

# STAYING ENGAGED IN TAU KAPPA EPSILON, THE FRATERNITY FOR LIFE



TAU KAPPA EPSILON

— Better Men for a Better World —

## THE FRATERNITY FOR LIFE

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The Official Alumni Resource Guide provides a wealth of information for Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni about the various opportunities for remaining connected and being actively involved with the Fraternity for Life.

Should you have any questions outside these particular topics, please contact the Offices of the Grand Chapter at [TKEOGC@TKE.org](mailto:TKEOGC@TKE.org).

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# Get Involved with TKE

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You will always be a Frater in the Bond. We want you to remain actively engaged with your chapter, fellow alumni and the International Fraternity. Your opportunities as an alumnus extend far beyond your own chapter.

## 01 STAYING CONNECTED

Our goal is to continue serving you in ways that are relevant and supportive of your personal and professional development throughout your lifetime. Stay connected, keep your contact information updated, be informed, attend chapter and alumni events when you can. Let us know how we can be of service.

Join an alumni association. Attend ritual when you can; if you haven't celebrated the Fraternity for Life ritual, seek it out. Find an opportunity to celebrate Founders' Day with other Fraters. You are the Fraternity ... for Life.

## 02 CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS

Volunteers can help whether they give an hour a month, one day a year, or make a long-term commitment. Sharing just a little bit of your time and talents can make a significant impact, reaps great rewards, and demonstrates the true meaning of the Fraternity for Life.

We are always looking for committed volunteers to serve in advisory and leadership roles or to share your experience and talents in other ways. There are many opportunities to work directly with campus groups, alumni associations or other volunteers. Openings for volunteer opportunities can be located at [TKE.org/Get-Involved](https://TKE.org/Get-Involved); explore additional creative options by talking with other volunteers or professional staff members.

## 03 SUPPORTING THE CAUSE

Giving back is an essential aspect of being an alumni Frater. All alumni are encouraged to make an annual donation to Life Loyal Teke and directly support the Fraternity's investment in education and leadership programming.

Donations to the TKE Foundation are tax-deductible and can be directed based on your preferences. Contributions can aid a chapter's special projects fund, specific programs or scholarships.

## 01 Staying Connected

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Keep in touch with our Fraternal family! Updating your contact information with the Offices of the Grand Chapter anytime you move or change jobs ensures your chapter and fellow alumni know how to find you. Additionally, it allows us to invite you to social events and networking opportunities with fellow Tekes in your area.

- [MyTKE.org](https://MyTKE.org) is the portal to your account with TKE. Update your personal information, view the badges you've earned, find nearby events, access your Life Loyal Teke benefits, and view your giving record.
- THE TEKE Magazine provides stories about Tekes, campus groups, and our entire organization. Having a subscription to the magazine is a great way to keep in touch with what is going on across TKE Nation.
- Many chapters provide newsletters, whether electronic or in print. Keep an eye out for your newsletters and consider what stories you can contribute to keep others updated. In some cases, alumni groups generate their own publication along with, or in place of, a chapter newsletter.
- Who do you know who might be considered "lost?" As people move, there are many alumni who have not updated their address or email with us at headquarters and you may be able to help us. Visit [TKE.org/Lost](https://TKE.org/Lost) to see who's considered lost from your chapter.
- Finally, be sure to like or follow the official Fraternity account on [Facebook](https://Facebook), [LinkedIn](https://LinkedIn), [Twitter](https://Twitter) and [Instagram](https://Instagram). Be sure to do the same for group pages that your campus or alumni group may have.



## Program Opportunities

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Tau Kappa Epsilon's educational programs support member success in many arenas - fraternally, professionally and personally. Programs are designed for all collegiate and alumni members. We highly encourage you to attend an event in your area. Your support of collegiate attendance makes a large impact.

### PROVINCE FORUMS

Province Forums are typically a one-day, drive-in event held at a minimal cost. More than 40 of these events happen annually across TKE Nation, typically in the fall. This is a chance for all Tekes—and even those not yet initiated—to learn how to become better men and make our Fraternity stronger.

Learn more about Province Forums at [TKE.org/Forum](https://TKE.org/Forum).



### REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

RLCs bring together collegiate and alumni members to share, learn and live the principles of Tau Kappa Epsilon. These weekend events are hosted at hotels in major cities in February. Participants learn about operational excellence and other leadership skills along with personal/career development.

