



MEN OF PRINCIPLE

SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

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 and colonies across North America in finding the best male student leaders who are not involved in fraternity life.

Each chapter and colony of Beta Theta Pi can apply for the \$500 grant to conduct the *Men of Principle Scholarship* each year simply by following the instructions in the *MP Scholarship* manual, available online at www.betathetapi.org/foundation/grants-a-scholarships/men-of-principle-grant. This manual should provide a simplified approach to your chapter's scholarship process. Please feel free to use this information to further your program and better utilize the \$500 grant to its fullest potential.

What is the *Men of Principle Scholarship*?

The *Men of Principle Scholarship* 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 peak their interest in the fraternity 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*?

April 15th,	<i>MP Grant Program</i> applications due
May 1st,	<i>MP Grant Program</i> recipients notified
May 31st, (the next year)	Chapters must submit the name and mailing address of their <i>MP Scholarship</i> recipient before this date to utilize their <i>Grant</i> .

Does the person have to become a member to receive the scholarship?

The *MP Scholarship* should be used as a recruitment tool only as a catalyst to create friendships with great students across the campus community. The relationships created can then introduce scholarship candidates to the Fraternity.

It is **imperative** that the scholarship recipient is **NOT** selected based upon the likelihood of his joining the fraternity. Any scholarship candidate who was solely interested in the scholarship money would likely not make for a good active member. Nor would a "locked in" potential new member who needs the "most help" to pay for the financial obligations of membership make for a good active member –

doing so would only hurt the colony/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 the fraternity.

However, the Beta Theta Pi Foundation offers *Merit Scholarships* which are awarded annually to members of the Fraternity. Members can find more information about *Merit Scholarships* online at www.betathetapi.org/foundation/grants-a-scholarships/merit-scholarships.

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

Once an *MP Grant* recipient chapter has concluded their *MP Scholarship* process, the chapter must complete the *Men of Principle Scholarship Recipient Information* survey, available online at www.betathetapi.org/foundation/grants-a-scholarships/men-of-principle-grant. This survey will ask for the scholarship recipient's contact and mailing information as well as some information 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 \$500 Grant to our chapter?

No. The *Grant Program* scholarship check can only be sent to the *MP Scholarship* recipient. 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 your 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 that is 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 guest book for applicants and parents, 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 mailing was intended to be 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.