

# PHI BETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR 2020-21



## PURPOSE AND AMOUNT

In keeping with the goals of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, scholarships from WSU's Gamma Chapter are intended to "recognize and foster excellence in liberal learning at the undergraduate level." The scholarship covers full resident/in-state tuition and mandatory fees for academic year 2020-21.

## ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- Must have senior class standing for the 2020-21 academic year; and
- Must have certified a major in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, the School of Economic Sciences, the Department of Human Development, the Program in Neuroscience, or the School of Molecular Biosciences; and
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher through fall semester 2019; and
- Must submit a completed application packet by the closing date of April 1.

## APPLICATION PACKET

Eligible applicants have the responsibility to make sure all four (4) parts of their application packet are complete when they are submitted for review by the Scholarship Committee. Applicants prepare and submit final versions of two (2) parts themselves, and must request others prepare and submit two (2) additional parts of the packet.

You must personally submit by email attachment or in person by the deadline:

1. A completed Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Application form (you can also download the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Application and Personal Statement form as a pdf from the website).
2. A Personal Statement about you and your education (it is explained on the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship and Personal Statement form that you can download as a pdf from the website). Your Personal Statement is to be no longer than two pages, typed, and double-spaced. It must address the following three points:
  - a) Phi Beta Kappa stands for freedom of inquiry and expression, disciplinary rigor, breadth of intellectual perspective, the cultivation of skills of deliberation and ethical reflection, the pursuit of wisdom, and the application of the fruits of scholarship and research in practical life. What is the value of a liberal education that fosters these ideals?
  - b) In what way(s) is your education preparing you for a career? And,
  - c) How have you financed your education to this point?

You must request in time for others to prepare and submit by the deadline:

3. Three (3) Recommendation Letters from faculty members or others. You must download the Scholarship Committee's instructions as a pdf form and give a copy to each of your recommenders;

they will send their letters directly to the Scholarship Committee at the submission address listed on the form (and shown below).

4. A transcript from the WSU Office of the Registrar. The office should send the form directly to the Scholarship Committee at the submission address below. \*Transfer students: Request a transcript from all of your previous institutions; those should also be sent to the Scholarship Committee at the submission address shown below.

## SUBMISSION ADDRESS

All four (4) parts of your completed application packet must be received by mail, in person, or email in time to meet the deadline of 5 p.m. on April 1.

By the deadline, hard-copy materials should be addressed and sent or delivered to:

Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Committee  
c/o Jeannie Holt  
WSU Lighty Student Services Building, Room 180 (Academic Success and Career Center)  
(Mail stop 1061)  
Pullman, WA 99164-1061

If you elect to submit your completed Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Application form plus Personal Statement by email, send materials by the deadline to: [jmholt@wsu.edu](mailto:jmholt@wsu.edu)

## SELECTION AND INTERVIEW

- The Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Committee consists of seven faculty and staff members of the local Gamma Chapter.
- Race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, and religion are of no consequence in determining eligibility for award.
- Those students judged most eligible for scholarships will be personally interviewed by the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Committee.
- Awardees will be notified near the completion of spring semester 2020.

## QUESTIONS?

For additional information, please contact:

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