The Dreams over Disaster Scholarship recognizes high achieving Phi Theta Kappa members attending two-year colleges who have been financially impacted by a FEMA declared natural disaster to their home residence. This program is sponsored by Wilmington College of Ohio, Follett Higher Education Group and Sodexo and will award two students with full-tuition, fees, room & board, and free textbook rental scholarships for four consecutive semesters to attend Wilmington College of Ohio. This scholarship is renewable for up to four consecutive semesters, contingent upon the recipient maintaining a cumulative 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment at Wilmington College. Recipients will be provided with community service or work-study or work grant opportunities at Wilmington College.

The application and required items must be emailed or mailed and postmarked by April 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm CST. Late applications will not be accepted. Your completed application and required items must be submitted to the address below. Applicants selected as semifinalists will be required to submit additional documentation as outlined below. Dreams over Disaster Scholars will be notified via email and letter immediately after the judging process is complete. Scholarships will be disbursed beginning Fall 2017.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Phi Theta Kappa membership is required.
- Enrollment in a public or private regionally accredited two-year college in an associates degree program.
- Must graduate with an Associates in Arts or Associates in Science Degree before transferring in Fall 2017.
- Currently enrolled full-time in an associates degree program with the intention of transferring to Wilmington College with full-time enrollment in Fall 2017.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher. Developmental or remedial coursework should be removed from the GPA calculation.
- US Citizens & International students are eligible. International students must have valid I-20 documentation.
- Must live or have lived in a zip code included in an area recognized as a FEMA national disaster area during the last calendar year, be eligible for individual assistance and provide proof of FEMA documentation.
- Must be pursuing your first associates degree and must not hold any previous degree.

Semifinalist Requirements:

- Complete and submit an application for admission to Wilmington College for Fall 2017 enrollment.
- Submit official transcripts to Wilmington College from all colleges attended prior to transferring.
- Complete a required FAFSA (not applicable to international students).
- International students will be required to submit a copy of your I-20 documentation.
- Proof of transportation to and from your residence to Wilmington College.

Mailing Address: Phi Theta Kappa | 1625 Eastover Drive | Jackson, MS 39211
Contact Information: 601.987.5741 | scholarship.programs@ptk.org
DEMOGRAPHICS

Full Name: ___________________________________________ PTK Member # ______________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ______________________________

Cell Phone: (_____) __________________________ Secondary 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

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
EDUCATION

Current Two-Year College Information:

College & Campus currently enrolled? ____________________________________________

Degree currently seeking? ______________________________________________________

Current Major in associates degree program: ______________________________________

Number of credits you have completed: __________________________________________

Semester or Quarter hours? ☐ Semester ☐ Quarter

Number of credits remaining to complete your associates degree: ______________________

Number of credit hours enrolled during the Spring 2017 semester/quarter? ______________

Expected associate’s degree graduation date: ________________________________________

Number of credit hours anticipated for full-time enrollment in Fall 2017? __________________

Previous College or Degree Information (if not applicable, enter NA in the questions below):

Name of college(s) previously attended: ____________________________________________

Do you have a previously earned degree? If yes, from what college? ______________________

Dates you attended a previous college: _____________________________________________

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Entry test taken for graduate school admission: (Circle One):

ACT ☐ SAT ☐ OTHER ☐ NOT APPLICABLE

Test Score(s) received on above test(s): ________________________________

Did you participate in an honors program while enrolled at your two-year college? YES ☐ NO ☐

AWARDS

List up to three (3) academic honors/awards/scholarships, date received, and a short description of the award. Do not duplicate activities across sections. If more space is needed, attach responses on additional pages.

1. Award: __________________________________________ Date: ______________________
   Short Description: ____________________________________________________________

2. Award: __________________________________________ Date: ______________________
   Short Description: ____________________________________________________________
3. Award: ____________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________________
Short Description: ____________________________________________________________________

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

List up to three (3) leadership positions (i.e., Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Regional or International Officer position(s), other campus or community leadership positions). Do not duplicate activities across sections. If more space is needed, attach responses on additional pages.

1. Position & Summary: __________________________________________________________________ Date/Term of Service ________________
2. Position & Summary: __________________________________________________________________ Date/Term of Service ________________
3. Position & Summary: __________________________________________________________________ Date/Term of Service ________________

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

List three (3) community/campus activities and service during your associate degree studies, date, hours per week and a short description. Do not duplicate activities across sections. If more space is needed, attach responses on additional pages.

1. Activity: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________ Hrs. per week __________
Short description: ____________________________________________________________________

2. Activity: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________ Hrs. per week __________
Short description: ____________________________________________________________________

3. Activity: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________ Hrs. per week __________
Short description: ____________________________________________________________________

ESSAY
Discuss insights you have gained as a result of your experience with a natural disaster. Cite specific examples of how these insights have impacted your understanding of yourself and/or your community? How will you incorporate these insights into your education and future career aspirations? Attach on additional pages (1,000 word max).

TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach two letters of recommendation from an academic & leadership reference to this application. These individuals 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 two-year college that cites specific examples of how you have demonstrated academic progress and excellence. Your leadership reference can be either from a current or former mentor or supervisor in your community that can speak to how the disaster has impacted your life. Letters must be submitted with your application (500 words max each).
Recommenders contact information for verification:

**Academic Reference**

Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Title: ___________________________ Phone: _________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________

**Leadership Reference**

Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Title: ___________________________ Phone: _________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________

**ATTACHMENTS**

To determine eligibility, all five (5) items must be attached to this application.

1. International students must provide a copy of your I-20 documentation. US Citizens are not required to provide proof of citizenship documentation.

2. **FEMA DISASTER LETTER** - Attach a copy of your FEMA individual assistance documentation, providing proof of FEMA assistance to your residence/geographic location.

3. **TRANSCRIPT(S)** – Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript. Transcript(s) must reflect all coursework taken at your two-year college in support of your associate degree, reflecting a minimum cumulative 3.50 GPA or higher.

4. **WRITTEN COMPONENTS** – Provide additional pages for your essay, awards, leadership and activities/service sections as needed.

5. **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

**WAIVER**

I agree to allow myself to be placed in the Dreams over Disaster 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 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 Wilmington, Follett or Sodexo as the funding sponsors. I understand as a scholarship recipient any funds received should be used for qualified educational expenses.

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________