

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Illinois Regional Officer Candidacy Information 2022-2023

Serving the Illinois Region as a Regional Officer is an honor and it is an opportunity to serve a large and diverse group of PTK members. Officers serve over 50 chapters throughout Illinois by planning and implementing projects, assisting with Regional events, and communicating with Illinois chapters. Regional Officers further develop their leadership and professional skills and expand their network.

Candidates must carefully consider all responsibilities before declaring their candidacy. They must abide by the requirements and submit required materials by the deadlines listed. Candidates must gain the financial and moral support from their college administration and chapter advisor(s) due to the commitments of the positions. Five individuals will be elected via online voting. The elected officers will be sworn in at the closing session of the Illinois Regional Convention & Honors Institute.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Term of Office: June 5, 2022 – June 4, 2023**
- Candidates must be aware that, if elected, they will need the time to devote to meetings throughout the fall and spring semesters (conducted online) and attend required events listed on the Election Dates & Checklist document.
- Colleges must be aware of the commitment to their Regional Officer, both in supporting their attendance at required events and with the corresponding financial responsibility.
- Chapter Advisors: Be sure to communicate with the candidate your expectations of their responsibilities to the chapter should they be elected to Regional office. If the candidate will be dually enrolled at your college and another institution, discuss the importance of their commitment to the Region and your chapter throughout the academic year.

Duties of Regional Officers

1. President

The elected President shall preside at all Regional meetings including those which might be held at the International Convention. The President shall keep in regular communication with all Illinois District Vice Presidents, the Regional Coordinator, and the International Vice President of Division III.

2. District Vice Presidents

The elected District Vice Presidents shall assist the President and the chapters in their respective districts of the Illinois Region. The District Vice Presidents shall keep in regular communication with the Regional President and the Regional Coordinator. (See page 3 for list of colleges by district.)

3. Shared Regional Officer Duties

All regional officers will work with the Regional Coordinator and the Associate Regional Coordinator to provide input and support for the planning of Regional events, projects, and activities, and to serve as liaisons between their fellow Illinois Phi Theta Kappa members and the Illinois Advisory Council. All Regional Officers will develop and deliver educational forums at the Illinois Regional Leadership Conference and the Regional Convention & Honors Institute.

Benefits for Regional Officers

By serving the Illinois Region as an officer, you will have opportunities to:

- Increase participation on the Regional level;
- Build valuable experience through coordinating Regional programs and events;
- Strengthen leadership skills;
- Network with Phi Theta Kappans throughout the nation;
- Attend leadership development seminars offered through Phi Theta Kappa; and
- Receive financial support for attending Regional and International events.

Candidacy Requirements

- Must be a full member (not provisional member) of Phi Theta Kappa in good standing
- Must be enrolled at least part-time at the college you name on your candidate forms during the fall and spring semesters of your term of office
- Must reside in Illinois during the fall and spring semesters of your term of office
- Must have support from your Chapter Advisor, which should include a discussion about the candidate's responsibilities with the chapter if elected to regional office
- Must be available to attend all events listed on the Election Dates & Checklist document
IMPORTANT: Elected officers must attend all the listed events and meetings. Absence for any reason may result in removal from office. Students who are not available for the entirety of all of these events are not eligible to run for Regional Office.

Deadlines

- **Early Deadline: 11:59pm on Sunday, March 27**
Candidates who submit complete application materials by the early deadline will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the members of the Illinois Region who attend Catalyst during the Illinois Regional meeting on Thursday evening of PTK Catalyst International Convention.
- **Regular Deadline: 11:59pm on Sunday, April 17**
Candidates who submit complete application materials will be on the ballot, but will not have an opportunity to speak to the Illinois Region members at Catalyst. However, they will participate in the live candidate online interview.

Campaigning Guidelines

The following guidelines were developed to ensure equal opportunity for all candidates.

- Candidates are not allowed to distribute any promotional pieces via mail, email, social media, or at Regional and/or International events.
- Candidates who commit to running by the early deadline will be given an opportunity to introduce themselves at the Illinois Regional meeting at Catalyst.
- All candidates will be scheduled for a live, three-minute online interview.
- Campaign t-shirts will not be allowed.

Voting

- One ballot per chapter will be cast by the chapter advisor. Chapter advisors will be provided with voting instructions once the live interviews have concluded. Live interviews will be recorded for later viewing by chapters that could not attend the live interviews.
- Ballots cast by each chapter must be submitted from the chapter advisor's email address.
- Each chapter will vote for President and the Vice Presidents of each district.

If you have questions regarding the materials or submission process, contact Illinois Regional Coordinator Adrienne Barkley Giffin at adrienne.barkley@jalc.edu or 618-985-2828, ext. 8287.

Illinois Chapters by District

Northern District

1. Black Hawk College (Kewanee)
2. Black Hawk College (Moline)
3. College of DuPage
4. Elgin Community College
5. Highland Community College
6. Illinois Valley Community College
7. Joliet Junior College
8. Kishwaukee College
9. McHenry County College
10. Rock Valley College
11. Sauk Valley Community College
12. Waubensee Community College
13. William Rainey Harper College

Northeastern District

1. Arrupe College of Loyola University
2. College of Lake County
3. Harold Washington College
4. Kendal College
5. Kennedy-King College
6. McCormac College (Chicago)
7. Malcolm X College
8. Moraine Valley Community College
9. Morton College
10. Oakton Community College
11. Olive-Harvey College
12. Prairie State College
13. Richard J. Daley College
14. South Suburban College
15. Trinity College of Nursing
16. Triton College
17. Truman College
18. Wilbur Wright College

Central District

1. Carl Sandburg College
2. Kankakee Community College
3. Danville Area Community College
4. Heartland Community College
5. Illinois Central College
6. John Wood Community College
7. Lake Land College
8. Lincoln College
9. Lincoln Land Community College
10. Parkland College
11. Richland Community College
12. Spoon River College

Southern District

1. Frontier Community College
2. John A. Logan College
3. Kaskaskia College
4. Lewis & Clark Community College
5. Lincoln Trail College
6. Olney Central College
7. Rend Lake College
8. Shawnee Community College
9. Southeastern Illinois College
10. Southwestern Illinois College (Belleville)
11. Southwestern Illinois College (Granite City)
12. Southwestern Illinois College (Red Bud)
13. Wabash Valley College