

Phi Theta Kappa ΦΘΚ of Nevada / California

2016 Awards Packet

Definitions:

The term current year refers to the time period from January 1 to December 31, 2016. inclusive.

The term good standing means that an individual or chapter has paid all chapter, regional and/or international dues; individuals are not on any sort of academic or disciplinary probation.

To be eligible for an individual regional award, a nominee, author, or artist, must be a member, in good standing, of a Phi Theta Kappa chapter. To be eligible for an individual regional chapter award, the chapter must be in good standing.

- There are 9 regional awards that are determined by Headquarters, based on chapters' submissions to the International Hallmark Awards program – see last two pages of this awards packet.

CHANGES TO REGIONAL AWARDS:

- **The Art and Literary Award categories have been eliminated.**
- **The chapter Yearbook Award is now the Chapter Website Award.**
- **The Distinguished Scholar Award requires an essay related to the current Honors Topic.**

There are 6 unique NV/CA Regional Awards Categories:

Chapter Website ; Participation ; Travel ; Alpha Sigma Alpha Distinguished Scholar ; Outstanding New or Reactivated Chapter. The signed award entry form (see packet) must accompany each award entry at the time the award is submitted.

- **The deadline for submitting the URL for the Chapter Website Award is Dec. 31, 2016.**
- **The deadline for submitting the entry and cover sheets for the Distinguished Scholar , Travel , Participation , and Outstanding New or Reactivated Chapter is Wednesday January 25 , 2017, and is sent via email to the Regional Coordinator.**

(International Hallmark Awards entries for individual and chapter awards categories must be received at Headquarters by the deadlines established by Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters. –see next-to-last page of this awards packet.)

Regional Awards packet will also be announced on the Regional WebSite <http://nvcaregion.org> and on the Regional List Serv nvcargn@listserv.fhda.edu

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Nevada / California Region of Phi Theta Kappa

2016 Chapter Website Award Entry Form

Chapter _____ College _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Chapter URL _____

Description of Award: A plaque and \$ 100 stipend for the best presentation of a chapter website. The entry for the Website Award is the URL for the chapter website. Any chapter in the Region that wants to be considered for this award must have [only] its chapter advisor submit the URL to the Regional Coordinator no later than **11:59 PM , December 31** ; the URL's will then be forwarded to the NV/CA Region for the Region's perusal and evaluation. Voting for the best website will take place during the Spring Regional Convention, and winner(s) will be announced during the Awards Ceremony.

Entry Specifications:

- The chapter website must have a clear, inviting and exciting layout
- The chapter website must be current and up-to-date, professional in appearance, and readily accessible.
- The website contains Phi Theta Kappa eligibility and membership information.
- The website contains chapter, regional, and International program information, as well as chapter events, notices, and other relevant information.
- The website is error-free and accurate regarding the information it contains.
- The website has to have reliable and working links and downloads.
- The website cannot be a Facebook page.

Chapters that attend the Spring Regional Convention will then vote for the best website in the same manner that they vote for regional officers (each chapter having one vote).

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2016 Participation & Travel Awards

The Participation Award is a plaque and \$ 200 stipend presented to the chapter that brings the highest total number of members and advisors to the regional meetings listed below that were held during the current year.

The Travel Award is a plaque and \$ 200 stipend presented to the chapter that travels the greatest accumulated one-way distance (as computed by Mapquest or a similar means) from college campus to destination location) to the various listed conferences and conventions held during the current year. When computing its accumulated distance for the year, a host chapter is given FIVE miles for each chapter member and/or advisor who attends the conference that it hosts.

In case of any discrepancy, Regional and/or International records will prevail.

This Participation/Travel entry form can be submitted electronically or by mail but must be received by the Regional Coordinator by the January deadline.

