THE GEICO PATHWAY TO COMPLETION
MASTER’S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

The GEICO Pathway to Completion Master’s Degree Scholarship Application and required items must be completed and submitted via the online form by Friday, October 25, 2019, at 5:00 pm CST. Late applications will not be accepted. Paper applications will not be accepted. Applicants selected as GEICO Pathway to Completion Master’s Degree Scholars will be notified via email immediately after the judging process is complete in early 2020. Scholarship funds will be disbursed in Spring 2020.

Eligibility Criteria & Conditions:

Eligibility Criteria:

- Phi Theta Kappa alumni, having left your chapter in good standing.
- Graduate of a regionally accredited senior institution with a bachelor’s degree.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher from your bachelor’s degree program.
- Currently enrolled full-time in your first master’s degree program at a regionally-accredited university with the intention of continuing full-time enrollment through Spring 2020. Students enrolled in a professional program, substituting for a master’s degree, are eligible to apply. (i.e.: Law and Medical Programs)

Conditions:

- Preference will be given to Phi Theta Kappa members who served as chapter, regional or international officers.
- You are ineligible to apply if you hold a previous master’s degree.

Contact Information:

Email: scholarshipprograms@ptk.org
DEMOGRAPHICS

First & Last Name: ___________________________________________ PTK Member ID #: ____________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ______________________ Zip: ______________________

Cell Phone: (____) ________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Are you the first member in your immediate family to enroll in college? □ YES □ NO

For survey/statistical purposes ONLY (not viewed by judges), what is your household/family income? (Circle One)

Under $15,000 $35,000-$49,999 $100,000-$149,999

$15,000-$24,999 $50,000-$74,999 $150,000-$199,999

$25,000-$34,999 $75,000-$99,999 $200,000 or more

Gender: □ MALE □ FEMALE □ PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

Race: (Circle One)

American Indian or Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Asian White
Black or African American Two or More Races
Hispanic or Latino Other

Citizenship: (Circle One)

US Citizen US Permanent Resident
US National Temporary Resident
Asylee Cuban-Haitian Entrant
Humanitarian Parolee Refugee

International Student attending college in the U.S.

Is this the first time you have applied for the GEICO Pathway to Completion Master’s Degree Scholarship?

□ YES □ NO
EDUCATION

Master’s Degree Information:

College currently enrolled: ____________________________________________

Degree currently seeking: ____________________________________________

Current Major in your master’s program: ______________________________

Number of master’s credits you have completed: _________________________

Semester or Quarter hours: ☐ Semester ☐ Quarter

Number of credits remaining to complete your master’s degree: ____________

Number of credits hours anticipated for full-time enrollment in Fall 2019: ____________

Number of credit hours anticipated for full-time enrollment in Spring 2020: ____________

Expected master’s degree graduation date: ______________________________

Bachelor’s Degree Information:

College where bachelor’s degree was received: _________________________

Cumulative GPA at the completion of bachelor’s degree program: ____________

Bachelor’s degree program/major: _________________________________

Date your bachelor’s degree was received: ____________________________

Associate Degree Information:

College attended: _________________________________________________

Cumulative GPA at completion of associate degree program (or time of transfer): ________________

Associate degree(s) awarded: _______________________________________

Years you attended college: _______________________________________
AWARDS
List three (3) academic honors/awards/scholarships and a short description of each award.

1. Award: ________________________________________________________________
   Short Description: ______________________________________________________

2. Award: ________________________________________________________________
   Short Description: ______________________________________________________

3. Award: ________________________________________________________________
   Short Description: ______________________________________________________

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
List three (3) leadership positions (i.e., Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Regional or International Officer position(s), other campus or community leadership positions), a brief summary, and length of service for each position.

1. Position & Summary: _____________________________ Length of Service: ____________

2. Position & Summary: _____________________________ Length of Service: ____________

3. Position & Summary: _____________________________ Length of Service: ____________

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE
List three (3) community/campus activities during your associate and/or bachelor’s degree studies, hours served per week, and a short description of each activity.

1. Activity: _____________________________ Hours per week: ____________
   Short description: ______________________________________________________

2. Activity: _____________________________ Hours per week: ____________
   Short description: ______________________________________________________

3. Activity: _____________________________ Hours per week: ____________
   Short description: ______________________________________________________

CAREER GOALS
What are your professional aspirations, and how will earning a master’s degree help you achieve these goals? (250 word max)

ESSAY
Cite specific examples in describing how your leadership skills have progressively evolved throughout your educational journey from the associate to the master’s degree level. Describe your most significant Phi Theta Kappa activity and the impact or legacy your involvement left with your college or community. (500 word max)
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Upload a letter of recommendation from an academic reference to the online application. This individual should know you well and should comment on your academic abilities, your leadership experience, your commitment to your education and making an impact in your community. The academic reference can be either a current or former faculty or staff member from your college. (500 word max)

Recommender contact information for verification:

Full Name: ____________________________________________

Title: ______________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________

MASTER’S PROGRAM UPLOADS

1. **MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE LETTER** - Upload a copy of your master’s degree program acceptance letter.

2. **TRANSCRIPT(S)** – Upload a copy of your unofficial transcript supporting your master’s degree program. Master’s degree transcripts must show full time proof of enrollment. If a transcript showing enrollment in your first semester of your master’s degree program is not available, provide proof of enrollment from your college registrar’s office.

WAIVER

I agree to allow myself to be placed in the GEICO Pathway to Completion Master’s Degree Scholarship competition. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification, and 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 as a scholar, anything submitted as part of this application form could become available to the public. If selected as a scholar, I understand my name and application contents may be shared with GEICO as the funding sponsor. I understand as a scholarship recipient, any funds received should be used for qualified educational expenses. I further understand that according to federal tax laws, the scholarship(s) will be taxed as ordinary income if used for purposes other than qualified educational expenses. (Information can be found at [http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf).)

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______________________

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