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## Candidate Questionnaire: Getting to Know You

*Please complete this questionnaire. Answers should be brief.  
Responses will appear unedited on Phi Theta Kappa's Catalyst website.*

### Candidate for (highlight ONE):

- International President
- Division I Vice President
- Division II Vice President
- Division III Vice President
- Division IV Vice President

**Your Name:** Taylor Swanson

#### 1. What is your college major?

I am an accounting major (with a minor in IT).

#### 2. What is your ultimate career goal?

My professional goal is to help others feel confident in their financial literacy. Our future is shaped by financial choices, and working as a financial accountant would be a meaningful use of my degree. My aspirational and artistic career goal is landing a position as a voice actress for a video game or animated show.

#### 3. What was your primary reason for accepting PTK membership?

I accepted membership with PTK because the Chi Upsilon officers were so welcoming during my new student orientation. At the time, I had recently moved to Crystal Lake and looked forward to making friends and finding the support I lacked growing up.

#### 4. What's your go-to "fun fact" during an icebreaker?

As a teen, I performed as a cellist for "Christmas Eve / Sarajevo" with the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and Chicago Symphony Orchestra! Since I had only started playing a few years prior, it made me proud that I could keep up with seasoned instrumentalists.

#### 5. If you could thank your past self for one decision, what would it be?

I'd thank myself for making the decision to push forward no matter what challenges lay ahead. Even though it was scary dropping everything to move back home to the Midwest after living in Seattle for years, I couldn't be happier I took that risk.

#### 6. What's a small, everyday thing that brings you joy?

Sitting in a quiet room for 5 minutes. I try to do this first thing in the morning, but if that fails, then I add it on to my bedtime routine. My life is so hectic, so I really need my daily peace.

#### 7. If you could instantly master a random skill (tightrope walking, speaking fluent whale), what would it be and why?

I'd love to master the ability to sew well-fitting garments. There's something special about being able to create something beautiful AND useful at the same time.

**8. What's your go-to hype song when you want to feel unstoppable?**

Tough choice, there are a few. Right now, I'd choose "Level Up" by Ciara.

**9. What's your favorite way to recharge when you're running on empty?**

I make myself a cup of tea, and, if the weather is nice, I'll head outside with my headphones to listen to whatever music fits the mood. Otherwise, my daughter and I will have a "lights off dance party" with glowsticks in the basement. It's fun!

**10. What's your favorite tradition – family, personal, or something you invented?**

I give a small gift to someone on my birthday every year. I believe everyone should get the chance to celebrate on birthdays, even if it isn't their own. Watching their face unexpectedly light up brings me so much joy.