

# Scholarships

The Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation, through the support of PDK International members, chapters, and a growing number of endowed gifts, offers a wide range of scholarships for prospective and practicing educators. Under your guidance, the chapter can serve as a powerful force in promoting the association's scholarship program. More than one million dollars has been awarded to future educators and education graduate students since the inception of the program.

## 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 at the master's and doctoral levels.

### 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 education program.

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

Each November chapters are e-mailed an application in pdf format to give to eligible students with the encouragement to apply for the scholarship. You can forward the pdf file 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 online for the Prospective Educator Scholarship?

Yes. In addition to chapters getting applications into the hands of members and area schools, students may access the application at [www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros\\_edsh.htm](http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros_edsh.htm). The deadline for online applications is February 1.

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### 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 chapter members establish an endowed scholarship fund?

Yes. 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.

### What is the Graduate Fellowship and Doctoral Dissertation Award Program?

These awards are designated for members who are pursuing master's and doctorate degrees in education. Award amounts for master's student fellowships are between \$700 and \$1,500. A cash amount of \$5,000, and an opportunity to be published in the *Kappan*, is awarded to the



author of the year's most outstanding doctoral dissertation as judged by a review committee. The deadline for fellowship applications is June 1; doctoral dissertation applications, September 1.

### What other scholarships and awards does PDK offer?

In addition to scholarships for prospective educators and members in master's and doctoral programs, there are two more scholarship programs that you can promote. The Henkin scholarship provides at least \$1,000 to members new to the profession to attend the annual PDK Summit, and Gerald H. Read travel scholarships provide \$500 to members to offset the cost of participating in a PDK-sponsored travel program.

### 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/edfnd/schlsph.htm](http://www.pdkintl.org/edfnd/schlsph.htm).

### 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."