

**District Archon Information Packet** 

As with any large organization, performance of the governance and managerial functions requires a significant level of involvement. In Phi Kappa Psi (The Fraternity), elected officers, appointed officers and headquarters staff make up this involvement. The Fraternity is unique in its commitment to undergraduate control. Phi Kappa Psi is unique among fraternities with the majority of the Executive Council consisting of undergraduate members.

Under this system, the Fraternity is organized into chapters, colonies, alumni associations and clubs. These organizations are also grouped into districts, which are established on the bases of geographical and administrative efficiency.

The Archon is an undergraduate member of the Executive Council, Phi Kappa Psi's Board of Directors and serves as the presiding officer of his district. Phi Kappa Psi has six Archons, one from each of the Fraternity's six districts. An Archon attends Executive Council Meetings and focuses on the policy and the governance of the Fraternity. It is the Archon's duty to communicate with each chapter and alumni association within his district, to fully and fairly represent their interests to the Executive Council and provides the Executive Council with accurate information regarding these organizations. The Archon also serves as a designated keeper of all archive materials, records and other property of the district.

The Executive Council is responsible for the decisions of the Fraternity during the intervals between meetings of the Grand Arch Council. It is composed of four alumni members – the President (SWGP), Vice President (SWVGP), Secretary (SWAG) and Treasurer (SWP) – and undergraduate members, Archons.

#### What is my district?



This map displays Phi Kappa Psi's six districts. If you want to learn more about Phi Kappa Psi Chapters within your district, you can use <u>Phi Kappa Psi's chapter locator</u>. To learn more about Alumni Associations, use the <u>Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Association locator</u>.

#### How long is an archon's term?

An Archon is elected at the District Council meeting held over the summer of odd numbered years. An Archon term is 2 years.

#### Archon candidate requirements

- An individual who desires to be nominated must be in attendance at the District Council meeting of their chapter.
- Must be an initiated, undergraduate Member in good standing of a Chapter within the District represented by the Archon position he is seeking at the time of his election
- Must meet chapter minimum GPA
- Must attend Executive Council meetings as scheduled and fulfill other obligations connected to his role as a voting member of the Executive Council;

- Must report on his activities for each Executive Council meeting and quarterly to his District
- Expected Time Commitment is 5 to 10 hours a week

### Attending a District Council meeting

- Candidates for Archon must attend the nominations and elections for Archon.
- The chapter is not required to designate a potential Archon candidate as a delegate for the chapter.
- A chapter is not required to cover expenses for an Archon candidate to attend a District Council Meeting.

### The Election Process

Elections for Archon will be held at each District Council meeting. A candidate must be present for the District Council Meeting in order to be nominated for Archon. In order to be considered for the position of Archon, an individual must be nominated. The nominating process is:

- Nomination The person nominating the candidate can speak for 3 minutes. (The candidate may nominate himself, and speak for 3 minutes, but he will not be permitted to deliver a 5-minute candidate speech)
- Second The person seconding the nomination can speak for 2 minutes.
- Candidate Speech The candidate can speak for 5 minutes.
- Questions Reasonable amount of time will be allowed for questions to the candidate.

Any alumnus or undergraduate member in good standing can nominate or second the nomination of an Archon candidate. The person nominating does not have to be from the individual's chapter. It is highly recommended that those considering candidacy for the Archon position plan for the nomination process.

#### **Archon Interest Meetings**

Session	Date	Time	Registration Link	
Session 1	Tuesday, March 18, 2025	4PM EST	Register	
Session 2	Monday, March 24, 2025	8PM EST	Register	
Session 3	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	8PM EST	<u>Register</u>	

#### **District Council Meetings**

District	Dates	City	Location
District I	July 25 – 27	Newark, NJ	Courtyard Newark Liberty Airport
District II	July 25 – 27	Morgantown, WV	West Virginia University
District III	July 25 – 27	Indianapolis, IN	Butler University
District IV	July 18 – 20	Atlanta, GA	Springhill Suites Atlanta Airport Gateway
District V	July 18 – 20	Columbia, MO	Missouri Alpha Chapter House
District VI	TBD		

### **Intention of Candidacy**

If you intend to run for an archon position, you can submit an Intention of Candidacy form. The form will include the following question beyond your personal information (Name, year in school, initiation year, etc.)

