

## OHIO REGION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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- All Phi Theta Kappans in good standing are eligible for scholarships.
- All scholarship applicants must be active Phi Theta Kappa members who are enrolled as a student in a recognized two-year college program within the Ohio Region.
- Applicants shall be disqualified if eligibility requirements are not met.
- All scholarship winners will be disclosed at the Ohio Region Awards Convention.
- Applications submitted late, incomplete, or incorrect as per the guidelines for the specific scholarship will not be accepted.
- Students may enter multiple categories. However, the student must meet the requirements stated for the specific scholarship.
- Read and follow the criteria for each scholarship carefully. Applicants who do not meet the entry criteria for the scholarship category will be disqualified.
- Students may NOT enter scholarship categories for which they have previously won. However, they may re-enter scholarship categories for which they have not previously won.
- Scholarship essays must be submitted with a completed Ohio Region Scholarship Application Form.
- All essays must be the original work of the author. Any quotes must be referenced.
- Verification must be met for each regional scholarship- which can be found on the application form.
- The applicants should attend the Ohio Regional Convention to receive the scholarship(s) to be awarded.

Essays will be disqualified if the following criteria are not met:

- Typed in 12-point Times New Roman font with 1" margins
- Original work of author
- Member in good standing verified by chapter advisor
- Must be received by 6pm EST of the first Friday in February in the year of application
- Application form must be completed and attached
- Submitted in PDF format
- All submissions (application and essays) MUST be submitted as separate documents!

Up to 30 points will be awarded for the following criteria:

- Grammar and Spelling
- Format includes an Introduction, Body, and Conclusion
- Appropriate citations and references

Up to 70 points will be awarded for the content of essay:

- Addresses the prompt and topic of the scholarship
- Ideals and Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa are reflected within the essay
- Use of specific examples
- Quality of essay content

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_ /100

## ESSAY FORMAT EXAMPLE BELOW

Scholarship name: Buckeye Scholarship

Essay Question: "How has your Phi Theta Kappa experience enhanced your community involvement?"

Essay Name or Title: "– Empowering Communities through Phi Theta Kappa: My Journey of Impact"

Author: By Jane Doe

Chapter Name: Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter

College Name: Horse Blanket College

(Begin Typed Essay)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

### **Buckeye Scholarship**

#### **Brought to you by the Alpha of Ohio Alumni Association**

This scholarship recognizes outstanding members involved in community involvement. One \$500.00 scholarship shall be awarded each year to help the recipient continue his/her collegiate studies. The following essay requires 500 to 750 words and be submitted in PDF format.

- Applicant's essay to respond to the following prompt:

*"How has your Phi Theta Kappa experience enhanced your community involvement?"*

### **John C. Kesler Scholarship**

#### **Brought to you by the Alpha of Ohio Alumni Association**

This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. John C. Kesler, the second Ohio Regional Coordinator, to provide one member of the Ohio Region the opportunity to attend the annual International Phi Theta Kappa Convention. The scholarship provides for one Early Bird registration fee and additional expenses totaling \$750.00. Applicants must have the intention of attending the International Convention when applying for this scholarship. The following essay requires 500 to 750 words and be submitted in PDF format.

- Applicant's essay to respond to the following prompt:

*"The essay can describe a person or event that has inspired you or someone else, and the impact that experience has had on your life **OR** What does leadership mean to you? In your mind, who is an effective leader? What embodies effective leadership?"*

### **Dorothy C. Lanier Scholarship for Ohio Region**

#### **Established by Willie Lanier for one annual Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Dorothy C. Lanier, aunt of Willie Lanier of Richmond, Virginia, to honor the inspiration, dedication, and love provided by his aunt not only him but to students pursuing their educational and personal dreams. Mr. Lanier is a 1986 Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee and former linebacker for the Kansas City Chiefs. The scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. The following essay requires 750 to 1,000 words and be submitted in PDF format.

