FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Students who:

- Attend a Phi Beta Kappa chapter institution or affiliated institution listed in the application.
- Pursue a major in the arts, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences, or social sciences.
- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Have completed at least two years of undergraduate study before Fall 2027, with at least one semester remaining during the 2027–28 academic year.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in local, state, or federal government.

Phi Beta Kappa membership is not required to apply.

HOW CAN I MAKE MY APPLICATION STAND OUT?

- **Share your perspective:** Tell us what shapes your interests, values, and commitment to public service. We want to hear your story.
- **Connect knowledge to action:** Show how your arts and sciences education shapes your thinking and inspires you to serve your community.
- **Think across disciplines:** Highlight your intellectual curiosity and how different fields of study inform your perspective.
- **Write with purpose:** Answer each question thoughtfully, prioritize clarity over word count, and review your responses before submitting.

CAN I USE AI IN MY APPLICATION?

Key into Public Service brings together students with unique perspectives, broad interests across the arts and sciences, and a genuine commitment to service. **We strongly encourage you to limit your use of AI so your application reflects your own ideas and voice.**

If you use AI, consider limiting it to:

- Clarifying your own ideas.
- Exploring ways to condense your writing.
- Confirming that you addressed all facets of a question.
- Checking spelling and grammar.

Your experiences, reflections, and final responses should come from you—not AI.

I SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION. WHAT COMES NEXT?

- **Confirm your recommendation:** Check that your recommender received the Kaleidoscope request and submitted their letter before the deadline.
- **Thank your recommender:** Show your appreciation for their time and support.
- **Watch your inbox:** Keep an eye on your email for updates about your application.
- **Plan ahead:** Selected Service Scholars must attend the mandatory conference in Washington, D.C., June 23-27, 2027.

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