



Kansas State Organization of
Delta Kappa Gamma

SUNFLOWER

Winter 2023

Upcoming Deadlines:

Feb 1, 2024

- Chapter Necrology Report due to Glenna Hackerott
- First Time Convention/Conference Award applications due to Deena Horst
- Innovation in the Classroom Award applications due to Deena Horst

Feb 15, 2024

- Road Scholar applications due to Deena Horst (April-June Elderhostels)

March 1, 2024

- Achievement Award Nominations due to Charis Sawyer

Mar 12, 2024

- Deadline for Rose of Honor awards due to Jennifer Foos

Apr 12-14 2024

- KSO Convention

May 1, 2024

- Deadline for Spring Sunflower Articles due to Jennifer Foos/Donna Knoell

May 11, 2024

- Founder's Day-95 Years

May 15, 2024

- Road Scholar applications due to Deena Horst (June-Sept Elderhostels)

A Message from the Editor

Thank you to the committee chairman and KSO officers who have submitted their information to me by the publication deadline for the edition of the 2024 Winter KSO Sunflower. I delayed sending out this edition while waiting for information regarding the KSO Convention.

The proposed changes for the By-Laws are included in this edition. Please review them and plan to vote at the KSO Convention.

The KSO Convention Registration Form was not able to be included in this edition of the Winter Sunflower. As soon as it is available, a supplement to the 2024 Winter Sunflower will be emailed to you. It will contain all the information needed about the KSO Convention. I also be posted on the KSO Website. Thanks for Understanding and Sorry for the Delay.

If you have not viewed the recent updates to the KSO website please go to <http://phistate.weebly.com>. It is still a work in progress. If you have suggestions please contact me.

Jennifer Foos, Editor

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A Message from Donna

President of KSO



Dear KSO Delta Kappa Gamma Friends,

I hope each of you is enjoying a great start to 2024! Each New Year gives us an opportunity to rethink and refresh, as we look forward to new experiences, meaningful and enjoyable activities, and challenging and achievable goals and achievements! I hope that you have also decided and committed to making 2024 an incredible and fun year for you and your chapters in Delta Kappa Gamma. There are so many ways you can participate and contribute to making your chapter a more pleasant and meaningful organization. And there are also many ways to participate and contribute to the state organization. I truly hope you will decide to make a positive difference for Delta Kappa Gamma!

One thing we can each look forward to is the State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention. The Convention Committee and I have worked very hard to find and identify the BEST place for Convention. Our goal has been to find an easily accessible location, a place that can offer interesting activities that each of us can enjoy and in which we can participate in the surrounding areas of the Convention Hotel, and a place that will offer us a pleasant and comfortable convention experience. And of course, we also looked carefully at the various locations that were available to see which one offered the most affordable place for Convention. With all of those considerations in mind, we have selected the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas for our 2024 Convention. I think each of you will agree when you come to Convention that we have made a wonderful choice! So please be sure to mark your calendars for the weekend of April 12-14, and plan to come to State Convention!

The Convention Committee members and I are busy now planning the specifics of the Convention. There will be several sessions on Saturday afternoon, when each of you can choose which engaging speaker you want to hear, and what you want to learn about. Ruth Waggoner, our State Vice President, has agreed to speak on Social and Emotional Wellness and How Brain Science connects and interacts with Social and Emotional Wellness. We are also looking forward to hearing from some experts in the Kansas City community.

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One additional treat that we hope each of you will enjoy is a Fashion Show during the Saturday luncheon. Dillard's Department Store at Oak Park Mall has graciously agreed to provide the fashion show for us, and since spring fashions will be all the rage in April, it will hopefully be something that each of you will look forward to! As you begin to plan for your trip to the State Convention, you will find the Sheraton Hotel on a map, located at 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas. That is just East of Metcalf Avenue on College Boulevard. Convention Registration and Hotel Information will be sent separately to each of you, with information about meals and all the other convention details.

Another thing I want to remind each of you is that several deadlines are approaching that you will want to mark on your calendars, too. February 1 is the deadline for getting Achievement Award nominations to Charis Sawyer, chairman of the Achievement Award Committee. So please think of someone in our state organization you would like to nominate for this award.