- Applicant's essay to respond to the following prompt:

*'The quote by Martin Luther King, Jr., reflects Willie Lanier's personal philosophy of success: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Taking into consideration contemporary challenges and controversies, please write about a challenge or controversy for which you are or hope to be as a leader, and what you have already learned about leadership as a Phi Theta Kappan that will make you a more effective leader.'*

### **Cindy L. Carbone Scholarship**

**Established in 2015 (previously the “Leaders of Promise” Ohio Region Scholarship)  
Brought to you by the Alpha of Ohio Alumni Association**

This scholarship was established in honor of Cindy L. Carbone, the third Ohio Region Coordinator, by Alpha of Ohio Alumni Association and modeled after Headquarters Leaders of Promise Scholarship. It recognizes outstanding members who have shown leadership within Phi Theta Kappa. One \$500.00 scholarship shall be awarded each year to a first-year student to help the recipient continue their community college studies. Applicant must presently have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of application. Applicant must have completed 36 semester/54 quarter hours or less of college-level coursework by February 1st of the same year in which the scholarship is awarded at the Ohio Region Awards Convention. The following essay requires 500 to 750 words and be submitted in PDF format.

**Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from an advisor, faculty member, or administrator attesting to their scholarship and leadership.**

**An unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application to verify earned institutional credit hours and GPA.**

- Applicant's essay shall respond to the following prompt:

*"How has your Phi Theta Kappa experience enhanced your leadership skills and impacted your personal development? Discuss one Phi Theta Kappa event in which you played a significant role. If selected, what are your plans for this scholarship?"*

### **Magdalene H. Sigmund Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by David J. Sigmund in honor of his mother who was valedictorian of her high school class, but unfortunately, was not afforded the opportunity to attend college. She never stopped studying in her lifetime and had a passion for history. One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded each year to help a recipient continue their community college studies. Applicant must presently have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of application. The following essay requires 500 to 750 words and be submitted in PDF format.

**An unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application to verify earned institutional GPA.**

- Applicant's essay to respond to the following prompt:

*Choose an historical figure, past or present. "Describe the individual's most significant attributes and how do they relate to the ideas and ideals of Phi Theta Kappa."*

## **Nina and Steven Wiley Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Nina and Steven Wiley. It recognizes outstanding members who can demonstrate critical thinking skills by challenging the status quo. One \$750.00 scholarship will be awarded each year to help a recipient continue their community college studies. Applicant must presently have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of application. Applicant must have completed between 15 semester/22 quarter hours and 30 semester/45 quarter hours of college-level coursework by February 1st of the same year in which the scholarship is awarded at the Ohio Region Awards Convention. The following essay requires 500 to 750 words and be submitted in PDF format.

**An unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application to verify earned institutional credit hours and GPA.**

- ▶ Applicant's essay shall respond to the following prompt:

*Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?*

## **Cherie L. Barth Commit to Complete Scholarship**

### **Brought to you by Ohio Phi Theta Kappa Specialty License Plate Funds**

This scholarship is named in honor of Cherie L. Barth, former advisor of the Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter, whose leadership was instrumental in the establishment of the Ohio Phi Theta Kappa specialty license plate. Proceeds from the sale of the license plate fund the scholarship. It recognizes outstanding Phi Theta Kappa members dedicated to scholarly studies. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded each year for the purpose of assisting the recipient to complete their collegiate studies to attain a first degree or certificate. Applicant must presently have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of application. Applicant must be within 25 semester/37 quarter hours of graduating. The following essay requires 750 to 1,000 words and be submitted in PDF format.

**Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from an advisor, faculty member, or administrator attesting to their scholarship and leadership.**

**An unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application to verify earned institutional credit hours and GPA.**

- ▶ Applicant's essay to respond to the following prompt:

*“Why is it important for students to complete a degree/certificate?” “Discuss one Phi Theta Kappa event in which you played a significant role.”*