**PHI DELTA KAPPA STATE OF MICHIGAN CHAPTER 1607**

**PROSPECTIVE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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PDK State of Michigan Chapter 1607 awards up to two $1,000.00 scholarships each year to high school or undergraduate students seeking a career in education. To be eligible for application please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_High school senior intending to major in education.

High School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_An undergraduate member student enrolled in a college education program

College or University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES – DUE by March 30. 2013**

• **Essay** – Attach your written response to the essay question on 81⁄2 x 11 inch white paper. Limit your response to 500 words or less. The essay must be typed and double spaced. Your full name should appear on each page.

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• **Reference Letters** – Two letters of reference are required, and only two will be accepted. One letter must be from a person familiar with your academic abilities and school activities; the second letter may come from a person of your choice. Both letters should address your interest in teaching and the qualities that will make you a successful educator. Your full name should appear in the upper right corner of each letter of recommendation.

• **Transcript** – Request a copy of your high school or college transcript from your school counselor or registrar.

**TH IS APPLICATION PACKET WILL INCLUDE:**

\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_ Transcript \_\_\_\_ Two reference letters \_\_\_\_ Application form

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City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying as a high school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student

Once I earn my teaching certificate, I would like to teach the following students. Check only one:

\_\_\_\_Preschool/Early Childhood/Prekindergarten students

\_\_\_\_Elementary students (Grades K–6)

­­­\_\_\_\_ Middle School Students (Grades 7–8)

\_\_\_\_High School Students (Grades 9–12)

**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

List activities where you have worked with others in a teaching or learning capacity. Include any education-focused clubs or organizations you belong to. You can attach a separate sheet with your response if needed.

**LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

List activities where you have served as a leader. Include any offices you have held in clubs or organizations. These activities could be both in school and outside of school. You can attach a separate sheet with your response if needed.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

List activities where you have participated in service projects. These activities could be both in school and outside of school. You can attach a separate sheet with your response if needed.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

List employment and other significant extracurricular activities not mentioned above. You can attach a separate sheet with your response if needed.

**REFERENCES**

Attach your reference letters to this application. One should be an educator who knows your academic ability, and the other may be a person of your choice. Include the name, title, and telephone number or e-mail address for each reference. Attach both letters of reference to this application form and make sure that each letter has your name in the upper right corner.

**ESSAY QUESTION**

Attach your written response to the following essay question. Answer all parts of the question. The essay must be typed, double spaced, and 500 words or less. Your full name should appear on each page of the essay.

**Research has shown that there are certain traits and characteristics found in effective teachers. For example, effective teachers are known to:**

**• Be caring and nurturing, encouraging and warm, and fair and respectful**

**• Have high levels of efficacy (i.e. the belief that they can make a difference) and self-motivation**

**• Express enthusiasm and professionalism**

**• Be task-oriented, yet flexible, tolerant, and democratic**

**• Overcome stereotypes**

**• Enjoy and respect people as individuals**

**• Listen and communicate well**

**• Have a sense of humor and “with-it-ness” (i.e. the ability to “be in the moment” and able to react appropriately)**

**Now think about your personal characteristics and traits. Write an essay about yourself and the traits you already possess that will enable you to become an effective teacher. Provide examples of how your traits have been useful in working with others. Now think about the traits you’d like to develop. How will you develop and nurture new effective teacher traits?**

Return complete application no later than March 30, 2013 to:

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College of Education

902 Eberhard Center

Grand Rapids, MI 49594

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