

2020

Scholarships

***Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Incorporated ®
Xi Chi Omega Chapter***



2020 Scholarship Criteria Page

1. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
2. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. A digitally filled application can be provided online which can be printed and sent with your required documents. You may also download a copy of the application online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7T4YkTaEB3ZHzWdwPeGydSCteicNqRu26XEe4o51CFXpHKA/viewform>
5. Winners will be notified in early May.

Purpose: To provide encouragement to a graduating African-American female senior who will pursue a course of study at either a college/university or other accredited post-secondary educational institution.

Award Components: *If you are applying to more than (1) scholarship please indicate marking a X under each award name.*

Award Name	GPA Requirement	Award Value
■ Ivy Memorial	3.5 or higher	\$1,500
■ STEAM	3.2 or higher	\$1,200
■ Merit	3.0 or higher	\$1000
■ HBCU	2.5 to 2.9	\$700

Applicant must:

1. be an African-American female
2. be a graduating high school senior in Northern Westchester (Sleepy Hollow and points North) in the year of the award
3. participate in school and community service activities
4. have been accepted by an accredited college or university
5. appear for an interview, if requested
6. if chosen as a recipient, submit a 5x7 color photo (head and shoulders)

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form. (If handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors or community leaders with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement. (See section 18).
3. An official high school transcript with cumulative grade point average.
4. Personal Essay. In your essay, please answer the question in **Section 7**.

Deadline for the application is **Friday, March 27, 2020**. All applications are **required** to be emailed as a PDF to the email address below; All school transcripts must be mail & postmarked by **March 27th , 2020** to the address below. Any application submitted after this date will not be considered.

Xi Chi Omega Chapter Scholarship Committee

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2020 Scholarship Application

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

Section 1 – Student Personal Information

1.	Last Name:		First Name:			
2.	Mailing Address:					
	Street					
	City		State		Zip	
3.	Phone Number:	Day		Evening		
4.	Date of Birth:					
5.	Email Address:					
6.	Name & address of a parent or legal guardian:					
	Last Name :		First Name:			
	Mailing Address:					
	Street					
	City		State		Zip	
	Home phone of parents or legal guardians:					

Section 2 – High School Information and Activities

7.	Current High School:		# of Years Attended	
8.	High School Address:			
	Street			
	City		State	Zip
9.	List any extracurricular activities that you have participated in for the past four (4) years, (e.g., clubs, student govt., sports, etc.): USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY			

School Clubs/Sports	Date(s) of Involvement	Responsibilities

10	List honors and/or academic awards you have received: USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY
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Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date of Award

Section 3 – Applications to Colleges and Universities		
11	List the names of the colleges/universities to which you have applied. Indicate if you have been accepted.	

Name of College/University	State	Accepted
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12 .	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall</u> :			
<i>Proof of student enrollment from the school you choose is required prior to receipt of funds.</i>				
13 .	What area do you plan to major in as you continue your education?			

Section 4 – Career Goals	
14 .	What are your professional/career goals and objectives?

Section 5 – Community/Volunteer Activities		
15 .	<i>List and briefly describe your community/volunteer service activities: USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY</i>	
Organization	Date(s) of Involvement	Brief Description of Participation

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Section 6 – Recommendations/References

16 . List the names and occupations of the two persons who will be submitting recommendations on your behalf.

	Name	Occupation
1)		
2)		

Section 7 – Essay

17 . Submit an essay containing a minimum of 750 words. The essay should be doubled-spaced and must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font, and page numbers at the bottom of each page. Please type your name and the name of the scholarship you are applying for on the top of each page.

Ivy Memorial Essay Question:

The Ivy Memorial Scholarship is in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha women who have passed away and made significant contributions to their respective communities and our sorority. With this in mind, please answer the following:

If you had the opportunity to thank Rosa Parks for the role she played in the Civil Rights Movement, what would you say to her?

Merit, Essay Question:

We all have experienced times when we have felt personally challenged and time when we have felt truly successful.

Tell us about a personal achievement that makes you feel proud and how it has helped you to grow.

S.T.E.A.M Essay Question:

The 2016 movie, 'Hidden Figures', chronicles the impact that three African-American women had on NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. More specifically, these three women - Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan - were mathematicians who became known as 'human computers', and had to overcome gender and race barriers while trying to establish successful careers.

Describe a time in your life where you had to overcome a challenge or barrier. How were you able to overcome this barrier, and what was the outcome? How has this experience influenced your decision to pursue a college degree and/or a degree in a S.T.E.A.M. field?

HBCU Award Essay Question:

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have built an invaluable legacy, and they continue to fill an important role in providing access to quality higher education for African-Americans and others.

In your own words, please explain why you have chosen to attend an HBCU. What do you think an HBCU experience offers that you cannot get elsewhere? What impact do you think going to an HBCU will have on your personal and professional career?

18	A. The following items must be attached to this application or it will not be reviewed by the scholarship committee. There will be no exceptions. B. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
	YES	NO	Two (2) recommendation letters , each in a separate, sealed envelope.
	YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcript in a sealed envelope. Photocopies/ Email Copies of your transcript are <u>not acceptable</u> .
	YES	NO	Personal Essay.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER

The deadline for this application must be **postmarked by Friday, March 27th , 2020** **No exceptions!**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is the oldest black Sorority. It was founded in 1908 at Howard University with a mission of service to all mankind. Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha has over 850 graduate and undergraduate chapters worldwide. For excellence in its mission, it has been recognized by the White House and other governmental entities.