February 1 is also the deadline for applying for the First Time Convention Award. If you have never attended the State Convention, you are eligible to apply for this award, and that application must be sent to Deena Horst by February 1. Don't miss your chance to receive this award, which will contribute to your expenses for the Convention. Innovation in the Classroom Award applications are also due February 1 and must be sent to Deena Horst for consideration. February 15 is the deadline for applying for a Road Scholar Award (for April-June Elderhostels). As you look forward a couple of months, March 12 is the deadline for each chapter to submit their Newsletter to be considered for the Rose of Honor Award. Finally, the International Convention is this coming summer and will be held at the Gaylord National Hotel and Resort in National Harbor, Maryland. The dates for the International Convention are July 9-13, 2024. This is also something you should mark on your calendar and consider attending. It is guaranteed to be a very interesting and engaging time with fellow Delta Kappa Gamma members from all across the United States and the world! I sincerely hope that each of you will have a healthy, happy New Year 2024, filled with bountiful blessings and opportunities! I look forward to seeing each of you in Overland Park on the weekend of April 12-14, for State Convention!

Happy New Year and blessings to each of you!

Donna J. Kneett
State President



KSO Chapter News

Thanks to the following chapters for submitting your quarterly newsletter:

Alpha Theta
Beta Eta
Beta Gamma
Beta Nu
Gamma Kappa

If I missed anyone's submissions please contact me at jfoos@gbta.net

ROSE OF HONOR CRITERIA

Send newsletters electronically to Donna Knoell, Jennifer Foos and your State Representative

Publish at least 3 Chapter Newsletters

Have at least 2 News Items Published in any of the online Sunflowers. (This requirement will be adapted to 1 News Item for the current award period since there was not a Spring 2023 or Summer 2023 Sunflower Published)

Beta-Gamma member Jennifer Foos was chosen as a recipient of the DKG-IEF Cornet award and received funds to attend the Innovative Schools Conference in Chicago Illinois from November 1- November 4th. She and her mom, Carole Byram who is also a Beta Gamma Member enjoyed sightseeing in Chicago when Jennifer was not attending conferences.

Beta Nu At their meeting on November 6 they met at St. Michael's Church to recognize and honor the veterans in their own lives.

Gamma Kappa celebrated member, Barbara Ross, for her 50 years of membership with DKG. Barbara and her husband, Merrill, were both educators in 501, and their lasting impact can be seen at Ross Elementary School, which is named in honor of their family. Barbara taught in both segregated and intergrated schools during Brown vs. Board and was a passionate advocate for integration. Barbara has been describe by her sisters as a sweet lady who always looks for the best in every situation. We are lucky, proud, and humbled to have such an inspirational educator as one of our sisters. Congratulations on your achievement!

Beta-Eta Decided at their August Planning Meeting that they would try to help various schools with supplies needed. They collect needed supplies for the schools in their chapter area and deliver the supplies to a different school each month.

Alpha Theta hosted its annual auction to raise money for the scholarships that are awarded to women pursuing a degree in education on December 9th.



Other Information

2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A reminder that First-Time Convention/Conference Award Applications are due to Deena Horst, Scholarship Chair, by February 1.

Also due on February 1 are applications for the Innovation in the Classroom Award. The forms are found on the website under the Scholarship tab.

Deena Horst
deenahorst@gmail.com

KSO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

REMINDER: Applications for the KSO Achievement Award are due by March 1. The deadline has been extended to March to allow applications to be filed- none received so far! Forms are available on the KSO Website or contact: Charis Sawyer
charissawyer47@gmail.com

Who is your State Representative?

Dear KSO sisters,

Welcome to the year 2024! I know many of you have already had some wonderful meetings for the year. I hope you have enjoyed the meetings and friendships.

This note is to remind all **state representatives** to visit the chapters assigned to them and fill out the information sheet. Be sure to send your information sheets to me and President Donna by email.

A list of **state representatives** and the chapters they serve can be found on our KSO website. The form can also be found there. If you have any questions please let me know. (Both the list and form are included with this newsletter)

Thank you for your continued support and assistance with making DKG remain strong.

