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Going to grad school? Apply for a fellowship from the Mortar Board National Foundation.

Each year, the Mortar Board National Foundation awards fellowships to members pursuing further study in graduate or professional school. Thousands of dollars will be available for Mortar Board fellowships for the 2011-2012 academic year. Applications are due on or before January 31, 2011.

The Mortar Board Fellowship Selection Committee has designed applications to provide for a streamlined, yet thought-provoking application process that allows each applicant to showcase her/his accomplishments and plans. This committee reviews all completed applications.

A completed application for a Mortar Board National Foundation fellowship consists of three parts, outlined below. The deadline for receipt of the completed application (all three parts*) is January 31, 2011.

1. A Microsoft Word application form ([available for download here](#)), completed in full, and sent as an e-mail attachment to fellowships@mortarboard.org;
2. A current, official transcript from every institution of higher education that you have attended, postmarked by January 31, 2011, and mailed to:

Mortar Board National Office
1200 Chambers Road, Suite 201
Columbus, OH 43212

3. Two recommendations as described [here](#).

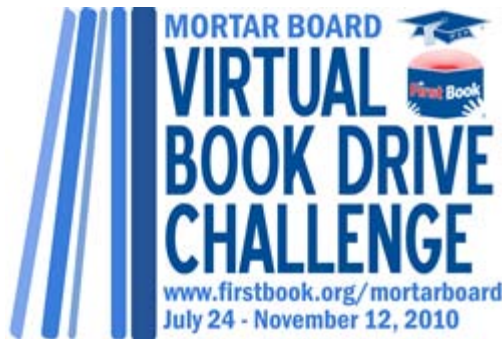
**An incomplete application will receive no consideration.*

Mortar Board chapters raised nearly \$32,000 by participating in the Virtual Book Drive

The third annual Virtual Book Drive Challenge came to a victorious end on November 12, with dozens of chapters working together to provide books to children in need in their communities as a part of the national "Reading is Leading" initiative.

Altogether, 52 chapters raised an average of \$600 each for a total of nearly \$32,000, with three chapters rising to the top as the highest donors for the drive. These top chapters received bonus Marketplace bookstore credits from First Book for their recipient groups. These chapters are:

- First place - Hope College (\$500 bonus) - \$10,899.61 raised
- Second place - Kansas State University (\$350 bonus) - \$5,179.11
- Third place - University of California, Los Angeles (\$250 bonus) - \$1,310
- Honorable mention - San Diego State University (\$100 bonus) - \$1,140



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Don't forget about your Kaplan test preparation discount

As a Mortar Board member, you are eligible to receive 15 percent off all GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, SAT, ACT, PSAT classroom and online courses for members.

To receive your discount, simply visit the [Kaplan website](#) at www.kaptest.com/mortarboard and enter the code MORTAR during the checkout process. To work properly, the code must be entered in all caps and without any spaces before or after the code. Please note this offer may only be redeemed online and eligibility is restricted to Mortar Board members, their spouses and children.

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Bonus prizes were also given to chapters who raised more than \$500, as well as chapters drawn in a random prize drawing each month of the drive, contributing to a total of \$2,860 in bonus credits awarded by First Book.

[Read the full story and see a list of chapters presented with bonus credits here.](#)

Check out the Mortar Board blog <http://blog.mortarboard.org>

In October, Mortar Board launched a blog that features posts featuring topics of interest for members and chapters. A few of the posts include:

- [How to "network"](#)
- [No more driving home from work thinking, "I wish I'd said"](#)
- [Wiggio: a free online tool with everything your chapter needs](#)

Subscribe to the blog's RSS feed to be informed of updates, or contact Mortar Board at mbforum@mortarboard.org if you are interested in becoming a guest blogger.

Mortar Board Forum magazine available now

The *Mortar Board Forum* magazine is available now! Be sure to browse through the magazine to see what chapters are doing throughout the country, learn about Mortar Board's rich history, see Mortar Board families and more.



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Welcome new staff member

Jennifer Bergman joins the Mortar Board National Office staff as development and operations specialist. Jenny is a 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University and has honed her skills working at Ohio Wesleyan University and the American Cancer Society, bringing expertise in areas of development, event planning, marketing, communications and fundraising to Mortar Board. She replaces Mary Cay Kuder, who retired November 30.

Job opportunity in the Mortar Board National Office: communications manager

Mortar Board is currently seeking a well-qualified professional to fill the position of Communications Manager. To view the full position description, [please click here](#).

To apply, please visit www.jobsatosu.com and search by requisition number 354539. The deadline to apply is Sunday, December 19.

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online community for employers and young professionals. [KODA](#) showcases companies like New York Life, Yelp, GEICO, Agilent and IDEO. Recruiters from these employers are trying to hire Mortar Board members: they're scouring the [KODA community](#) for possible recruits, so create a profile and connect with them.

Find out what these companies are like and understand your career options - they're more diverse than you think. You'll have the added advantage of featuring your affiliation with Mortar Board on your profile, which helps you stand out to employers who are actively searching for recruits in the [KODA community](#).

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Need a scholarship? Search now.

Mortar Board members are given access to a [scholarship search engine](#), hosted by [FastWeb](#). There, members have access to more than a million scholarships with more than \$3 billion in awards.

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Mortar Board provides great benefits to its members

Mortar Board makes every effort to provide beneficial opportunities, outstanding discounts and valuable services to members.

Be sure to check [this list](#) regularly to be sure that you are taking advantage of all the benefits Mortar Board has to offer!

