

PHI THETA KAPPA



2010 All-USA Community College Academic Team

The All-USA Community College Academic Team program annually recognizes three, 20-member "Teams" of outstanding two-year college students, offering stipends of \$2,500 each to the top 20 students. All receive extensive national recognition through coverage in USA TODAY. In addition to being considered for the state and national recognition and award, JSRCC nominees will receive a stipend for being selected to represent our student body. **You do not need to be a member of Phi Theta Kappa to apply.**

Specific eligibility requirements

- Must be enrolled at a community college through December 2009.
- **Must have a cumulative college-level GPA of 3.5 for all coursework completed in the last five years, regardless of institutions attended.** If you have attended more than one school, all transcripts will be recalculated to determine the cumulative GPA for all college-level coursework taken.
- Have a minimum of 36 semester college-level credits completed at or transferred to JSRCC by December 31, 2009. Must have a minimum of 30 college level credits completed in the last 5 years.
- Plans to have at least 48 semester credits by August 31, 2010
- Must not have been nominated previously for the All-USA Community College Academic Team.
- Must have a community college record free of suspension, probation, and serious disciplinary action. Must be free of any criminal cases, including driving infractions.

***For additional information on how to apply,
contact the Scholarship Office
Phone: (804) 523-5181
E-mail: eoconnor@reynolds.edu***

**BIOGRAPHICAL
FORM**
Form B

To be completed by
the nominee

1. Personal Information

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

Are you a Phi Theta Kappa Member? Yes No Phi Theta Kappa Member Number: _____

(Membership is NOT required to apply unless you are outside of the U.S. Your member ID# can be found on your membership card. If you do not have your membership card, please contact Key Services at 800.946.9995.)

Nominating Institution: _____ Campus: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Permanent Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: (__) _____ Cell Phone: (__) _____ Email: _____
(One that will follow you when you move)

Course of Study: _____ Highest Degree Objective: _____

Current degree expected (check one) AA AS AAS BA BS Date Expected: ____/____
MO / YR

If you are expecting an Associate Degree, do you intend to transfer? Yes No
(Transferring to a college or university is NOT required for consideration.)

Career Goal: _____

College-Level Credits: Earned: _____ Quarter Hours Semester Hours
Currently Carried: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ (4.0 scale)

(Include all college-level coursework in the past 5 years, fall 2004-present, even if at multiple institutions. GPA is evaluated at the point of application.)

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? _____

Gender (optional): ____ M ____ F

Race (optional):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Citizenship Status (required):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Permanent Resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban-Haitian Entrant | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. National |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asylee | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian Parolee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee | <input type="checkbox"/> International Student with "F" Visa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Resident (legalization program) | <input type="checkbox"/> International Student with "M" Visa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ | |

Use additional pages to complete the following sections. Put each answer on a separate sheet of paper. Number each part and include your name, school and email address at the top of each page. Double space your answers, use type no smaller than 10-point, pay attention to length limits and please use complete names rather than acronyms. Do not include any information that you would not want released publicly. Contents are subject to rigorous fact-checking.

2. TRANSCRIPTS (with optional addendum)

When you submit your application materials, please include official transcripts from ALL colleges you have attended in the past five years (fall 2004-present), even if you are no longer attending. The transcript for your current institution may be an official or unofficial transcript. In addition, you must send separately, for arrival by February 1, 2010, a final official transcript reflecting fall semester 2009 grades and credits, and they must show that you have completed 36 semester (or 48 quarter) college-level credits by December 31, 2009. Transcripts are used to verify your GPA and your GPA is reviewed at the point of application. If your transcript shows remedial or developmental courses (e.g. Pre-Algebra or Basic Writing, usually characterized as being below 100 level coursework), those courses and grades will be removed to determine your cumulative GPA and total number of completed credits. If you would like to explain special circumstances that have affected the transcript (withdrawals or a drop in grades, for example), an addendum of no more than half a typed page will be accepted. Judges will deduct points for a large number of withdrawals or a drop in grades without adequate explanation.