Learn more about Regional Leadership Conferences at [TKE.org/RLC](https://TKE.org/RLC).



### VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Key Leader Trainings provide opportunities and support for chapter level volunteers such as chapter advisors and board members. These events are offered on a province-level or can be done for a single group upon request. Regional Planning Conferences and Province planning sessions occur on a regional level. The William V. Muse Alumni Volunteer Academy provides additional training for volunteers in non-Conclave years. Additional video and online resources are always being developed and added to our website.

## Conclave

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Held biennially, Conclave is Tau Kappa Epsilon's largest gathering to celebrate the Fraternity and plan for its future. The four-day, three-night event includes a friends and family program touring the host city, a community service project, educational programming and a Grand Inaugural banquet to close.



Official delegates from each alumni association along with the collegiate representatives from chapters meet together, attend educational sessions, vote on proposed legislation, and elect the officers of the Grand Council.

The Friends and Family Program is a flexible alternative schedule for folks to explore the host city and enjoy the brotherhood of Conclave. Visit tourist destinations, make new friends and extend your network, or just take time for yourself. You can still participate in our major brotherhood event, community service project and Inaugural Banquet if you choose. Build a schedule that works for you to enjoy the Conclave experience. Plan ahead to bring your family, or to celebrate a reunion with fellow Fraters. Don't miss this chance to travel with TKE and create memories at Conclave.

Learn more at [Conclave.TKE.org](https://Conclave.TKE.org).





## Alumni Associations

An Alumni Association is a team working together to foster the TKE spirit among alumni of many generations. An association is chartered either as a chapter-based or area-based group. Alumni Associations can choose to renew their charter every biennium or pay a lifetime charter fee. Each chartered Alumni Association is an official part of the Grand Chapter and gets one vote when the Grand Chapter convenes at Conclave.

Alumni Associations serve as the social connection hub for alumni. They plan social and philanthropic events just like a chapter, and many groups support special projects funds and award scholarships for collegiate members. Alumni Associations help seniors transition to becoming alumni and are a great option for new graduates to get involved as alumni members.

Joining an association is a way to stay connected with and support the Fraternity. You can extend your own personal and professional network and help build the ranks of engaged alumni. If your chapter's alumni association is not chartered or there is not a group in your geographical area, you can help build one. Headquarters can assist with contact lists, promotional support, and connectivity with other groups. The Alumni Engagement Team is happy to answer any questions and offer assistance.

View the Alumni Association guide at [TKE.org/Guides](https://TKE.org/Guides) and connect at [TKE.org/Contact](https://TKE.org/Contact).





## 02 Contribute Your Talents

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### VOLUNTEERING WITH TKE

Our chapters and colonies thrive when they are supported by alumni volunteers who can provide guidance and perspective. The role of volunteers within TKE is absolutely vital. Your involvement makes an impact whether you can give a couple hours to attend a single event, help out a bit more over time, or take on a committed role as an advisor or leader.

Recruitment is the lifeblood of our Fraternity. You can help by soliciting other alumni you know who can get involved. Identify and encourage alumni who could be active within an alumni association or who could help directly with our collegiate members.

This is a team effort. Our students win when the Fraternity's Professional Staff, volunteers, and campus staff are all communicating with each other. We are looking for volunteers who value a team-based approach.

One Frater recently said, "Some alumni just want to relive their old memories, but the alumni who want to build new ones make the best volunteers." We are looking for volunteers who celebrate this mindset, who aren't in it just for their own egos, and who are focused on creating positive experiences for others.

You will get back more than you give. If you enjoyed your collegiate years, imagine what it can be like to be actively involved and continuing to build on the experience for 10, 20, or 40 more years. Make a meaningful impact, build new and deeper relationships with Fraters near and far, and continue to build your own personal and professional skill set.

As an alumnus, you can make TKE better, and – without you – TKE is missing something. What skills and interests do you have? Are you interested in working directly with students or with other alumni? Are you looking for a limited role or a more substantial opportunity?

