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## **What is the Men of Principle Grant Program?**

The Men of Principle Grant Program was established in 1999 through generous donations to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation to assist Beta Theta Pi chapters across North America in finding the best male student leaders who are not involved in fraternity life.

Each chapter of Beta Theta Pi can apply for the \$1000 grant to conduct the Men of Principle Scholarship each year simply by following the instructions in the Men of Principle Scholarship manual. These documents should provide a simplified approach to your chapter's scholarship process. Please use this information to better utilize the \$1000 grant to its fullest potential. It is encouraged that only the vice president of recruitment, MPS chairman or other designee complete the training.

## **What is the Men of Principle Scholarship?**

The Men of Principle Scholarship is a chapter led scholarship program that is mutually beneficial to both the Fraternity and the applicant if conducted correctly. The Fraternity is able to make introductions to outstanding student and community leaders, create friendships and potentially pique their interest in Beta Theta Pi while the applicant is rewarded for his achievements in the community without having to commit to or join the Fraternity.

## **What does the timeline look like for the MP Grant Program?**

For the upcoming academic year, chapters must submit a complete application by August 15, 2023, to unlock funds from the Beta Theta Pi Foundation. Once approved for a Men of Principle Grant, recipient(s) must be submitted by May 15, 2024, by completing the Men of Principle Scholarship Recipient Information Survey on Beta.org.

**Special note:** For the 2022-2023 academic year, the deadline to submit your winners is May 15, 2023.

## **Does the person have to join Beta to receive the scholarship?**

No. The Men of Principle Scholarship is an opportunity for the Fraternity to make introductions to outstanding male student leaders and create friendships that can potentially pique their interest in the Beta Theta Pi brotherhood. We encourage you not to select scholarship candidates based solely on the likelihood of them joining the Fraternity. We want authentic connections with great people like you, not just people looking for some cash!

Any scholarship candidate who was solely interested in the scholarship for the money, would likely not make for a good active member. Nor would giving it a “locked in” potential new member who needs the most help to pay dues – doing so would only hurt the chapter in the long-term as that member may not be able to pay membership dues in the future.

**Can we award the scholarship to a current member of our chapter that is struggling financially?**

No. The scholarship process is designed to build relationships with students on campus who are not members of a fraternity. However, don't worry, the Beta Theta Pi Foundation awards Merit and Needs-Based Scholarships annually to members of the Fraternity. Members can find more information at [beta.org/foundation/merit-scholarships/](http://beta.org/foundation/merit-scholarships/).

**How do I get the scholarship check to my scholarship winner?**

Once a chapter has concluded their Men of Principle Scholarship process, the chapter must complete the Men of Principle Scholarship Recipient Information Survey on Beta.org. The survey will ask for the scholarship recipient's contact and mailing information as well as details on the chapter's scholarship process – such as how many applications were received, how many interviews were conducted and how many candidates ended up showing interest in the Fraternity.

**Can the Beta Foundation send the \$1000 grant to our chapter?**

No. The MPS grant scholarship check can only be sent to the Men of Principle Scholarship recipient and university finance office. Chapters cannot be reimbursed through the grant program.

**Will people be upset that they did not receive the scholarship?**

Not necessarily. If they are, they probably would not have interest in being a good member for the chapter. Be sure to send acknowledgements to everyone who attended, including parents and alumni!

**How many people should we interview for the scholarship?**

The number one intent of the scholarship is to meet people who live by Beta's values across campus! You should interview as many candidates as possible throughout your scholarship process. Every person interviewed is a person who might not otherwise step into a fraternity house. You may want to set up three or four “interview teams” to conduct the maximum number of interviews.

**What will we need to remember for the scholarship dinner/banquet?**

You will want to have information on the Fraternity, award certificates for the scholarship recipient(s), a clean chapter house/meeting area, reception-style food or a complete meal, and a presentation by the president, recruitment or scholarship chairman, a parent, a fraternity alumnus, and/or a keynote

speaker. If you are planning to show a video explaining the Fraternity, be sure to remember a projector and be sure to download the video prior to the dinner/banquet.

### **What do we do following the awarding of the scholarship?**

Follow up! Be sure to contact each applicant whom you feel would be a good and giving member of the chapter. Remember the mailings serve as a name generator, and it is now time to recruit those people informally who did not receive the scholarships, as well as those who did. Invite them to future recruitment events held by the chapter. Be sure this is allowed in correlation to your specific campus IFC recruitment regulations. Most importantly, evaluate the program and plan for next year.

### **What if none of the applicants want to join Beta?**

The scholarship program was still a success in that it generates positive PR for Beta on campus and in the community. Students and staff members talk about their positive experience with the Betas, and that leads to future students seeking out our chapters because of our strong reputation. So, keep up the hard work, Betas, and it will pay off!