



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

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: Subah Ahmed

1. What is your college major?

Associate in Science, Software Engineering – Since age five, I've been curious about how computers work and love solving problems. I taught my family how to use technology and enjoy building things digitally.

2. What is your ultimate career goal?

I want to study and build technology that feels kind and easy to use, especially for underrepresented communities and people in developing countries who are still catching up with tech.

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

I'm pursuing a full-ride scholarship to a top U.S. university—and a chance to represent international and non-traditional students from community colleges.

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

I'm a free bird—during my first year in the U.S., I visited about 10 states, explored cities all over Texas, and started collecting fridge magnets from every place I go.

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

Believing in myself and choosing to keep pushing for both my and my brother's education even when studying in the US felt as impossible as moving a mountain.

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

Watching the sky, no matter the day, is always incredible. It reminds me how big the world is and how small my worries really are.

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

Singing – everyone in my family, friends can sing except me, and I would love to finally join the club without embarrassing myself.

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

Hall of Fame by the Script – it's the rhythm, the lyrics gives the push I need, whether I am folding my laundry or trying to survive integrated calculus.

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

Thrifting for hours and ending the day with good food – boba, Thai food, or a warm bowl of ramen.

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

Birthdays – I love celebrating people just for existing. I am usually just as excited as they are, and if I hear its someone's birthday nearby, I will sing loudly whether they're ready or not.