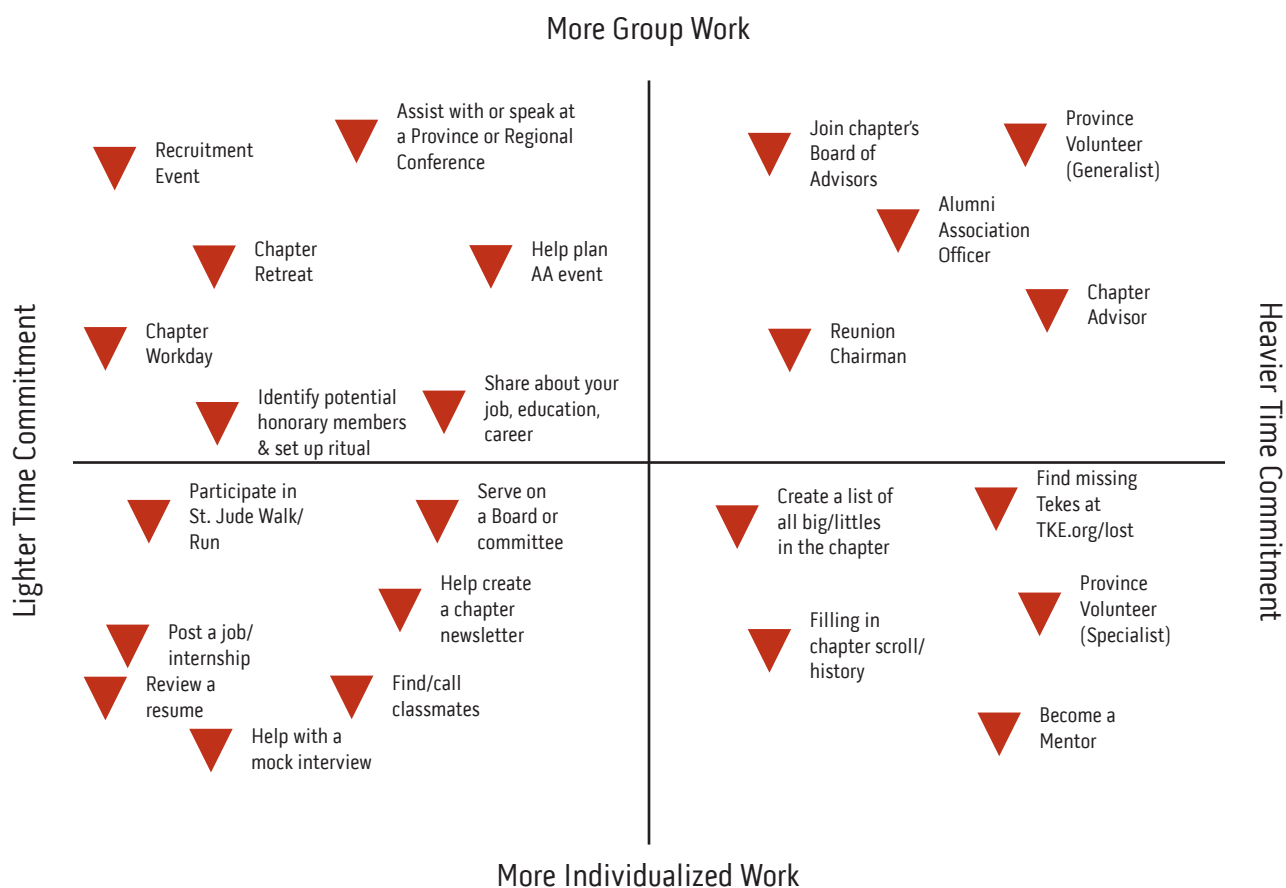
The Professional Staff and other volunteers are here to help and we can find a way for you to be involved matching your interests, lifestyle, and circumstances. Ask how you can get involved. You can also view open volunteer positions at [TKE.org/Get-Involved](https://tke.org/get-involved).

## Micro-Volunteering

Your involvement matters! We can help you find a way to actively support the Fraternity whatever your interests, availability and skills may be. There are opportunities to take on major leadership roles that build your professional skillset, expand your portfolio and extend your network. If you can only offer a few minutes each month or maybe just one day a year, there are still all sorts of opportunities where your contribution can make a real difference.

What is most important is that you get involved – that you continue to develop your abilities and contribute them as a Frater in the Bond. We are here to help; reach out to other volunteers in your area, to chapter leaders or to the Professional Staff and we can help identify opportunities and options that can work well for you.

Review the grid below for suggestions and options for getting involved.



## Organizational Landscape - Professional Staff

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Fraters are supported by an army of talented Tekes, some of whom serve on the Fraternity's Professional Staff and many more serving as volunteers. Whatever your level of involvement, it's important to understand how the organization is structured.

