Congratulations on your invitation to join Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. Election to Phi Beta Kappa is a mark of distinction, an honor of which you and your family should be extraordinarily proud. By accepting this invitation, you join U.S. presidents, Supreme Court justices, Nobel Laureates, noted business leaders, respected scientists, scholar athletes, critical thinkers and life-long learners, all honored for the past 238 years, just as you are today, for their rigorous pursuit of academic excellence in the arts and sciences. Phi Beta Kappa is grounded in a proud, storied past, and your success as you move forward adds to a rich tapestry of accomplishment.

We have prepared the following document to assist with online registration. Should you require any assistance, please contact chapters@pbk.org. Again, our congratulations!

### Registration Procedures: Instructions for Students

If you have been invited to join your Phi Beta Kappa chapter, begin the member registration process by visiting Phi Beta Kappa’s website (www.pbk.org) >> Membership >> New Member Registration.

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**Creating an Account**

On the Create an Account page, you must provide basic information, such as name, email, and address, to begin the member registration process.
You will also be asked to create a username and password that is unique to you that you will use anytime you visit the Phi Beta Kappa website and log in as a member. Click Next to save your information and advance to the next screen.

Invitation Details

On the Invitation Details page, you must choose your chapter (institution name) and member type (graduate student, junior, senior) from the dropdown menus. You must also enter your graduation year and the Registration Passcode given to you by your chapter.
On this screen, you will also be asked to provide your degree, major, and birthdate entering the information in the areas provided. After you have completed these fields, click **Next** to advance to the **Payment Method** page displaying the payment options chosen by your institution’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

There is a onetime, national membership fee of $65 to join The Phi Beta Kappa Society for life. Many chapters also charge a small chapter fee, to cover costs associated with running the chapter. If your chapter has told you that it will pay all of your fees, please follow the instructions below.

**Payment Method**

On the **Payment Method** page, depending on the types of payment allowed by your chapter, you may see one or both of two options, **Pay Officer Directly** and **Pay Online Now**.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: If your chapter pays the entire amount of student membership fees*, you will only see the option labeled **Pay Officer Directly**. You must choose this option to move forward with registration even though no payment will be required.

**Paying by Check**

*If you are permitted to pay by check, and that is your choice, or if your chapter is paying all of your fees*, select the **Pay Officer Directly** option and click **Finish**. If you are paying by check, your chapter officers will provide information on what you must do to complete the process. After you click **Finish**, on the next screen, you will see a confirmation message thanking you for accepting the invitation to join Phi Beta Kappa.

At this point, whether you are paying by check or you chose **Pay Officer Directly** because the chapter pays your fees, you have completed the registration process. You will be considered a pending member until your chapter validates your membership. **Please be sure to check with your chapter for the details connected with participating in your chapter’s induction ceremony. This event is an important part of the ritual of joining Phi Beta Kappa.**
Paying by Credit Card or PayPal

If you are paying your member fees using a credit card or PayPal, choose **Pay Online Now** and click **Finish**. This will direct you to the payment screen where you may choose your form of payment and continue with the payment process. If you are responsible for paying all of your fees, you will see the Phi Beta Kappa Society lifetime membership fee of $65 plus any applicable chapter fee. If your chapter is covering some of the fees you will see the amount set by your chapter. To proceed with online payment, click **Add to Cart**.

When you click **Add to Cart**, you will see the total fees for which you are responsible in your **Shopping Cart**. Click **Update** to continue to the next screen, where you will see your **Cart Charges** and choose your online payment method.
If you choose **Pay with PayPal**, you will be directed to PayPal's payment screen. Under **Other Payment Options**, you may pay by selecting a major credit card from the dropdown menu and entering your credit card information. After successfully completing payment by clicking on **Submit Order**, you will see a confirmation screen thanking you for accepting the invitation to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Upon successful online payment, your registration process is complete. **Please be sure to check with your chapter for the details connected with participating in your chapter’s induction ceremony. This event is an important part of the ritual of joining Phi Beta Kappa.**
Frequently Asked Questions

- **What if I encounter a “registration is closed” message?**

  If you encounter a **Registration is now closed** message, please contact your chapter officer or chapters@pbk.org for technical assistance.

  ![Registration is now closed message](image)

- **What do I do if the chapter pays student fees?**

  If your chapter pays your membership fees, you must choose the option labeled **Pay Officer Directly** to move forward with registration, even though no payment is required. After you complete online registration, you will be considered a Pending Member until your membership is validated by your chapter.

- **What should I do if I need to leave the registration process before I complete it?**

  You can return to registration by logging in to Phi Beta Kappa’s website (www.pbk.org) with your username and password. Any data that you previously entered will be automatically populated and you may continue with the registration process.

- **What should I do if I run into an issue with online registration that I can’t solve?**

  Don’t panic! Please contact chapters@pbk.org and you will be assisted within 24 hours of your inquiry.