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2016 Participation / Travel Award Entry Form

Chapter _____ College _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

	# of Members Attending	X	<u>ONE WAY</u> mileage distance	=	Group's One Way Miles Traveled to Meeting
Regional Convention Las Vegas, NV. March, 2016	_____		_____		_____
International Convention Washington, DC. April, 2016	_____		_____		_____
Int'l Honors Institute Winston-Salem, NC June, 2016	_____		_____		_____
Fall Leadership Conference Ontario, CA. October, 2016	_____		_____		_____
District Summits attended during 2016					
Northeast (Spring ; Fall)	_____		_____		_____
Northwest (Spring ; Fall)	_____		_____		_____
Southeast (Spring ; Fall)	_____		_____		_____
Southwest (Spring ; Fall)	_____		_____		_____
Participation:			Travel:		
Total Appropriate Columns	=====		=====		=====
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Entry Validation:
 Chapter President _____ Date _____

Chapter Advisor _____ Date _____

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2016 Alpha Sigma Alpha Distinguished Scholar Award

Entry Form

Applicant _____ Email or Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Chapter _____ College _____

Description of Award: A plaque and a check for three hundred dollars (\$ 300.00) presented to a Regional Phi Theta Kappan who has the top academically outstanding, well-rounded, community college record. Stipends of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) are presented to first and second runner-ups, respectively. The checks will be presented to the recipients during the Fall term of the upcoming academic year.

Entry Specifications and Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a member in good standing of a regional chapter that is in good standing (must be verified by chapter advisor).
2. Considering only the last five years, the applicant must never have dropped any course during one's junior/community college academic career (i.e., official transcripts should not contain any W's) .
3. The applicant should have taken a broad spectrum of courses from a variety of divisions, departments, disciplines, etc.
4. The applicant should have a high overall cumulative grade point average.
5. The applicant must submit official transcripts by the entry deadline verifying items # 2 – 4 above, from **all** two year colleges attended within the **last five** years.
6. **An essay of between 300 and 350 words related to the current Honors Topic is required.** Save the entry in .doc .docx or .pdf format and send as an attachment.

Note: The applicant should be in the process of completing one's community college course work during the current year, and must transfer to a four year college/ university for the upcoming Fall term; failure to transfer or provide proof* of enrollment will void the award. *details of proof will be described in a letter to the recipients.

This signed form and the applicant's transcript is to be sent to the Regional Coordinator by the entry deadline. Contact information is on the first page of this awards packet.

Signature of:

Applicant _____ Date _____

We have verified through our College Registrar/Admissions & Records Office that the above applicant has provided all transcripts from all community colleges attended within the last five years, and that the applicant is in good standing with our chapter, and that our chapter is in good standing in the Nevada/California Region.

Entry Validation:

Chapter President _____ Date _____

Chapter Advisor _____ Date _____

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2016 Outstanding New / Reactivated Chapter Award Entry

Chapter _____ College _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Description of Award: A plaque and \$ 100 stipend presented to a **newly chartered or reactivated chapter**, in good standing, that has had the greatest development or renewal of vitality and dedication during the **current** year. *A newly chartered chapter is one that would count the current year's regional convention as the conclusion of, at most, two full years of existence. The beginning of the first full year is marked by the first Regional Convention for which the chapter is eligible to attend (regardless of whether the chapter actually did attend) after its chartering date.* A reactivated chapter is one that has been active for at most the last two (2) years, and inactive for the preceding four (4) or more consecutive years.

Entry Specifications: Materials in all three Hallmarks (as submitted for International Hallmarks Awards), and an original essay of no more than (approximately) 1000 words or four (4) typed pages (one & one-half or double spaced), describing the progress the chapter has made during the **current** year. Compare and contrast it with that of the previous year. A mere list of activities or a mere count of how many members were present at each event may be necessary but not sufficient.

It is recommended that the essay include a sense of involvement, enthusiasm, and accomplishment that the chapter experienced in carrying out the goals and programs of the chapter and of Phi Theta Kappa, and how that success related to the 5-Star, College Project, and/or Honors in Action Programs.

