

The
“Papa” John Sharpe
Scholarship

Serving Phi Theta Kappa members
who have demonstrated scholarly fellowship



Alpha Omega
Carolinas Regional Alumni Association
2018 – 2019

“Papa” John Sharpe Scholarship Application

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 with financial resources to help defray the cost of attending regional events for an academic year 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. The first two years of the award, beginning in 2016, will be funded by pledges from alumni members.

Conditions of Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a Phi Theta Kappa member in good standing and currently enrolled at a two-year college in North Carolina or South Carolina with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the time of application.
- Part-time students, full-time students and international students are eligible to apply.
- Applicants (1) must have joined Phi Theta Kappa and (2) must be active members (as defined by their chapter’s Constitution) at the time of application.
- Applicants must be enrolled at a two-year college in North Carolina or South Carolina for the academic year 2018 – 2019, taking a minimum of six credits per semester; thus, totaling a minimum of 12 academic credits within an ongoing degree program during the scholarship period. Courses for non-credit or audit grade status do **NOT** qualify in the total credits earned and attempted.
- Applicants must have demonstrated scholarly fellowship on campus and/or in the community.

Application Procedure:

- Applicant – Complete Forms A, B, and C, and attach an **OFFICIAL** college transcript of all coursework completed within the past five years.
- Phi Theta Kappa Advisor – Complete and sign the certification in Form A.
- Letter of Recommendation – Two letters of recommendation are required (Forms D and E). The recommendation letter must address the topic indicated on the form. 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.
- Do **NOT** type or write on the Judge’s Evaluation Form (Form F).

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Application Deadline & Details:

- Completed applications must be **received in their entirety** at Carolinas Regional Alumni Advisor’s office, Ms. Pepe Zerda, no later than **8 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. Entries received thereafter will be disqualified. Candidates will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of application.
- Materials cannot be submitted by fax machine or e-mail.
- Incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible.
- All forms must be word processed or typed.
- Do **NOT** attach resumes or additional materials.

Submission Procedures:

- Submit **one** original application with the official transcript. Applications must be collated in form order and stapled in the upper left hand corner.
- Mail to:

**Ms. Pepe Zerda / Mail Code HS – M
Phi Theta Kappa – Keller Scholarship Application
Trident Technical College
P.O. Box 118067
Charleston, SC 29423 – 8067**

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
- FORM F: Judge’s Form

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Form A

Biographical Information and Certification Form

[No Point Value]

To be completed by the scholarship applicant

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 _____

Applicant Certification

To be completed by the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Advisor

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, with a font size NO SMALLER THAN 10-point for ease of readability. Attach essay to this form with staple, left corner.

An essay over the 500-word limit is subject to a point deduction.

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

Name _____
Last First M.I.

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Form C

Educational Plan

[10 points value]

Detail YOUR educational objective(s) and cite YOUR specific goals for the 2018 – 2019 academic year.

Current College Education

[5 points value]

Detail your current academic standing.

Degree Program: _____

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

One official college transcript must be attached to your original signed application.

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.

Discuss the applicant's academic performance. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the applicant's superior academic ability.

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 _____

Thank you for taking the time to provide a recommendation on behalf of this applicant.

Please return this form and the letter to the applicant. Both must be signed.

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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.

Discuss the applicant's instances of fellowship. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the applicant's scholarly fellowship.

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 nominee? _____

In what capacity? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for taking the time to provide a recommendation on behalf of this applicant.

Please return this form and the letter to the applicant. Both must be signed.

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Form F

Judge’s Form – To be completed **ONLY** by a Sharpe Scholarship Judge.

This page must be attached at the end of the application and must remain blank.

<u>Criterion</u>	<u>Points</u>
Scholarly fellowship Essay [35 points total] Writing Quality of Essay – [10 points value] Content – [25 points value]	_____
Comments:	
Educational Plan [10 points value] Comments:	_____
Current College Education [5 points value] Comments:	_____
Scholarship Recommendation Letter [25 points value] Comments:	_____
Fellowship Recommendation Letter [25 points value] Comments:	_____
Total Points	_____
Judge’s Initials	_____

For Judges’ Use Only Score _____ Rank _____