Tina Brewer
KSO coordinator of state representatives

KSO Representatives

Tina Brewer, chair Alpha Sigma

2023-2025

Judy Branden	Beta*
	Beta Eta
	Beta Xi
Junnae Landry	Beta Psi*
Cynda Carr	Kappa
Kathy Chamberland	Tau
	Upsilon
	Alpha Tau*
Maybelle / Kathryn	Alpha Delta*
	Alpha Zeta
	Alpha Kappa
Susan Graham	Alpha Theta*
	Alpha Omega
Glenna Hackerott	Beta Delta*
	Beta Gamma
Georgia Klein	Omicron
	Alpha Upsilon*
	Beta Nu
	Beta Omega
Pat Lisowski	Nu*
Sandra Ellis	State members
Karen Levin	Gamma Epsilon*
Kim Oatney	Pi
	Alpha Sigma
Susan Perkins	Beta Rho *
Alicia Rues	Gamma Kappa*
* own chapter	

Chapter's Report of State Representative's Visit

Please complete and submit this form within two (2) weeks of the visit.

(Only one form per biennium is required)

Chapter _____ # of Members present _____

State Representative _____

Date of visit _____

Our state representative helped our chapter in the following ways:

The procedure of the state visit could be improved by:

Kansas State Organization can assist our chapter by:

Plans for the written report of the visit to the chapter:

_____ Discuss at an executive board meeting

_____ Discuss at a business meeting

_____ Report in the chapter newsletter

Chapter President (or designated representative)

Phone/E-mail

Please send copies by postal mail or email to Kansas State Organization President Donna Knoell dknoell@sbcglobal.net, State Representative Coordinator Tina Brewer (tinabrewer210@gmail.com) and your state representative. Retain a copy for your chapter file.

Proposed Changes to the Kansas State Organization By-Laws and Standing Rules
Presented to the 2024 State Organization Convention
Saturday, April 13, 2024

Article XII Section 3

Changes in the Bylaws and/or Standing Rules of Kansas State Organization necessitated by Amendments to the International Constitution and/or International Standing Rules may be made by the Kansas State Rules Committee and then reported to the Executive Board and published for the members. KSO will not have to approve each change individually.

This table gives the newly adopted wording of only those rules that are most likely to be presented at the KSO State Convention Executive Board Meeting and General Session for voting on by the members. Chapters will be notified after the KSO Convention of any needed amendments that may need to be addressed at the chapter level.

	SR: Standing Rule BL: By-Law	Current/Original Wording as stated in the March 30, 2019 version	New Recommended Wording and Rationale	Method of voting presentation: Consent Agenda or Floor
1	BL: Article IV-Finances: Section 3	<p>Payment of dues and fees.</p> <p>A. Annual dues and scholarship fees shall be paid between July 1 and October 31 204 of each year. On November1, members shall be dropped for non-payment of 205 dues and fees. 6 206</p> <p>B. The chapter treasurer shall collect all dues and fees. State and International 207 dues and fees shall be forwarded to the state treasurer.</p>	<p>Payment of dues and fees.</p> <p>1. The membership year is July 1-June 30. A member shall pay annual dues and fees no later than June 30 for the following fiscal year.</p> <p>2. New members shall become members when dues are paid. New members who join between July 1 and December 31 shall pay full international dues for current fiscal year. New members who join between January 1 and March 31 shall pay half dues. New members</p>	Consent Agenda

			<p>joining between April 1 and June 30 shall pay full international dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full annual dues whenever reinstated. Chapter and state organization dues may be pro-rated as the chapter/state organization determines. 3. Immediately thereafter, the state organization and international portion of the dues shall be sent to the state organization treasurer and the international portion to the International Headquarters. 4. The international portion of the dues shall be sent between July 1 and September 30. 5. A member who fails to complete payment of international dues shall be dropped as of October 1. <i>Rationale: Aligns with current International wording</i></p>	
2	BL: Article VI, Section 2, G. International Level	1. The KSO Executive Board shall approve KSO members nominated or recommended for International positions.	Delete <i>Rationale: International no longer requires this policy</i>	Consent Agenda
3	SR: II, E	E. Convention Site(s) 1. Beginning with the 2015 KSO Convention, the convention shall be in only one location: Wichita, Kansas	Delete "Beginning with the 2015 KSO Convention, the convention shall be in only one location: Wichita, Kansas." Insert "The KSO Convention site will be determined by the State President and the state convention planning committee as outlined in the KSO By-Laws and other members selected by the state president." <i>Rationale: The past years have shown a need to have some flexibility in location for the annual convention.</i>	Floor Agenda

