

Council on Academic Affairs

Registered Student Organization (RSO) / Academic Program

Graduation Regalia Request

Effective Fall 2016: All RSOs, even those with previously approved regalia, must complete this form and be recertified before wearing organization specific regalia at Fall 2016 Commencement.

All regalia worn at University Commencement and/or College Convocations must be approved by the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) prior to graduation. Special regalia worn at Commencement/Convocation is a privilege afforded to those individuals/groups who have met a distinctive academic expectation.

An RSO requesting to have members wear organization specific regalia (stoles, cords, etc.) must complete this form and submit to the Office of EKU Student Life. Student Life will present the request at the next available CAA meeting. The wearing of sashes may not be proposed as it is exclusively reserved for those students earning Latin Honors. A request by an academic program should be submitted to the Dean's Office of their relevant college. The request will then be brought forward to CAA by the Associate Dean of the college.

Forms should be submitted no later than the 2nd week in October to request an item be approved for a December ceremony, or the 2nd week in March for a May ceremony.

RSOs must complete the form and attach a color picture of the regalia for which they are proposing approval. Failure to receive approval will result in any unapproved regalia being confiscated at graduation.

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RSO/Academic Program Graduation Regalia Request

- [Required] Name of RSO/Program: Omicron Delta Kappa
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1. Organizations can apply to CAA to have Commencement regalia approved in one of the following ways:

- A. The RSO may request approval for all members to wear Commencement regalia because the organization has an academic membership requirement of a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- B. The RSO may request approval for those individual members who have attained a 2.5 GPA or higher to be allowed to wear the approved regalia.
- C. A college may submit a request for regalia indicating completion of an academic minor; students who are Veterans may wear regalia as determined by the EKU Office of Military and Veteran Affairs; International Students may wear regalia approved and designated by the Office of International Student and Scholar Services.

2. [Required] Does your organization have a minimum grade point requirement for membership? If so, what is it?

Please attach copies of official organization communications that relay these expectation to organization members.

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3. [Required] Are you proposing that only those members who meet the 2.5 GPA academic threshold wear the regalia?

See above. All members must meet a minimum 3.0 GPA requirement for membership. As such, if they are a member, they meet and exceed the minimum GPA to wear regalia.

4. [Required] Please describe the significance of wearing the stole at graduation. Why should your members wear graduation regalia?

As ODK is a selective leadership & honors society, members should be able to display their achievement by wearing the stoles and cords.

5. [Required] Please provide a brief description of the stole or cords you are requesting to be worn (and attach a color photo).

ODK colors: light blue, gold & white.

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society

The Omicron Delta Kappa Society (ODK) is the national leadership honor society for college students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character. Membership in ODK is a mark of the highest distinction and honor.

Student membership candidates must be **juniors or seniors** who rank in the upper 35 percent in scholarship of their school or college (minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA) and must show leadership in at least one of five areas:

- ✓ Scholarship
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Campus Involvement, Social/Religious Activities, Student Government, and/or Community Service
- ✓ Journalism, Speech, and the Mass Media
- ✓ Creative and Performing Arts

Emphasis is placed on the development of the whole person, both as a member of the college community and as a contributor to a better society.

The purpose of Omicron Delta Kappa is three-fold:

1. To recognize those who have exhibited a high standard of leadership and efficiency in collegiate activities.
2. To bring together student leaders from all sectors of collegiate life in order to help mold the sentiment of the university for questions of local and collegiate interest.
3. To bring together members of the faculty and the student body on a basis of mutual interest and understanding.

Upon selection, Initiation is performed at a special ceremony. The **\$85.00** initiation fee is required of each member that is selected for membership. Your membership fee includes lifetime membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, your membership certificate, a recognition button, and a three-year subscription to *The Circle*® Omicron Delta Kappa's news publication. For further information about Omicron Delta Kappa, please visit www.odk.org.

If you are interested in applying for membership into the St. John's University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, Complete the ONLINE application located on the National website (please make sure you select the correct campus – Queens or Staten Island). If you fail to complete the whole application, your chances for selection will be impaired. Applications will not be accepted after the deadlines on each respective campus.



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