



Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society



Alpha Epsilon Tau Chapter

Piedmont Virginia Community College, 501 College Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22902

Spring 2012 Membership Application

If you qualify based on numbers 1, 2, and 3 below,
and wish to become a full member of PTK, please fill out the application below

OR

Fill out the Provisional Membership Application on Page 4 below

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the leading international honor society for two-year colleges. In addition to recognizing academic excellence, PTK encourages its members to help others and provide leadership, both at Piedmont Virginia Community College and in the greater society.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa provides access to scholarships for the students transferring to senior institutions. Members also are eligible to attend conventions, seminars and apprenticeships. If you aspire to do more than just sit in class and get good grades, we hope you will join us.

Qualifying for membership and becoming an active member immediately in Phi Theta Kappa requires that

- (1) An application be submitted
- (2) The student be in good standing in all possible ways with PVCC, and
- (3) The following requirements are met:

For those with between 12 and 30 PVCC credit hours in a curricular program:

1. Be enrolled full-time at PVCC during the semester she or he becomes a member.
2. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50.

For those with more than 30 PVCC credit hours in a curricular program:

1. Be enrolled full or part-time at PVCC during the semester she or he becomes a member.
2. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25.

Note: credits earned via the P grade may NOT be counted in either of the above cases.

There will be an official induction ceremony in May 2012. Details will be provided to accepted candidates at their initial PTK meeting.



Application Information

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Telephone: () _____

VCCS Email: _____@email.vccs.edu

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student Empl ID: _____ PVCC Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Number of credit hours completed at PVCC: _____

To complete your application, you must comply with the following:

1. Type a one page essay answering, "Why is education important to me?" Also answer in the same essay, "How do academic excellence, leadership, and community service fit together?"
2. Ask a faculty member who is aware of your academic progress to write you a letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope. Alternatively, you may ask your faculty member to email your letter of recommendation to your advisors at the emails listed below. Please allow the faculty member enough time to prepare your recommendation. *Note: PTK faculty advisors cannot write a letter of recommendation for applicants.*

My letter of recommendation is written by _____ and has been (check only one):

- enclosed in a sealed envelope with this application.
- emailed to Mr. Robinson at brobinson@pvcc.edu
- emailed to Dr. Decker at kdecker@pvcc.edu

3. Enclose the essay, the letter of recommendation, this application, and your check for \$65 dues (see #4 next) payable to Piedmont Virginia Community College (write PTK on the memo line) in an envelope marked PTK. Be sure your envelope contains all the aforementioned items. Place the envelope in Mr. Bruce Robinson's or Dr. Kit Decker's mailbox in room M214.
4. The \$65 dues include a \$55 fee for national dues, \$5 fee for regional dues, and a \$5 fee for local dues. This one-time fee will be forwarded to the respective Phi Theta Kappa officers, unless your application is not accepted. In that case, your check will be returned to you.

Application Deadline:

- Application packages must be received by Friday, February 24, 2012.

I understand that it is my responsibility, before application, to verify that my grade point average (GPA) meets the requirements stated on this application. I understand that late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For questions, please contact your chapter advisors, Bruce Robinson, brobinson@pvcc.edu, Room M817, (434) 961-5418 or Kit Decker, kdecker@pvcc.edu, Room D290, (434) 961-5373.

You should plan to be a member of PTK for at least two (2) semesters (not including summer) so that you can participate more fully in our chapter's service projects. Members are expected to volunteer for at least two (2) of these service projects. This is a recommendation—not a requirement.

Press Release Information

For press release purposes, should you be accepted to Phi Theta Kappa, please provide the following information.

Your age: _____

Name of Spouse (if applicable): _____

Parent's Name and City/State where they live (note: if one or both parents are deceased, indicate with "the late" by the appropriate name(s) OR if parents are divorced, list their names and residences separately.

Your High School _____ **Year of Graduation:** _____

Your PVCC Degree Program(s):

AAS in _____ **AA in** _____

AS in _____ **Certificate in** _____

Career Studies Certificate in _____

Current/Future Employer _____

Transfer/Education Plans _____

PHI THETA KAPPA PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Provisional Membership is being offered to PVCC students who are interested in Phi Theta Kappa, but have not attained the basic requirements set in the current application. Once that threshold has been satisfied, you are encouraged to apply for full membership if you so desire.

Please submit your completed form to one of the advisors listed above.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

PVCC Student ID: _____

Telephone number: _____

E-mail address: _____@email.vccs.edu

Academic Major: _____ Current GPA (if applicable): _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Phi Theta Kappa is committed to the elimination of discrimination based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds.