



Since its founding at Howard University on January 15, 1908, **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED** has implemented service programs that impact countless lives in key areas such as education, health, the family and economics.

2018-2022 National Service Targets for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.:

- I. **HBCU for Life: A Call to Action** - Educational focus with an emphasis on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The goal is to stamp the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand of financial support on each HBCU campus to help students remain in school, complete their course of study, and receive their college degrees.
- II. **Signature Program - #CAPSM** - Assist students as they seek admission to college by providing guidance and support in completing the application and enrollment process through the 2018-2022 Signature Program, #CAPSM, which is short for College Admissions Process.
- III. **Women's Health Care and Wellness** - Raise community awareness of critical health issues impacting African American women. The primary focuses will be breast cancer awareness and prevention, heart health, nutrition and wellness, and care for the caregivers.
- IV. **Building Your Economic Legacy** - Emphasize personal financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investment, managing debt, entrepreneurship and improving credit for our communities along with directing attention to the plight of the homeless, including homeless children and homeless veterans.
- V. **The Arts!** - Expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through the exploration of writers, entertainers and various other artists along with student research and celebration of African American artists during the Harlem Renaissance and the Black Arts Movement.
- VI. **Global Impact** - Engage in a community service project that has an international impact and will partner with organizations that make a difference worldwide. Additionally, establishing global partnerships that provide assistance to the underserved in international areas populated with people of color.

The **Eta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.** serves the Pasadena, Altadena and San Gabriel Valley areas. Our programs include an Annual Scholarship Workshop, Scholars Chat Mentoring Program, MLK National Day of Service and donations to the Union Station Homeless Shelter. We invite all qualified high school seniors to apply for one of the seven scholarship awards in 2021.

Ashlely Vickers, Chapter President

Jeane Ward & Brenda Harvey-Williams, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., ETA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER
PASADENA/ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION PACKET**

ELIGIBILITY:

The Eta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will award a minimum of seven scholarships to college-bound African American high school seniors residing or attending school in the Pasadena, Altadena or San Gabriel Valley area.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES:

1. **S.T.E.M/S.T.E.A.M:** This category is reserved for young women interested in pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering, art or math. At least two awards are available. Required minimum 2.7 GPA.
2. **Social Justice/Economic Development:** This category is reserved for young women pursuing a career that will impact social, economic and/or human rights change. Required minimum 2.7 GPA.
3. **Most Improved G.P.A.:** This category is reserved for young women who have experienced a significant improvement in their GPA from freshman to senior years. Required minimum 2.3 GPA.
4. **Young African American Male:** This category is reserved for young men who are using education to achieve their life goals. Required minimum 2.7 GPA.
5. **Overcoming the Odds:** This category is for young men or women with a documented learning disability who intend to enroll in a Bachelor's degree program, two year community college, vocational school or technical training program.

AWARDS:

In 2021, at least seven scholarship awards are available; six in the amount of \$2,000 and one in the amount of \$5,000. The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to the student receiving the highest overall score and will be dispersed in the amount of \$1,250 annually, provided the recipient maintains a 2.0 GPA and is making progress towards a degree. All recipients will be notified of their award by **April 26, 2021**. A public announcement of all award recipients will be made in print and social media in May.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The application is available at www.aka-elo.org, click on "Scholarship". **All directions below must be followed or the application will be disqualified.** All interested applicants need to **TYPE**, complete and submit the following:

1. An official un-opened copy of your transcript;
2. A **TYPED** and completed Personal Information Sheet (Page 3), including a wallet-sized 2"x2" photo. This page can be completed and printed from the website www.aka-elo.org, click on "Scholarship";
3. A **TYPED** Personal Essay (maximum two pages) addressing the questions in your Scholarship Award category (See questions on Page 4);
4. A **TYPED** Activities Record detailing your extracurricular activities, community involvement and volunteer experiences (Page 5); and
5. **TWO** Letters of Recommendation (Page 5), one from your school counselor and one from a teacher, advisor or coach who can attest to your qualifications in the area for which you are applying.

Scholarship applications can be delivered in one of two ways - mailed or hand delivered. If mailing, the application must be **postmarked no later than Friday, March 1, 2021** and mailed to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Attn: Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 90013
Pasadena, CA 91109-5013.

If hand delivery is the chosen delivery option, the application must be **received by 8:00 PM, Thursday, March 4, 2021**. Please call 626-862-5705 for instructions on where to deliver it.

Any mailed applications received with a postmark after March 1, 2021, or hand delivered after March 4, 2021 will be disqualified. Status letters will be emailed the week of March 29th, and finalists will be interviewed on **Saturday, April 17 or Sunday, April 18, 2021**.

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

APPLICANT: []
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

PERMANENT ADDRESS: []
NUMBER STREET

[]
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE: []
HOME CELL PHONE EMAIL

PERSONAL: [] []
AGE DATE OF BIRTH

NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN WITH WHOM YOU RESIDE: []

PARENT PHONE: [] PARENT EMAIL: []

HIGH SCHOOL: [] GRADUATION DATE: []

CUMULATIVE GPA: []

COLLEGE(S) YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: []

****CHECK SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.****

- S.T.E.M./S.T.E.A.M. SOCIAL JUSTICE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOST IMPROVED G.P.A.
- YOUNG AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE OVERCOMING THE ODDS

APPLICANT SIGNATURE/DATE: _____

PERSONAL ESSAY:

The Scholarship Committee would like you to submit an essay no more than two **typed** pages in length (double spaced, 12 size font), addressing the specific questions that apply to your award category. **Please note Categories 4 and 5 are the only ones for which male students may respond.**

- 1. S.T.E.M/S.T.E.A.M.:** Why are you interested in pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts or Math? How have you prepared yourself during high school for a career in one of these areas? Why is it important to the United States that citizens pursue careers in these fields? Who inspired you to consider this field and why? How do you plan to give back to the community and encourage other African Americans to pursue careers in these fields?
- 2. Social Justice/Economic Development:** What career are you interested in pursuing and why? Lately, there have been a lot of incidents in the news that highlight gender, economic and educational inequalities. The African American community tends to suffer from these inequalities at a higher level than other ethnicities. How has your high school education and society helped you in preparing to create change and find ways to make a difference in the community? How will you use your college education to enhance these qualities and drive change within your community?
- 3. Most Improved G.P.A.:** Explain your journey to improve your G.P.A. so that others with similar struggles can benefit from your experiences, work and accomplishments. You may include why you feel you deserve this scholarship, your motivations, goals, and aspirations for the future. What process did you use to improve your GPA? Please explain.
- 4. Young African American Male:** What motivates you to pursue higher education? What are your career aspirations? As an African American male, how will you overcome any challenges? What are the advantages you have as an African American male toward achieving your goals? How will you use your college education for the strengthening and empowerment of the African American family and community?
- 5. Overcoming the Odds** (*Please note: If necessary, applicants in this area should seek assistance from a parent, guardian, teacher or counselor.*): What special needs or challenges have you faced and how have you dealt with them and/or overcome them? How will your higher education enhance your ability to succeed in spite of your challenges? How will you use education to strengthen your community and make a difference in the lives of others?

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Activities:

Please list the community organizations in which you are involved, your hobbies, high school honors and awards, extracurricular activities at school, work, church and volunteer experiences.

Please provide two Letters of Recommendation:

The letters should include a written appraisal of the applicant's personal and academic qualities with a focus on the award for which they are applying. We are especially interested in the applicant's character, values, financial need, scholastic attitude, special interests, and qualifications for category of award choice.

Official Transcript:

Please include in your scholarship application packet an official un-opened copy of your high school transcript.