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (each answer may not exceed one half typed page).

A) If applicable, describe paid positions, with dates and estimated time spent, as well as family or other non-volunteer obligations you have, while attending community college (do not include activities listed in other sections of this application).

B) Why did you choose to attend a community college?

Form B

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the nominee

**Please assemble the
application in the
following order:**

- 1) **Form A**
(Institutional nomination/
eligibility form)
- 2) **Form B**
(Student's signed
biographical form)
- 3) Transcript, with optional
addendum
- 4) Discussion question A
- 5) Discussion question B
- 6) Campus involvement
- 7) Community involvement
- 8) Letter of Recommendation 1
(Leadership letter)
- 9) Student essay
- 10) Letter of Recommendation 2
(Endeavor letter)

**This application must be
received on or before
December 1, 2009, at**

**Phi Theta Kappa
Scholarship Programs
Department
1625 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211**

4. CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT (may not exceed one typed page).

Using numbers or bullets rather than paragraph form, list NO MORE THAN THREE community college organizations in which you have participated. Feel free to include any honors or awards received related to your involvement. Be certain to include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week), plus specific activities or duties performed and scope or impact of your work. Do not include activities listed in the previous sections. Judges will consider ONLY the first page.

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (may not exceed one typed page).

Using numbers or bullets rather than paragraph form, list NO MORE THAN THREE community activities in which you have participated since you have been enrolled in community college. Feel free to include any honors or awards received related to your activities. Be certain to include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week), plus specific activities or duties performed and scope or impact of your work. Do not include activities listed in the previous sections. Judges will consider ONLY the first page.

6. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #1 (Leadership letter).

Letters of recommendation give judges an expanded picture of the nominee's academic and leadership accomplishments and civic involvement. This letter must be from a current community college faculty member, administrator or dean and should give specific examples of how the student has demonstrated leadership abilities, service involvement, and impact outside the classroom. This letter must not exceed two pages typed and double-spaced, must be typed on letterhead in type no smaller than 10 point, and signed. Your letter must be clearly identified as letter of recommendation #1 at the bottom of the letter.

Current Community College: (check one) Faculty Member Administrator Dean
Name: _____ Known: _____ mo/yrs
Title: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

7. ESSAY QUESTION (may not exceed two pages, typed and double-spaced).

Describe your most significant endeavor since attending community college in which you applied your academic or intellectual skills from your community college education to benefit your school, community or society. The essay topic can focus on such issues as community/service, research, the arts, journalism, public affairs, etc. Judges will consider originality, initiative, degree of difficulty, results and benefit to society. ONLY two double-spaced typed pages will be considered. Please limit your answer to ONE specific endeavor.

8. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #2 (Endeavor letter)

The second letter of recommendation should be from a mentor or supervisor who was directly involved in the endeavor that the nominee writes about in the essay. This letter should focus on the merits and impact of the endeavor discussed in the nominee's essay. If the endeavor discussed in the essay is a group project, the mentor should discuss the role the student played in the project and its success. This letter must not exceed two pages typed and double-spaced, must be typed on letterhead in type no smaller than 10 point, and signed. Your letter must be clearly identified as letter of recommendation #2 at the bottom of the letter.

Mentor From: (check one) Campus Community Professional
Name: _____ Known: _____ mo/yrs
Title: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

9. WAIVER AND SIGNATURE(S)

I agree to allow myself to be placed in nomination for the 2010 All-USA Community College Academic Team and the Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this nomination are subject to verification. I acknowledge that if any of the contents of this form are untrue or if I engage in activities inconsistent with being held up nationally as an outstanding student, I could be disqualified even after notification. I understand that should I be named to the national team, anything submitted as part of this nomination form could become available to the public (excluding social security numbers).

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

(Optional) I authorize Phi Theta Kappa to release my nomination information to four-year colleges and universities interested in providing scholarships to All-USA Community College Academic Team and/or Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team nominees.

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)