



# Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation

*Alumni supporting scholastic achievement, leadership training and personal development since 1948.*

## Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award

### APPLICATION

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **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 Educational 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 Educational 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 Committee**  
c/o Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation  
8347 West Range Cove  
Memphis, TN 38125

**D. 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 a 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. 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.
7. Three photographs 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.

*Applications must be fully completed, typewritten and submitted to the Educational Foundation no later than May 15.*

**I. Applicant information**

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Initiation date \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ Social security number \_\_\_\_\_

Student identification number (if different from social security number) \_\_\_\_\_

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



**IV. Fraternal activities**

1. List all chapter offices you have held and dates you held those offices.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. List all regional leadership conferences, officers leadership academies, international conventions, etc., 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**

Please limit yourself to a maximum of one page per essay. Type answers on a separate sheet.

Essay #1 — Based on your accomplishments outlined in this application, describe how your involvement in these activities has been beneficial to your educational 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 a professor familiar with your classroom work and your chapter’s advisor. References may not be related to the applicant. These references must provide recommendation letters which must accompany this application.

| Name                              | Address | Phone |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 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.

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| Applicant’s signature | Date                      |
| _____                 | _____                     |
| SMC name              | Chapter Advisor name      |
| _____                 | _____                     |
| SMC signature         | Chapter Advisor signature |
| _____                 | _____                     |
| Date                  | Date                      |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title of university/college official (vice president, dean, assoc./assist. dean)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the following information in the event that you receive the Robertson Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award.**

Parents' or guardians' name(s) and address(es)

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Addresses of local, college and hometown newspapers

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*For office use only.*

|                             | <b>Date received</b> | <b>Received by</b> |
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| Application .....           | _____                | _____              |
| Transcripts .....           | _____                | _____              |
| Reference #1 .....          | _____                | _____              |
| Reference #2 .....          | _____                | _____              |
| Reference #3 .....          | _____                | _____              |
| Completed Application ..... | _____                | _____              |