

The “Papa” John Sharpe Scholarship

2023-2024



*Serving Phi Theta Kappa members
who have demonstrated scholarly
fellowship*

*Alpha Omega Carolinas Region
Alumni Association*

Purpose:

The purpose of the “Papa” John Sharpe Scholarship is to provide active Phi Theta Kappa members who have demonstrated scholarly fellowship on campus and/or in the community to help with educational expenses for the academic year 2023-2024 while enrolled in a two-year institution.

Support:

The “Papa” John Sharpe Scholarship is fully funded by the Alpha Omega Carolinas Region Alumni Association. The Alumni Association, chartered in 2001, will raise funds to pay the award each year.

Conditions of Eligibility:

- Applicant must be an active Phi Theta Kappa member in good standing and currently enrolled during the 2023-2024 Academic Year at a two-year college in North Carolina, South Carolina, or Bermuda:
 1. A cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the time of application.
 2. Part-time students, full-time students and international students are eligible.
 3. Taking a minimum of six credits per semester; thus, totaling a minimum of 12 academic credits within an ongoing program of study during the scholarship period. **Courses for non-credit or audit grade status do NOT qualify in the total credits earned and attempted.**

Application Procedure:

- **Applicant** – An application portal link will be available to enable you to submit your forms electronically. You are required to complete Forms A-1, B, and C, and attach an **UNOFFICIAL** college transcript of all coursework completed within the past five years. **All applications must be submitted through the portal. There will be no exceptions.**

- **Phi Theta Kappa Advisor** – Complete and sign the certification in Form A-2. This may be done digitally as long as the form itself is sent from the Advisor’s email address to the Alumni Advisor team at alphaomegaptk2001@gmail.com. Please label the subject line with the

applicants last name dot first name (i.e. smith.taylor).

➤ **Letter of Recommendation** – Two letters of recommendation are required (Forms D and E). The recommendation letter must address the topic indicated (to be emailed directly to alphaomegaptk2001@gmail.com) on this form. Please label the subject line with the applicants last name dot first name (i.e., smith.taylor). No more than **ONE** letter of recommendation for each form will be considered. The recommendation letters and Forms D & E **must be signed and dated** by the author of the letter.

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Application Deadline & Details:

➤ Completed applications must be SUBMITTED IN ITS ENTIRETY through the Portal no later than September 17, 2023, at 11:59 PM EST. If the forms are not **received in their entirety (i.e., documents submitted to PORTAL and letters of recommendation received), it will be considered ineligible and will be disqualified.**

➤ All forms must be in document form or PDF.

➤ Do **NOT** attach resumes or additional materials.

Submission Procedures:

Please use the following link to submit your application package:

<https://forms.gle/FNSCurZ4mwgvoJEc9>

You will need to log in under your own email address once you have accessed this form. You may only submit **one** application per member. If an applicant has any questions regarding their submission, they may contact the Alumni Advisors at alphaomegaptk2001@gmail.com.

List of Forms:

FORM A: Biographical Information and Certification

FORM B: Scholarship Fellowship Essay

FORM C: Educational Plan, Current Education, and Release Authorization

FORM D: Recommendation Letter – Focus on Academic Ability

FORM E: Recommendation Letter – Focus on Scholarly Fellowship

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Form A 1

Biographical Information [No Point Value]

To be completed by the scholarship **applicant**. Please upload this document to the Scholarship Portal.

The following questions identify you and your academic background. This information will be used only in connection with your application for this scholarship initiative and will be divulged only to qualified persons who must see them in the course of their duties.

DO NOT attach resumes or other additional material.

Applicant:

Legal Name _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address _____
Number Street Apartment Number

City State/Providence Zip/Postal Code

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Two-Year College Name _____

Location _____ Campus _____
City State/Providence

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter _____

Date Joined and/or Inducted _____

Form A-2

Advisor Certification Form [No Point Value]

Applicant Certification To be completed by the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter **Advisor**. **Advisor may sign and scan back to applicant to upload in Portal or may send directly the Alumni Advisors at alphaomegaptk2001@gmail.com.**

Phi Theta Kappa Advisor: _____

College _____

Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____

I verify that _____ is a Phi Theta Kappa member in good standing.

Chapter Advisor Signature _____

Date _____

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Form B

Scholarly Fellowship Essay [35 points value]

Write an original essay on the topic as described below. It must be double spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman. This document will need to be uploaded to the Scholarship Portal.

