



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 \$1000 grant to conduct the Men of Principle Scholarship each year simply by following the instructions in the Men of Principle Scholarship training found in the Lessonly Learning Center. This training 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 \$1000 grant to its fullest potential. You can access Lessonly at: betathetapi.lessonly.com/signin. 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 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 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?

Every chapter or colony that submits a complete application by May 15 is eligible to receive a grant in the following fiscal year (June 1 - May 31). Chapters and colonies approved for a Men of Principle Grant in 2020-21 must claim their grant by submitting their recipient(s) by May 15, 2021, by completing the Men of Principle Scholarship Training in the Lessonly Learning Center.

Special note: For the 2020-2021 academic year, the deadline to apply for the grant has been extended to August 30th, 2020.

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

The Men of Principle 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 a fraternity.

However, the Beta Theta Pi Foundation awards Merit Scholarships annually to members of the Fraternity. Members can find more information at 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 by completing step three of the Men of Principle Scholarship training in the Learning Center. This training will only be available after you have completed steps one and two of the training. 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 grant program scholarship check can only be sent to the Men of Principle 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 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 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.