



Xi State Organization

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Leadership Links

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2018 Xi State Scholarship Application Now Available

The Xi State Scholarship Committee under the leadership of chair Marsha Rains has updated the 2018 application for members seeking financial assistance with expenses for earning advanced degrees.

1. Scholarships available to be awarded:
 - a. **The Lois Jones Special** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for pursuing a doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.).
 - b. **Isabel Wheeler** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for pursuing a doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.).
 - c. **Maycie K. Southall** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for study beyond the Master's Degree.
 - d. **Mary Hall** (Stipend of **\$3000**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - e. **Evangeline Hartsook** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - f. **Lottye McCall** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - g. **Louise Oakley** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.
 - h. **Eleanor Osteen** (Stipend of **\$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor's Degree.

***Not all scholarships will be awarded each year; decisions to award or not will be made based on availability of funding and/or the number of qualified applicants**
2. Eligibility:
 - a. Applicants must be members of a Xi State chapter for at least **three** calendar years.
 - b. Service to Delta Kappa Gamma is an important criterion in the selection of a recipient.
 - c. Applications that are electronically submitted on/before the deadline (**February 1st** of the year awarded) and are complete will be scored using the Application Review Form. A minimum score is required to be considered for a scholarship. Please review this rubric carefully.
Incomplete or late applications will not be eligible for consideration.
 - d. Former recipients of a major scholarship (\$3,000) may not reapply.

The application and rubric are attached to this issue of *Leadership Links* and are available on the Xi State web site. Please be aware that the new application process requires online submission of information via Google Docs so applicants will need to create a Google email account including a photo. The submission date is **February 1, 2018**. [Link to Xi State Scholarship Online Application](#) Please contact Scholarship Chair Marsha Rains at marsharains@yahoo.com if you have questions. Members may also apply for one of the 30 International scholarships granted yearly - \$6,000 for graduate degree, \$10,000 for doctoral degree. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.dkg.org>. Application deadline is also **February 1, 2018**.

High School Essay Contest Deadlines December 8 and 15

The often-quoted American journalist Sydney J. Harris once wrote:

“Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

While the students may incorporate this quotation in any way they wish, it must be the basis of their essay. The students may agree or disagree with the writer’s statement as they support their own opinions. The students may also choose to draw on their own personal experiences or observations to illustrate their point.

The guidelines for submitting essays have changed. Essays will be submitted electronically, instead of being mailed. A Gmail account has been set up to receive the electronic submissions. The contest information, guidelines, deadlines, and cover sheet are posted on the Xi State website and were included in the October and November *Leadership Links*.

The student will email his/her essay to one school official (teacher, guidance counselor, instructional coach, etc.). The school official will email the essays to the contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter by **December 8, 2017**. The contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter will attach all of the essays from the school in one email and send them to xistate.essay@gmail.com by **December 15, 2017**.

In the case that a chapter is sending essays from more than one school, each school’s essays should be sent in separate emails. In the subject line indicate your chapter name and the name of the school. If you have any questions, you can email State Projects co-chair Allison Maynard at allison814@comcast.net.

Remember to Submit Your Chapter Yearbooks

Please submit your chapter yearbooks and evaluation sheet electronically to Dr. Beverly Hall, Xi State First Vice President, by the **December 15th** due date. Form included with this issue and available at www.xistate.org.

Xi State Vision Foundation Opportunities for Members

The Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award and Vision Foundation Grant applications are due in one short month. One Liz Whorley Bradley Award can be awarded each year, and up to four Vision Foundation Grants can be awarded. The maximum for each award/grant is \$1,000.

Applications and guidelines are attached to this issue of *Leadership Links* and available on the Xi State website in the Forms section. All applications must be submitted by **December 31, 2017**.

Updated Forms Now Available

Several committees have updated their forms that are now posted on the Xi State web site and attached to this issue of *Leadership Links*. Download the new Scholarship Application, Liz Whorley Bradley Award and Vision Foundation Grant Applications, High School Essay Contest submission form, Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence form, Yearbook Evaluation check list, and Order of the Rose nomination form.

Legislative Symposium Dates Set for February 6-7, 2018

The Legislation Committee Chair Joan Howell and her committee members invite you to join them for the Xi State Legislative Symposium **February 6-7, 2018**: Tuesday, February 6 - Legislative Panel – 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 7 – Morning Assembly – 7:00 a.m. followed by visit to legislators on Capitol Hill. Hotel reservations may be made at the Millennium Maxwell House in Nashville and are the responsibility of each attendee. The cost per room is \$115 per room + \$10 per person for hot breakfast buffet voucher in hotel dining room + tax. Walk-ins are welcome for the hotel breakfast buffet Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. – 7 a.m. for \$12/person. In order to book a room at the DKG group rate, we recommend that you make your reservation with the hotel by January 5 but no later than **January 15, 2018**.

Register for Legislative Symposium on the Xi State website (www.xistate.org) by **January 10, 2018**. Reserve hotel room by clicking [here](#) and using the Group Code for \$115 room discount **1802DELKAP** if needed or by calling the hotel toll free at (800) 457-4460 (Monday through Friday 7am – 7pm Central Standard Time).

Apply Now for the Beginning Leadership Management Seminar in March

The Xi State Leadership Development Committee chair Tracy Collier and her committee would like for interested members to participate in the Spring Beginning Leadership Management Seminar. The seminar will be **March 23-34, 2018**, at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport, TN. The Xi State Leadership Management Seminars have been of great benefit to so many of our past, current, and future leaders in DKG. Participants come away with a renewed love of DKG, and many are able to find the true leader within themselves so that they can use those skills in their chapters, schools, and communities. Please consider applying to our spring seminar and find the leader within yourself! The application is now available on the Xi State website and included with this issue of *Leadership Links*. The **deadline is January 10, 2018**.

Personnel Committee Seeks New Executive Secretary and Treasurer

The Xi State Personnel Committee under the leadership of chair Dee Dee Rives is seeking qualified applicants for two positions: Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Please see attached flyers for both positions and application due **March 31, 2018**.

Attachments to this Issue

- ❖ Personnel Committee Flyer and Personnel Application – **due March 31, 2018**
- ❖ 2017-18 High School Essay Guidelines and Contest Directions – **due December 8/15, 2017**
- ❖ Updated chapter yearbook evaluation form – **due December 15, 2017**
- ❖ Liz Whorley Bradley Award guidelines and applications – **due December 31, 2017**
- ❖ Vision Foundation Grant guidelines and applications – **due December 31, 2017**
- ❖ Beginning Xi State Leadership Management Seminar application – **due January 10, 2018**
- ❖ Legislative Seminar information sheet and chapter registration – **due January 10, 2018**
- ❖ Xi State Scholarship Application and Rubric – **due February 1, 2018**
- ❖ Updated Order of the Rose nomination form – **due March 15, 2018**
- ❖ The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence form – **due April 1, 2018**