremony, recognition by wearing Phi Theta Kappa Commencement Regalia during college graduation (if you choose to purchase these items), opportunity to meet JRS administrators, access to scholarships, free enrollment in CollegeFish.org, a transfer and college completion planning tool, free access to Five Star Competitive Edge, a personal and professional development plan for building marketable skills and an online portfolio, free access to the international Career Resource Center, personalized letters of recommendation for scholarships and employment, opportunities to engage with other members at the College and many more!

Do you have to attend meetings?

You do not have to attend meetings but involvement within Phi Theta Kappa is strongly encouraged. Becoming an active member allows you to take advantage of more of the great services and opportunities that PTK has to offer. In addition, you can develop relationships with administrators on campus and other students. Participating and volunteering for leadership roles also looks great when applying for scholarships and jobs.

I am having trouble logging in to the Phi Theta Kappa international website. What do I do?

All ptk.org website questions should be directed to the Phi Theta Kappa International office. You can reach them at 1- 800-946-9995.

What does the membership fee cover?

The one-time membership fee includes a \$55 international fee, \$10 regional fee and \$25 local fee. The international fee covers the cost of your membership pin, membership certificate and access to great Phi Theta Kappa resources such as collegefish.org, the 5 star personal development program and access to various scholarship opportunities. The local fee covers induction materials and other supplies and expenses for chapter activities.

Can I bring more than 4 guests to the induction ceremony? Unfortunately, due to limited seating, we are not able to accommodate more than 5 guests per inductee.

I have a 3.3 cumulative GPA (or higher) and 12 credit hours but I did not receive an invitation to join. Why?

The most likely reason is that you have not completed 12 transferable credit hours. Developmental math and English classes are not considered transferable so they will not count towards your 12 credit hours. Please confirm your number of credit hours and your cumulative grade point average in your Student Information System (SIS) Student Center. If you believe you are eligible and have not been invited to join, please contact the Office of Student Life at 804-523-5983.

Do you need to be inducted to become a member?

No! Being inducted is a personal choice and is not required; however, it is a great way to be publicly recognized for your hard work. You can choose to participate the semester you join or in a future semester or decide to never officially be inducted. The decision is yours! [Learn more about inductions.](#)

I received an invitation last semester. Is it still good?

Unfortunately, the invitation expires at the end of every semester (the date is listed in your invitation). If your grades remain at a 3.3 cumulative GPA or higher, you will receive another invitation to join the following semester. To find out if you are on the invitation list, contact the Office of Student Life at 804-523-5983.

I received an invitation and want to join. What do I do?

Use the website and passcode listed in your invitation to officially join. You will complete an application and pay your membership fee.

I just accepted my invitation. What are the next steps?

The next step is to RSVP for the induction ceremony. We ask that you let us know whether you are attending or not. [Learn more](#) about the inductions ceremony. Then you will want to attend a membership meeting or activity so you can learn more. Don't know when the next meeting or activity is taking place? Contact the Cara Luyster at 804-523-5096. You will also be added to the Phi Theta Kappa blackboard site so you can stay up to date on what's happening within Phi Theta Kappa.