4	SR: IV.B.2.c.(a,b,c,d).iv.	b. Iv. An official transcript...	Strike "Official" and insert "Copy" <i>Rationale: Saving of time and money for the member. No fiscal impact to KSO.</i>	Consent Agenda
5	SR: B.(2),(a),vi	vi. Request for payment of the award should be made to the state president using the current voucher form before coming to the state treasurer.	Strike "to the state president using the current voucher form before coming to the state treasurer." and insert "by filling out the online voucher" <i>Rationale: Simplifying and clarifying the process. No fiscal impact to KSO.</i>	Consent Agenda
6	SR: B. (2),(b),	attending a Road Scholar program (hostelship) – contingent upon money available for Road Scholar awards from the scholarships award fund, a maximum of eight (8) awards of \$300.00 each will be available to be used by applicants at least fifty-five (55) years of age. Four (4) awards may be available in the spring/summer and four (4) in the fall/winter. This award shall be entitled the Helen D. Bobbitt Hostelship Award.	Strike "a maximum of eight (8) awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert "a maximum of three (3) awards of \$500.00 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount will promote applications. No fiscal impact to KSO.</i>	Floor Agenda
7	SR: B. (2),(b),	ii. Deadlines for the Road Scholar award applications are: (i) August 15 (October-December programs) 1 (ii) November 15 (January-March programs) (iii) February 15 (April-June programs) (iv) May 15 (July-September programs)	Strike all of section ii. "Deadlines..." <i>Rationale: Trips occur at different times and may not align with current deadlines. The next session outlines that they will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.</i>	Floor Agenda
8	SR: B.(2),(c)	working on an area of Professional enrichment – Contingent on money available for professional enrichment awards from the scholarships awards fund a maximum of five (5) awards of \$300.00 each will be available each year.	Strike: "...a maximum of five(5) awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert: "...a maximum of three(3) awards of \$1,000 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount to encourage applications"</i>	Floor Agenda

9	SR: B, (2), (d)	working on Continuing education -- contingent on money available for continuing education award from the scholarships awards fund a maximum of five (5) awards of \$300.00 each will be available each year.	Strike: "...a maximum of five(5) awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert: "...a maximum of three(3) awards of \$1,000 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount to encourage applications"</i>	Floor Agenda
10	SR: B, (2), (e)	working on continuing education by KSO elected or selected officers and potential parliamentarians -- contingent on money available for continuing education awards from the scholarships awards fund awards of \$300.00 each will be available each year	Strike: "...awards of \$300.00 each..." Insert: "... awards of \$1,000 each..." <i>Rationale: Increase of amount to encourage applications"</i>	Floor Agenda
11	SR: B, (2), (g) ii	ii. The applicant shall be an active member of the KSO Organization for at least one (1) year before applying, and if a previous recipient must wait five (5) years before applying again. If a member received an International stipend for her innovative project, that project would not be eligible for the KSO Innovation in the Classroom Award.	Strike: ", and if a previous recipient must wait five (5) years before applying again." <i>Rationale: Encouragement of applications and no need for a wait time to reapply,</i>	Floor Agenda
12	SR: B	The deadline for application is February 1 of any year.	Strike wherever present in the scholarship section. Insert: "The deadline for applications for scholarships are due to the scholarship committee at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the state convention each year." <i>Rationale: Encouragement of applications and more time to apply.</i>	Floor Agenda
13	SR: B, (2), (g), V	Regular attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter activities are	Strike: A State member would be exempt from the chapter qualification for two (2) years after	Consent Agenda

		<p>qualifications for receiving the award. A State member would be exempt from the chapter qualification for two (2) years after her chapter dissolved</p>	<p>her chapter dissolved <i>Rationale: Committee felt this was unclear and not supportive of applications.</i></p>	

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Kansas State Organization First-Time Convention/Conference Award Guidelines

The award is for first-time attendance at a Kansas State Organization Convention, International Conference, or International Convention.

A. Eligibility 1. Has been an active member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for at least one (1) year before applying. 2. Has met the February 1 (of any year) deadline for application for the First-time Convention/Conference Award.

B. Requirements: 1. Mail a completed application to the KSO Scholarships Chairman postmarked by February 1 of the year the award is given. 2. Mail with the application a letter of recommendation from the chapter president. 3. A recipient is expected to attend all convention functions: general sessions, workshops, and meals on Saturday and Sunday mornings. 4. Application must be signed and dated by the applicant and the chapter president or other chapter officer if the applicant is president. 5. Upon completion of the Convention/Conference write a brief (250-word) summary of the Convention/Conference experience and send it to the KSO Scholarships Chairman. (The summary may be published in the SUNFLOWER.)

