

Background on Phi Beta Kappa

The University of Houston is currently engaged in preparing an application for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter on campus.

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most prestigious college honor society. It celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Its campus chapters invite for induction the most outstanding arts and sciences students at America's leading colleges and universities. Only about 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

The University of Houston has applied for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the past, but has not been successful in this endeavor. A committee has recently been constituted for the purpose of preparing an updated application.