

Foundation Representative

As the foundation representative you are the chapter spokesperson for the PDK Educational Foundation. Thanks to chapter fundraising efforts, the foundation has served to enhance education through its activities and programs since 1978. Your role is to be the foundation's head cheerleader and fundraising coordinator for your chapter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the Educational Foundation do?

The Educational Foundation supports the mission, vision, and goals of the association. It cultivates and supports the next generation of educators by providing scholarships and developing Future Educators Association (FEA) chapters. The foundation also shares and distributes knowledge and research by publishing outstanding electronic publications for members. Finally, the foundation recognizes and celebrates the contributions of members by creating endowed scholarship opportunities and an annual recognition program for chapters.

How can our chapter support the Educational Foundation?

By promoting its programs and activities in the chapter newsletter, providing information at chapter events, showcasing recipients of scholarship awards at chapter events and in the local news, and encouraging members to participate in the annual fund campaign. Consider contacting members personally to donate gifts to the annual fund campaign by using print pieces or e-mails. Member addresses and e-mails may be accessed by logging in the PDK website and clicking on "live member data."

When does the annual fund campaign occur?

The campaign begins July 1 and concludes June 30. Members receive an annual fund letter each fall, but you can use the ideas above to encourage members to increase their contributions.

How does the annual fund recognition program for chapters work?

Chapters receive awards for their contribution to the Educational Foundation based on the percentage of chapter members who contribute \$10 or more or a lump sum donation by the chapter. Awards range from \$500 to \$1,000. To learn more about the annual fund campaign and the chapter recognition program visit www.pdkintl.org/chapters/anfund.htm.

How can the chapter use the award funds?

The chapter may use the award funds in one of three ways: 1) to sponsor a FEA chapter or provide financial assistance to students from an existing chapter to attend the National FEA Conference, 2) to award a scholarship to a prospective educator, or 3) to sponsor a professional development conference or workshop.

When are the awards announced? Is there a deadline by which the awards must be used?

The awards are announced October 1 and must be used by December 31 of the following year.

How can individual members and chapters start an endowed scholarship fund?

Individual members and chapters can establish an endowed scholarship fund by making a contribution of \$167.00 per month for five years. The first 10 new scholarship endowments created each fiscal year will be eligible to receive a \$2,000 transfer from the Educational Foundation



at the end of five years. This is a great way for individual members and chapters to leave a legacy.

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

You will receive the monthly *Leadership Link* and *Foundation Link* e-newsletters, and you should check the website regularly.

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

Leaders at all levels and staff at the international office are always willing to provide assistance. A directory is available on the PDK website and a chapter officer list may be accessed by logging in to the website and clicking on "live member data."