

## Membership Eligibility Requirements

Please read carefully;

In order to be **eligible** for membership of the Omega Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, you must:

- Have a 3.5 or higher GPA (an advisor will verify your GPA)
- Completed at least 12 college credit hours (not including developmental classes)
- Be enrolled as a student at HCCS during the next spring or fall induction period (part-time or full-time)
- International students are welcome to become members. They must meet the requirements above and possess all rights of citizenship in their native land.

The New Member Application package consists of the following seven (7) items:

1. Membership Eligibility Requirements (this page)
2. Phi Theta Kappa Membership application
3. Omega Sigma Chapter Application
4. Omega Sigma Member Information
5. Faculty Recommendation Form
6. Copy of your Houston Community College Transcript (official or unofficial)
7. Membership Due Payment in the amount of \$75, made payable to HCCS - Phi Theta Kappa (we will accept Cash, Check, or Money Order)

If you have met all of the membership eligibility requirements, to become a member you must mail or hand deliver all seven (7) items listed above to:

**Dr. Gisela Ables, 1550 Foxlake Drive, Suite 112 F, Houston, Texas 77084**

**Please DO NOT MAIL CERTIFIED.**

**Please DO NOT MAIL CASH.**

### **APPLICATION DUE DATES:**

All seven (7) items of your New Member Application package **MUST be received at least 1 week prior to the induction ceremony, if you wish to participate in the formal induction ceremony.** However, those who choose to, may turn in their paperwork **no later than one month after the induction ceremony** and be inducted at a general meeting by the chapter president (induction/meeting times and locations can be found on our website).

Please note that once your paperwork is turned in, your check will be cashed immediately, your information will be verified, we will submit your information to the Phi Theta Kappa headquarters, your name is placed on the rolls, and then you are a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Omega Sigma chapter; you simply need to take the Phi Theta Kappa oath (at the formal induction ceremony or at a chapter meeting).

### **MEMBERSHIP DUE PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

Your one time payment of \$75 for membership dues will cover: International fees (\$45.00), Regional fees (\$10.00), and chapter fees (\$20.00). Your check or money order should be made out to HCCS - Phi Theta Kappa. We do accept cash, but you will need to turn cash in directly to an advisor or officer. Please **DO NOT MAIL CASH!**

### **OTHER APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Once you become a member, you are a member for life, unless your GPA at HCC falls below a 3.0. When you transfer or leave school, you become an alumni member of this chapter. Many universities also have alumni chapters, which you can join. If you move to another 2-year college, you can transfer your membership to that chapter, if they have one.

### **STANDARD vs. ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP (Optional):**

Phi Theta Kappa is a wonderful organization and to become a **standard member** all you have to do is join. If you choose, you are then eligible for scholarships and to wear the Phi Theta Kappa stole, tassel and honors cords at graduation, which can be purchased at [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org).

Omega Sigma has created the *Enhanced Membership Program* to help enrich your membership experience. We encourage you to become an **enhanced member** and become more involved in the organization. Enhanced members will receive recognition for their chosen level of involvement based on our points system, as outlined in our Program. Other benefits to being an involved member include the chance to meet hundreds of people who share your interests, opportunities for travel to our Regional and International Conventions, and a life long appreciation for scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. Best of all, it's just FUN! More information can be found on our website.

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**I have read all of the above information and, to the best of knowledge, I believe to be eligible for membership into Phi Theta Kappa and Omega Sigma:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_