

History and Purposes

Theta Alpha Kappa was established in 1976 by Prof. Albert Clark, F.S.C., at Manhattan College in Riverdale (the Bronx), New York, for the purposes of honoring outstanding students in the fields of religious studies and theology. The Society now hosts more than 250 active local chapters across the United States at public and private institutions both large and small. Students are elected to permanent membership in a local chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa on the basis of scholarly excellence. To be eligible for nomination, students must be in the top 35% of their class, have a 3.5 GPA in religious studies or theology courses, and have an overall GPA of 3.0. (Local chapters may establish higher GPA requirements.) Residency and unit requirements must also be met.

Theta Alpha Kappa is the only national honor society serving the needs of those involved in the study of religion and theology at both the baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate levels of higher education. Theta Alpha Kappa is a not-for-profit educational corporation in the State of New York and a related scholarly organization of both the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL). Theta Alpha Kappa's annual meeting is held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the AAR and SBL.

Benefits of Membership

Recognition of Excellence. As the highest national academic honor a religious studies or theology student can earn, membership in Theta Alpha Kappa is recognized at graduation and listed on one's resume. Members are eligible to purchase and wear the Society's regalia.

Publishing and Scholarship Programs. Theta Alpha Kappa sponsors annual undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship competitions. In addition, the Society's refereed *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa* offers the annual Albert Clark Awards for the best undergraduate and graduate papers submitted for publication. Moreover, articles of JTAK are indexed with ATLA (American Theological Library Association) Religion Database with Serials.

Federal Employment. Membership in Theta Alpha Kappa, a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, fulfills one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in many professional and technical positions in the federal service.

Lifetime Connection to the Field. Through national publications and local chapter activities, members can remain informed and involved in the academic study of religion and/or theology.

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