Share your personal philosophy on scholarly fellowship and its importance to you and our communities (no more than 250 words). Cite at least one specific example of your scholarly fellowship (no more than 250 words—total word count for essay is 500 words).

****An essay over the 500-word limit, will result in a reduction of points. ****

“Man is by nature a social animal; an individual who is unsocial naturally and not accidentally is either beneath our notice or more than human. Society is something that precedes the individual. Anyone who either cannot lead the common life or is so self-sufficient as not to need to, and therefore does not partake of society, is either a beast or a god.” — **Aristotle**

“We human beings are social beings. We come into the world as the result of others’ actions. We survive here in dependence on others. Whether we like it or not, there is hardly a moment of our lives when we do not benefit from others’ activities. For this reason, it is hardly surprising that most of our happiness arises in the context of our relationships with others.” — **Dalai Lama XIV**

Both Aristotle and the Dalai Lama believe that we as human beings need others because we are social beings by our very nature. Aristotle states to be anything else is to be inhuman while the Dalai Lama states that our happiness comes from social interaction.

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Form C

Educational Plan [10 points value]

Detail **YOUR** educational objective(s) and cite **YOUR** personal specific goals for the 2023-2024 academic year. This document will need to be uploaded to the Scholarship Portal.

Current College Education [5 points value]

Detail your current academic standing.

Program of Study: _____

What is your GPA? _____ on a _____ point scale.

Submit this document along with your unofficial college transcript(s) of all coursework completed within the past five years

Release Authorization (Mandatory)

PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT: The privacy act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires you to be given certain information in connection with this request for information. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised:

1. The authority for the collection of this data is Public Law 93-642. 2. Furnishing the information is voluntary. 3. The principal purpose(s) for which the data will be used is selection of the "Papa" John

Sharpe Scholarship recipient(s). 4. Other routine uses of the data are for public relations including press releases to news

media. 5. Failure to complete this form will disqualify the student as a "Papa" John Sharpe Scholarship applicant.

AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDACY AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, affirm my wish to be considered for the "Papa" John Sharpe Scholarship competition. Permission is hereby given to officials of my community or junior college to release transcripts of my academic record to date and other requested information for consideration for the "Papa" John Sharpe Scholarship competition. Any part of this application may be released for public consumption.

Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____

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Form D

Recommendation Letter [25-point value]

FOCUS on Academic Ability

To be completed by a **faculty member** or **administrator** at the **community college** where the applicant is currently enrolled who **may** or **may not** have taught the applicant. Please ensure that the letter is **Signed** and **Dated** as this could impact their scoring if it is not provided. This document as well as a **completed FORM D** will need to be sent directly to the Alumni Advisors from the individual submitting to alphaomegaptk2001@gmail.com. Please CC the applicant on this email. Label the subject line with the applicants last name dot first name (ie smith,taylor).

Discuss the applicant's academic performance. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the applicant's superior academic ability. Thank you for taking the time to provide a recommendation on behalf of this applicant.

To assist the preparer, the applicant should provide a biographical history to the individual preparing this letter. The person providing this recommendation should review the biographical information prior to writing the recommendation.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First M.I.

Your Name _____
Last First M.I.

Title _____

Address _____
Number Street Suite/Apartment/Room

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone (____) _____

E-mail _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity?

Signature _____ Date _____

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Form E

Recommendation Letter [25-point value]

FOCUS on Scholarly Fellowship

To be completed by a member of your **chapter** or a **member of the community** who has observed or worked with the applicant in a **fellowship** role. Please ensure that the letter is **Signed and Dated** as this could impact their scoring if it is not provided. This document as well as a **completed FORM E** will need to be sent directly to the Alumni Advisors from the individual submitting to alphaomegaptk2001@gmail.com. Please CC the applicant on this email. Label the subject line with the applicants last name dot first name (i.e. smith.taylor).

Discuss the applicant’s instances of fellowship. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the applicant’s scholarly fellowship. Thank you for taking the time to provide a recommendation on behalf of this applicant.

To assist the preparer, the applicant should provide a biographical history to the individual preparing this letter. The person providing this recommendation should review the biographical information prior to writing the recommendation.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First M.I.

Your Name _____
Last First M.I.

Title _____

Address _____
Number Street Suite/Apartment/Room

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone (____) _____

E-mail _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity?

Signature _____ Date _____