## PHI THETA KAPPA

## **Honor Society**

The All-USA Academic Team seeks to honor outstanding students from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines to hold up as representatives of all outstanding students enrolled in associate degree/certificate programs. Because each school is limited to nominating a total of four students per campus (2 transferring to a bachelor's program and 2 entering the workforce immediately upon associate degree/certificate completion), the work students put into their application will determine how competitive they will be in the national competition. Weaving their story in a coherent fashion is critical in letting nominators and judges know who the student is, what they are doing, and why they feel qualified to receive this recognition.

All-USA Academic Team nominees may also be considered for the Coca-Cola Academic Team, New Century Pathway Scholarship programs, and All-State Academic Teams where applicable. To be considered for these scholarships, students must have a completed application on file and be nominated by the designated nominator on their college's campus.

The online application is currently open for access by both students and nominators. Student access will close at 5:00 pm (Central Time) on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Nominators will have until Friday, December 4, 2020, at 5:00 pm (Central Time) to submit their nominations. Student applications and nominations must be submitted online; incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination.

## **Eligibility – Students MUST:**

- Be enrolled through December 2020 in a minimum of six (6) semester credit hours [or nine (9) quarter credit hours] of associate degree, college-level coursework at the time of application.
- Hold a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 4.0 on all college-level coursework completed in the past five years.
  - Include all transcripts, fall 2015 present.
  - GPA is evaluated at the time of application, and no courses can be marked as incomplete. Student must maintain a 3.50 or higher GPA through the fall 2020 semester to remain eligible.
- Be on track to earn an associate or a bachelor's degree (or the equivalent of a U.S. associate or bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 36 semester (or 54 quarter) <u>college-level credit hours</u> completed at or transferred into an associate degree or certificate program by Thursday, December 31, 2020, and 48 semester (or 72 quarter) college-level credit hours by Monday, August 31, 2020.
  - o To be considered for the **Coca-Cola Academic Team**, the student must be enrolled at least parttime at a college for the fall 2021 semester. Proof of enrollment will be requested.
  - To be considered for the New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship, the student must be enrolled at least part-time at a college for the fall 2021 semester. Proof of enrollment will be requested.

- o To be considered for the **New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship**, the student should be entering the workforce prior to fall 2021 after completing a certificate or associate degree.
- Not have previously been nominated for the All-USA Academic Team or the Coca-Cola Academic Team.
- Hold permanent or temporary residency in the country of the college the student is attending or
  possess a visa considered appropriate by the college. Please see the help article or application for
  acceptable documents verifying proof of citizenship.
  - Students who attend a college in the United States do not need to be a member of Phi Theta Kappa.
  - Students attending colleges outside of the United States need to be members of Phi Theta Kappa and may only apply for the New Century Pathway Scholarship programs.
- Have a college record free of suspension, probation or other serious disciplinary action.
- Not have a criminal record, or if a convicted felon, must have all conditions of sentencing, including parole/probation, completed.

Workforce Pathway applicants should be on track to earn an associate degree, career or technical certificate prior to fall 2021.

Workforce Pathway applicants must have a minimum of 6 semester (or 9 quarter) college-level credits of associate degree coursework completed by Thursday, December 31, 2020, with an established GPA at the time of application.

Having a criminal record does not disqualify applicants; however, they will not be considered for Coca-Cola-related scholarships.

## **Link to Scholarship**

https://www.ptk.org/scholarships/i-am-transferring/ptk-competitive-scholarships/

Questions?

Contact: scholarships@ptk.org