

Esther Pilster INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Award

Information Sheet

What is the Esther Pilster Award?

The Esther Pilster INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Award is granted to Nebraska Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) members to participate in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, initial national board certification, and other non-degree program opportunities that relate specifically to an applicant's professional aspirations and/or current educational assignment.

Who is Esther Pilster and what is the sponsoring organization?

A bequest to Nebraska DKG from the Esther Pilster estate was the basis for the establishment of the Endowment Fund. Esther Pilster was a long-time educator in Nebraska and served as a Nebraska state president. Nebraska DKG promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

What does the award fund?

The Esther Pilster INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Award funds participation for professional development sponsored by organizations or institutions other than DKG. This includes presentations/attendance at conferences that will contribute significantly to the educator's own professional development.

The award may pay for initial National Board Certification. Documentation of accepted candidacy must be attached to the application.

The award may pay for registration fees and conference-related materials, travel, lodging, food, substitute teacher (if not provided by the district), and other expenses necessary for participation in the professional development activities. These activities shall be completed within one year.

The award may not be used for attendance at Society-sponsored events, college or university courses leading to the completion of a degree program, and/or reimbursement of expenses for activities already completed.

Who may apply and how often?

Nebraska DKG members may apply. Activities must occur *after* funds are awarded. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be made approximately one (1) month following the deadline. Recipients may receive the award three (3) times.

How will the award be received?

If an applicant is selected, applicant

- shall receive one-half of award amount with notification of selection;
- shall receive the remainder of the award upon verification of participation (copies of receipts);
- shall submit this documentation within 30 days after completion date;
- shall return the award funds if unable to implement award; and
- shall not transfer the award funds.

How do I submit the application?

Applications will only be considered if submitted on or before February 15. Submit by email or US mail the completed application with the required attachments to the Endowment Committee Chair. Upon submission, confirmation will be sent as proof of receipt.

By your submission of this application, you are agreeing to supply Nebraska DKG with pictures and text to substantiate the use of funding from any awards received from Nebraska DKG. You are also granting your permission for these pictures/texts to be used by Nebraska DKG on its website and social media platforms without compensation.

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