Additional (optional) material that can be submitted might include:

- a calendar describing the chapter's activities during each of the previous and current years
- articles from either the college or local newspaper describing the chapter's activities
- a letter from an **advisor, officer**, and/or **member** who was active the previous year
- a letter from either an **officer** or **member** who was active in both the previous and current years (giving a sense of contrast, growth, continuity, etc.)

This award entry form can be emailed or snail-mailed to the Regional Coordinator, but it must arrive by the Regional Awards entry Deadline.

Indicate which one: NEW CHAPTER REACTIVATED CHAPTER

Entry Validation:

Chapter President _____ Date _____

Chapter Advisor _____ Date _____

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The following regional awards will be determined by the Headquarters rankings for such awards as submitted under the Headquarters International Hallmark Awards Program, and must be submitted by the deadline(s) established by Headquarters: [Individual Hallmark Awards due January 11, 2017; Chapter Hallmark Awards due January 25, 2017]

Individual Hallmarks:

Outstanding Chapter Member Award

Description of Award: A plaque and \$ 100 stipend presented to a member (non-officer) of the chapter who has been judged most outstanding within the Region.

Outstanding Chapter Officer Award

Description of Award: A plaque and \$100 stipend presented to the Chapter officer who has been judged most outstanding within the Region.

Outstanding Chapter Officer Team Award

Description of Award: A plaque and \$100 stipend presented to the Chapter whose officer team has been judged most outstanding within the Region.

Chapter Advisor Paragon or Horizon Award

Description of Award: A plaque presented to the Chapter Advisor who has been judged most outstanding within the Region. A credit stipend of a complimentary convention registration is presented to the advisor to be used at one of the following year's NV/CA Regional conferences (HIA-Fall Leadership Conference or Regional Convention.). The stipend must be used within the year, or it is forfeited. It can be transferable to another advisor in the chapter.

Outstanding Chapter Advisor / Advisor Team Award

Description of Award: A plaque presented to the Chapter Advisor who has been judged most outstanding within the Region. A credit stipend of a complimentary convention registration is presented to the advisor to be used at one of the following year's NV/CA Regional conferences (HIA-Fall Leadership Conference or Regional Convention.). The stipend must be used within the year, or it is forfeited. It can be transferable to another advisor in the chapter.

Chapter Advisor Continued Excellence Award

Description of Award: A plaque presented to the Chapter Advisor who has been recognized for continued excellence as a chapter advisor. A credit stipend of a complimentary convention registration is presented to the advisor to be used at one of the following year's NV/CA Regional conferences (HIA-Fall Leadership Conference or Regional Convention.). The stipend must be used within the year, or it is forfeited. It can be transferable to another advisor in the chapter

Chapter Hallamark: Honors in Action

Description of Award: A plaque and a \$ 100 stipend presented to the highest ranking chapter (in the NV/CA Region) in each of the "Ten Issues" categories of the HIA Program.

Chapter Hallamark: College Project

Description of Award: A plaque and a \$ 100 stipend presented to the highest-ranking chapter (in the NV/CA Region) in this category.

The Regional 'Most Outstanding Chapter' Hallmark Award

requires two of the following activities:

In addition to the standard requirements (as determined by Headquarters) for this chapter award, chapters applying for this regional award **MUST ALSO** have participated in two (2) of the Regional Projects:

Chapters United (working with other chapters)

Make-a-Difference Day: a community service activity held on the fourth Saturday of October (Oct. 29 , 2016 , or within a few days either way of this date)

Founders' Day Project

Regional Honors in Action

Community Project

Financial Literacy

See Regional Projects website for various ideas and Regional Officer contact persons.

<http://www.nvcaregion.org/regionalprojects.html>

You must report your involvement and activities to the appropriate Regional Officer by January 31 , 2016.

Description of Award: A plaque and one Registration for the upcoming (June) International Honors Institute is presented to the chapter which has been judged most outstanding in the Region.