C. Criteria for Selection 1. Regular attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter activities are qualifications for receiving the award. 2. A State member would be exempt from the chapter qualification for two (2) years after her chapter dissolved.

D. Three (3) First-Time Convention/Conference Awards of \$200 each will be available during any one (1) year. The award will be recognized and presented during the Birthday Luncheon of the KSO Convention.

E. Please address application materials to:

Deena Horst (2023-2027), chairman

KSO Scholarship Committee

920 South 9th

Salina, KS 67401

deenahorst@gmail.com

Phone: 785-882-5521

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Kansas State Organization First-Time Convention/Conference Award Application Form Name

(First) (Middle/Maiden) (Last) Address

(Street and Number) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone no.: _____ E-Mail: _____

Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter _____ Initiation _____ (Month/Year)

Current/Last Employment _____
(Number of Years) (Grade/Subject/Other)

I am making an application for the First-Time Convention/Conference Award for (check one)
_____ Kansas State Organization Convention _____ International Conference
(odd-numbered years) _____ International Convention (even-numbered years)

Offices/Services rendered to Delta Kappa Gamma:

(Office/Services) (Year/s) (Office/Services) (Year/s)

(Office/Services) (Year/s) (Office/Services) (Year/s)

(Use another sheet or the back of this sheet for additional services to the Society)

Number of chapter meetings scheduled each year _____

Number of meetings the applicant attended during the previous two (2) years. _____

Signature of Chapter President)

(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

Mail this application along with a letter of recommendation from your chapter president by February 1 to:

Deena Horst (2023-2027), chairman

KSO Scholarship Committee

920 South 9th

Salina, KS 67401

deenalhorst@gmail.com

Phone: 785-882-5521

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Kansas State Organization, Kansas
Innovation in the Classroom Award

Guidelines

This award is to encourage creative, new instructional strategies or projects in the classroom.

A. Eligibility

1. The recipient must have been an active member of Phi State/KSO for at least one (1) year before applying.
2. If a previous recipient of the award, the member must wait five (5) years before applying again.
3. If the member received an International stipend for her innovative project, that project would not be eligible for the KSO Innovation in the Classroom Award.
4. The applicant has met the February 1 (of any year) deadline for application for the Innovation in the Classroom Award.

B. Requirements:

1. Submit a completed application to the KSO Scholarship Chairman by February 1 of the year the award is given.
2. Submit a letter of recommendation from the chapter president.
3. Upon completion of the project write a brief (250 word) summary of the project experience to the KSO Scholarships Committee Chairman.
(The summary may be published in the SUNFLOWER.)

C. Criteria for Selection

1. Regular attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter activities are qualifications for receiving the award.
2. A State member would be exempt from the chapter qualification for two (2) years after her chapter dissolved.

D. Contingent on money available from the scholarships award fund there will be a maximum of three (3) awards available each of \$300 during any one (1) year. The award will be recognized and presented during the Birthday Luncheon of the KSO State Convention.

E. Please address application materials to:

Deena Horst (2023-2027), chairman

KSO Scholarship Committee

920 South 9th

Salina, KS 67401

deenahorst@gmail.com

Phone: 785-882-5521

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Kansas State Organization, Kansas
Innovation in the Classroom Award
Application Form

Name _____

(First) (Middle/Maiden) (Last)

Address _____

(Street and Number) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone no.: _____ E-Mail: _____

Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter _____ Initiation _____ (Month/Year)

Present Position _____ District _____

Have you ever been a recipient of a Phi State/KSO Innovation in the Classroom Award?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, when (year)? _____

Offices/Services rendered to Delta Kappa Gamma:

(Office/Services) (Year/s) (Office/Services) (Year/s)

(Office/Services) (Year/s) (Office/Services) (Year/s)

(Use another sheet or the back of this sheet for additional services to the Society)

Number of chapter meetings scheduled each year _____

Number of meetings attended during the previous two (2) years. _____

Describe the instructional strategy or project that you propose: (Use additional sheets if needed.)

(Signature of Chapter President)

(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

Mail this application along with a letter of recommendation from your chapter president by February 1 to:

Deena Horst (2023-2027), chairman

KSO Scholarship Committee

920 South 9th

Salina, KS 67401

deenahorst@gmail.com

Phone: 785-882-5521

Upon completion of the project: Send a brief summary (250 words) of your project experience to the KSO Scholarship Chairman.