**The Fraternal Services Team** visits and supports our campus groups. These front-line staffers are primary resources for students, chapter leadership and local volunteers.

**The Expansion Team** is made up of specialists working directly with existing interest groups and colonies and supporting them through the steps to chartering. Additional resources are also made available to chapters who are identified as needing additional support for recruitment and growth.

**The Alumni Engagement Team** works to create more opportunities for all alumni Fraters to remain connected with the Fraternity. They work with alumni associations and also with our many volunteers.

**The Education Team** designs and delivers a vast array of programming initiatives with the support of other staff and volunteers. Conference events are designed for both collegiate and alumni, with additional trainings created for volunteers. Additionally, we are developing online resources for all Tekes.

**The Risk Management Team** educates collegiate Fraters and alumni volunteers about the responsibilities and risks involved for our groups. They serve as advisors when asked, investigators when prudent, and auditors when necessary.

**The Finance Team** provides support and tracking for all campus groups regarding their financial obligations to the Fraternity. They provide consultation and can work with groups to develop payment plans when necessary.

**The Communications/Technology Team** shares the message of TKE with Fraters and with other broader audiences. Their work can be seen on the website, in THE TEKE magazine and other media, through our marketing materials, and in the Teke Guide along with many other manuals and resource guides. In addition, this team maintains the Fraternity's membership database.



## Organizational Landscape - Volunteers

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Chapter Advisors and Boards of Advisors are the primary local resources for each campus group. Chapter Advisors typically focus on current matters and operational success, whereas the Board of Advisors should be focusing on broader strategic issues and longer term planning. The role of the alumni association is to develop, support, and maintain relationships among alumni Fraters.

TKE Nation is divided into over 40 provinces – many of which are single states, some are larger, some are smaller. A Grand Province Advisor serves as the coordinator for the province volunteer team and a resource for local level volunteers. Members of the province team may be focused on particular functional areas (recruitment, budgeting, ritual, new member education, etc.) or they may be assigned to support one or more chapters in a geographically defined area.

Fraters can volunteer at the national/international level to assist with delivering workshops and training (either on campus or at regional events), to serve on a committee (finance, programming, alumni involvement), to support and represent the TKE Educational Foundation, or even to serve on the Grand Council of TKE.



## 03 Supporting the Cause

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### How does Life Loyal Teke benefit Tau Kappa Epsilon?

Your financial support is more crucial than ever as TKE builds leaders and provides life skills for our members to impact their campuses and communities. Your personal commitment and your association's shared effort is a critical part of the movement to grow a stronger culture of philanthropy and enhance the offerings we provide to our collegiate and alumni members!

- Associations are encouraged to take an active role in supporting Life Loyal Teke. Some groups incorporate annual Life Loyal Teke donations as part of their dues structure and remit those funds to headquarters on their members' behalf. Other groups pursue direct promotion campaigns to encourage their alumni to support Life Loyal Teke.
- Our peer fraternities have been able to receive on average \$1.87 million to help achieve their respective missions.

Imagine the impact of doubling or tripling the grant we receive annually from the Foundation. Tax-deductible donations to Life Loyal Teke directly support educational programming for our collegiates and volunteers. The grant provided by the TKE Foundation helps to offset the costs of Regional Leadership Conferences, Charles R. Walgreen Jr. Leadership Academy and the Dr. William V. Muse Alumni Volunteer Academy.

We must evolve our support to provide the resources our Fraternity needs to thrive and your choice to invest in your Fraternity makes a difference.

**Learn more at [TKE.org/LLT](https://TKE.org/LLT)**





## TKE Foundation

Donating to the TKE Foundation is a meaningful way to demonstrate your commitment to Tau Kappa Epsilon's legacy and to support our mission of aiding men in their mental, moral and social development for life. The mission of the TKE Foundation is to establish and support scholarships and leadership training programs which promote academic achievement and strengthen moral, social and community values.

Each gift made by Fraters and friends of the Fraternity—no matter the size—truly enhances the Foundation's ability to support Tekes of today and tomorrow. All gifts made to the TKE Educational Foundation are tax-deductible and applied toward scholarships, grants and other member and chapter-specific projects. We encourage you to explore giving opportunities.

**Learn more at [TKE.org/Foundation](https://TKE.org/Foundation)**







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Established January 10, 1899, Tau Kappa Epsilon is a men's social fraternity founded on the honest convictions of Love, Charity and Esteem.

For more information,  
please visit [TKE.org](http://TKE.org)

