

Applications are invited for Omicron Delta Kappa's  
**Paul N. Derring Scholarship**

The Alpha Omicron Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society invites applications for the prestigious Paul N. Derring Scholarship, recognizing outstanding leadership and service by a member of the *current* sophomore class (Class of 2021). A scholarship of \$4000 will be awarded for the 2019-2020 academic year to the individual selected.

The scholarship, presented at the spring OΔK initiation ceremony, honors Paul N. Derring, former executive secretary of the YMCA Program and eminent figure of the university. Under his leadership for nearly half a century, the YMCA served as a center for campus life programming. Mr. Derring also served the university as its coordinator of religious, cultural and recreational affairs, exhibited a strong interest in student life, and served for many years as the faculty advisor to the Alpha Omicron Circle.

**Eligibility and Criteria:** Applicants for the scholarship should possess impeccable character and have exhibited leadership in one or more of the following areas recognized by OΔK:

- \* Scholarship
- \* Campus, Government, Local and Religious Affairs
- \* Publications
- \* Performing Arts
- \* Athletics

A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 is required for applicants to be considered.

**Recognition:** Presentation of the award will be given at the ODK Spring Induction Ceremony in Late April. The \$4000 scholarship will be credited to the recipient's student account in \$2000 payments for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters.

**Application Components:**

- Applicant Information (see below)
- Essay (500 words or less) describing your most significant leadership role or accomplishment as it pertains to one of the above 5 areas recognized by OΔK.
- Resume or Curriculum Vita.
- One letter of recommendation sent on your behalf from a faculty member or administrator.

Applications are due electronically **by 5:00pm Friday, March 29, 2019** to **brookeam@vt.edu**. Components of the application should be submitted electronically as Word file attachments in one email, with the subject of your email being "Derring Scholarship." Reference letters should be sent on your behalf. For more information, please contact **Brooke Martin** at **brookeam@vt.edu**.

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**Paul N. Derring Scholarship Application**

**Applicant Information:**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Local/Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year/Anticipated Graduation Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Short Answer:**

Please provide a list of your extracurricular activities and ways you display leadership in these organizations/positions:

**Reference Information:**

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ask your reference to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf to **brookeam@vt.edu**. We ask that the recommendation letter emphasize specific reasons the reference feels the applicant is deserving of this recognition.