- Introduction: Please include a short bio of yourself, how you stay involved on both your campus and in Phi Psi and any other information you feel is important to share with us.
- What does being a member of a national fraternity mean to you both as an individual and as a member of your chapter?
- Pick a section of The Creed and explain it importance to you as a man and as a potential Archon.
- What do you want to accomplish in your role as an Archon?
- Why do you feel you are qualified for the Archon position? What strengths do you bring to this position?
- You can also include a resume

This information will be provided to all attendees of the District Council meeting. The deadline for submitting this information is **Friday**, **May 9**, **2025**.

You are not required to submit this information to be nominated for the Archon position. This process is intended to ensure you have an opportunity to share information about yourself prior to the District Council meeting.

#### Serving as Archon

- If you are elected as Archon, there are a few things that you should know about time commitment and important dates:
- The newly elected Archon will perform the closing ritual at the District Council meeting. If running for Archon, it would be in your best interest to review the closing ritual from your chapter's copy of the ritual book before the District Council Meeting.
- All Archons will take part in Archon Academy. While the date has not yet been finalized, it will likely take place in September. This serves as onboarding/training for all Archons elected at the District Council Meeting.
- The Executive Council holds three Executive Council meetings each year. All Executive Council members are expected to submit a report and attend these meetings.
  - Fall: November 21 23, 2025 (Indianapolis, Indiana)
  - Spring: Date and Location TBD
  - Summer: July 14, 2026 (Scottsdale, Arizona)
- The 2026 Grand Arch Council will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona July 15, 2026 July 19, 2026. All Archons are expected to be in attendance for the Grand Arch Council.
- Archons will be invited to take part in events that occur within their district, including chapter anniversaries, chartering of chapters, or other celebrations that National Fraternity representation is requested.
- Archons are expected to spend time throughout the year communicating with constituents (alumni associations and chapters) to better understand the concerns, successes, and challenges that each organization faces.
- Archons will receive documents throughout the year that should be reviewed promptly to ensure the business of the fraternity is not interrupted.
- Travel expenses for trips related to the role of Archon are covered by the Fraternity. This includes flights, lodging and meals.

# Benefits of Serving as an Archon

• Gain In-Depth Knowledge of Phi Kappa Psi's National Operations Serving as an Archon provides a firsthand look at how Phi Kappa Psi operates on a national scale. You'll gain insight into headquarters functions, alumni engagement, and the governance processes of the Executive Council.

# • Develop Leadership Skills by Serving on a Board of Directors

As a representative of your district, you'll engage with chapters and alumni associations while contributing to the Executive Council—learning how a board functions and plays a role in strategic decision-making.

# • Expand Your Network with Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Nationwide

Being part of the Executive Council connects you with dedicated alumni across the country. Through committee work and alumni events, you'll build valuable relationships that can benefit both your fraternity experience and future career.

# • Make an Impact by Sharing Your Perspective

As an undergraduate, your voice is essential to shaping the future of the Fraternity. As one of six undergraduate representatives on the Executive Council, you'll have the opportunity to influence key decisions and ensure that the undergraduate experience remains at the forefront.

# • Participate in Executive Council Meetings

The Executive Council convenes three times a year to conduct fraternity business. As an Archon, you'll be actively involved in these discussions, gaining experience in governance and organizational leadership.

# • Attend the Grand Arch Council

The Executive Council plays a vital role in the Grand Arch Council, Phi Kappa Psi's biennial national convention. The 2026 Grand Arch Council will take place in Scottsdale, Arizona, offering another opportunity to connect with brothers, alumni, and fraternity leaders.

# Enhance Your Professional Development

Serving as an Archon helps you build leadership, public speaking, and decisionmaking skills—qualities that employers and graduate schools highly value. You'll gain hands-on experience in governance, financial oversight, and strategic planning.

# Develop Conflict Resolution & Communication Skills

As an Archon, you'll navigate discussions between different chapters, alumni, and national leaders, honing your ability to mediate conflicts, communicate effectively, and advocate for those you represent.

### • Travel & Represent Phi Kappa Psi

You'll have the opportunity to travel for Executive Council meetings, conferences, and events, representing your district at the national level and expanding your experiences beyond your home chapter.

### • Access Exclusive Leadership & Educational Opportunities

Many past Archons have been invited to participate in leadership retreats, national fraternity programs, and external opportunities like NIC (North American Interfraternity Conference) events, further expanding their leadership potential.

### • Mentorship from Experienced Alumni & Fraternity Leaders

Archons work closely with alumni, fraternity executives, and past leaders who can provide mentorship, career advice, and guidance that extends well beyond your undergraduate years.

### • Strengthen Your Resume & Set Yourself Apart

Being an Archon is a prestigious leadership role that sets you apart from your peers. The experience you gain in governance, networking, and leadership will be a strong asset in job applications, interviews, and future opportunities.