

Scholarships Officer

CHAPTER OFFICER GUIDE

CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to PDK leadership.

Our Mission

To grow and connect
leaders in education

Our Vision

The experts in cultivating
great educators for
tomorrow and ensuring
high-quality education
for today

As a PDK chapter officer, you have the power to help shape the future of education. Working together, PDK members can solve education's most pressing challenges.

This guide is intended to aid you in leading a vibrant, influential PDK chapter that will further the PDK mission and bring our collective vision to fruition. The leadership you provide is crucial to the success of your chapter and the success of PDK — success that will ultimately assure that all students have equal access to a high-quality education.

We don't want to burden you with administrative duties and paperwork requirements. Rather, we want to support you in accomplishing activities that are directly related to the PDK mission, vision, and goals. We encourage you to select activities that your leadership team finds meaningful and within your capacity to accomplish. Smaller chapters may elect to choose only one or two activities to accomplish this year, while larger chapters may have the capacity to accomplish several. Whatever you choose, we are here to lend support to your efforts.

Please visit www.pdkintl.org for additional resources during your tenure as scholarships officer.

Thank you for your leadership.

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The Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation, through the support of PDK members, chapters, and endowed gifts, offers a wide range of scholarships for prospective and practicing educators. Chapters can serve as a powerful force in promoting PDK's scholarship program. More than one million dollars has been awarded since the inception of the program. This is one of the many ways that PDK members are helping to cultivate the next generation of great educators.

Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of scholarships and awards does PDK offer?

The association offers scholarships and awards for future and beginning teachers, as well as practicing educators.

What scholarships are available for future educators?

The Prospective Educator Scholarship is available for high school seniors intending to major in education and undergraduate members of PDK who are enrolled in an teacher education program.

How does the chapter access applications for the Prospective Educator Scholarship program?

Each November chapters are mailed an application to give to eligible students with the encouragement to apply for the scholarship. You can forward copies of the application to area schools and chapter members along with instructions to give it to potential applicants or print copies that can be distributed to schools and included in the chapter newsletter.

What is the deadline for submitting Prospective Educator Scholarship applications to the local chapter?

Students must submit their application to the local chapter by February 1. The chapter selects its top two applications to forward to the international office by March 1 for review by an international selection committee.

Can students apply directly for the Prospective Educator Scholarship?

Yes. Students may access the application and eligibility requirements at

www.pdkintl.org. The deadline for applications is March 1.

When are Prospective Educator Scholarship winners announced?

The awards are announced in April. Chapters and recipients are notified, and the international office makes arrangements for scholarship funds to be transferred to the students' college and university financial aid offices.

Can our chapter provide additional scholarship awards for prospective educators?

Absolutely. Many chapters provide additional funds over the international scholarship amount or award scholarships to other deserving students. The awards are usually presented and celebrated at a chapter awards event.

Can our chapter or individual members establish an endowed scholarship fund?

Yes. Individual members and chapters can establish an endowed scholarship fund by making a contribution of as little as \$167 per month for five years. This is a great way for individual members and chapters to create an important legacy at PDK. Chapter scholarship committees may select scholarship recipients from among their local applicants. For more information about endowments with the PDK Educational Foundation, contact memberservices@pdkintl.org.

What are PDK Graduate Fellowships?

PDK's graduate fellowships support Kappans who are pursuing graduate degrees at the master's, specialist, and doctoral levels. The award amounts range from

\$500 to \$1,500 and are given annually. Every year the deadline for applications is June 1. To download an application, go to www.pdkintl.org.

What other scholarships and awards does PDK offer?

In addition to scholarships for prospective educators and members in master's programs, there are two more scholarship and grant programs that you can promote. The PDK Innovation and Impact Grants support the development, implementation, and sharing of new teaching strategies aligned with rigorous college and career standards and associated student assessments. The Gerald H. Read International Travel Scholarships help defray the cost of PDK-sponsored study trips.

How can I find out more information about all of the PDK scholarship and award programs?

Guidelines, eligibility requirements, applications, and lists of previous scholarship recipients may be found at www.pdkintl.org.

How does PDK keep chapter leaders connected to the latest information?

You will receive the monthly *Leadership Link* e-newsletter. Additionally, you can find more important resources at www.pdkintl.org under "Chapters" in the main menu.

If I have questions, to whom do I turn for assistance?

Leaders at all levels and staff at the international office are always willing to provide assistance. You may call 800-766-1156 or email memberservices@pdkintl.org with any questions. If chapter officer contact information would be helpful to you, log in to www.pdkintl.org to access "Live Member Data."