



# PI KAPPA ALPHA FOUNDATION

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## Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award

Applicant's Full Name:

Chapter:

School:

Graduation Date:

**Application Deadline: No Later Than May 15**

### **A. Purpose and selection process**

The Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award recognizes Pi Kappa Alpha's outstanding graduating senior each year. It is funded and administered by the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation. Award decisions are made by a committee of volunteer alumni. One graduating senior of the Fraternity is selected as the recipient of the Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award each year. He receives a scholarship and a plaque. Up to five runners-up may be selected to receive scholarships and certificates.

### **B. History**

Pi Kappa Alpha first recognized its outstanding graduating senior in 1926 with the Alumnus-Beta Phi Trophy. Administered by the alumni chapter of Buffalo, New York, the award's first recipient was Howard Bell Arbuckle (*Hampden-Sydney, Iota 1886*). After a twenty-six year lapse, beginning in 1936, the award was revived in 1962. Until 1998, the award was known as the Powers Award, in honor of two of Pi Kappa Alpha's most important leaders, J. Pike Powers, Jr. (*Virginia, Alpha 1895*) and David C. Powers (*Tennessee, Zeta '24*). This award is now named the Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award in honor and memory of Brother Jenkins M. Robertson (*Clemson, Eta Alpha '71*), a much beloved chapter advisor for Epsilon Chapter at Virginia Tech, who served Epsilon in this capacity until his life was tragically cut short in 1986. While walking to the chapter house for a meeting, he was struck and killed by a drunk driver. The vast majority of funding for the endowment that provides this annual award was generously contributed to the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation by Epsilon Chapter alumni in memory of Brother Robertson.

## **C. Nominations**

Each chapter may nominate at least one graduating senior for the Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award. **The nominee must complete this application and forward it, along with all supporting documents, to the Memorial Headquarters by May 15. Applications received after May 15 will not be considered. Applications should be sent to:**

**Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award Selection Committee**

**c/o Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation**

**8347 West Range Cove**

**Memphis, TN 38125**

**[scholarships@pikes.org](mailto:scholarships@pikes.org)**

### **Requirements:**

1. Nominees must be graduating seniors enrolled full-time in good standing with the university/college and the chapter and must have demonstrated exemplary scholastic achievement and leadership skills in the chapter and in campus activities.
2. An official transcript must accompany the application.
3. Three personal recommendations, including one from your chapter's advisor OR school official and one from a professor familiar with the applicant's classroom work, must be submitted. Recommendations must accompany this application in separate, sealed envelopes. Please direct those writing recommendation letters to sign his/her name across the envelope seal. The references must match those names listed under section VII of this application.
4. This application must be submitted intact. (Does not apply for online submissions.) Do not rearrange or separate pages. Do not staple or bind the material. Supplemental, supporting documents may be attached with a paper clip. Supporting documents may not exceed five additional pages. Transcripts, essay answers and recommendations are not considered supplemental material.
5. All components of this application must arrive at the Memorial Headquarters by the deadline. Applications must include all appropriate signatures.
6. Applications must be typewritten or submitted through the online application form.
7. One formal photograph of the applicant **MUST** accompany this application. The photograph will be used in award announcements only and will not be shared with the selection committee. Up to three photographs may accompany the application.

***Applications must be fully completed, typed and submitted to the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation no later than May 15.***

**I. Applicant information**

Applicant's name:

College/University:

Chapter:

Initiation date:

Graduation date:

***Current address:***

Street:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

***Permanent address:***

Street:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

**At which address will the Foundation be able to contact you after May 15?**

**Current**                       **Permanent**

## **II. Academic standing**

1. Degree sought:
  
2. Cumulative grade point average:
  
3. Last semester/quarter grade point average:
  
4. School grade point scale (4.0, 5.0...):
  
5. Credit hours completed:

## **III. Honoraries and awards**

1. List all academic honoraries of which you are a member. Briefly describe those honoraries which are particular to your campus.
  
2. List any academic awards you have received. Briefly describe each significant award.
  
3. List all leadership and/or non-academic honoraries of which you are a member. Briefly describe those honoraries which are particular to your campus.
  
4. List any non-academic awards you have received. Briefly describe each award.

#### **IV. Fraternal activities**

1. List all chapter offices you have held and dates you held those offices.
2. List all PIKE University events you have attended, as well as dates and locations of events.

#### **V. Extracurricular activities**

1. Student government. List all offices and positions you have held in student government on your campus. Briefly describe each and list the dates you held those offices.
2. Interfraternity council. List all offices you have held in the interfraternity council on your campus. Briefly describe each and list the dates you held those offices.
3. Athletics. List all varsity sports in which you participated and honors (All-America, All-Conference, etc.) you received as a result.
4. Community service. List and briefly describe your community service activities.
5. Miscellaneous. List and briefly describe any other areas of extracurricular involvement in which you have participated. Give the name of the organization or office and positions held (school newspaper, editor, etc.). Briefly describe how the organization or office benefits the university or community.

## **VI. Essays**

*A maximum of one page per essay please.*

Essay #1 — Based on your accomplishments outlined in this application, describe how your involvement in these activities has been beneficial to your experience.

Essay #2 — As you near the end of your undergraduate experience, describe how your fraternal experience has benefited you personally.

Essay #3 — As you approach the beginning of your alumnus experience, describe how you plan to apply what you have learned as a student to benefit society in general and Pi Kappa Alpha specifically.

## **VII. References**

List three references, including your chapter's advisor OR a university official and a professor familiar with your classroom work. References may not be related to the applicant. These references must provide recommendation letters which must accompany this application.

Chapter Advisor OR College/University Official:

Professor:

Other:

## **VII. Signatures**

Applications must include all appropriate signatures.

By signing below, applicant verifies that, to the best of his knowledge, the information contained in this application is accurate.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_