



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Sigma Pi Omega Chapter
2024 Scholarship Application

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 15, 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.. It is the first Greek lettered organization established by a group of African American collegiate women one generation out of slavery. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship amongst college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be of "Service to All Mankind." With a continual growing membership of 360,000 college-trained women, the sorority has flourished since 1908 and has impacted the world through commitment and dedication with a current theme of *Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood*, and programs such as Empower Our Families, Build Our Economic Wealth, Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice, Uplift Our Local Community.

Sigma Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on May 19, 1990. Since 1990, our chapter has provided a presence in the South Bay area with signature programs and fundraising events to continue to provide scholarships for Black or African American students within our service area. We are dedicated to promoting the international goals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. by providing youth educational scholarships.

Scholarship Eligibility

All eligible applicants must:

1. Must be a Black or African-American student.
2. Must be a June 2024 graduating senior and accepted by an accredited college or university for Fall 2024.
3. Must demonstrate a willingness to make a positive contribution within their community.
4. Must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
5. Must show verification of financial need (college counselor's signature needed on scholarship application for verification).
6. Must submit an essay describing educational goals, career aspirations and information regarding financial need.
7. Must submit official transcripts (unopened with seal).
8. Must submit at least one letter of recommendation (teacher or counselor).
9. Must acknowledge receipt of funds if awarded a scholarship via email.
10. Must maintain frequent contact with Sigma Pi Omega's Scholarship Chair (at least once per semester) if awarded a scholarship and wish to continue financial support.

Awardees will be notified Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Applicant Name: _____

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Application Process

1. **Complete ALL pages of the application** - Application should be typed, or neatly handwritten using blue or black ink, with your name on the bottom of each page (footer).
2. **Essay** - Write an essay (Must be no more than 500 words, typed, double spaced, 12-point font using Times New Roman or Arial font type) addressing the following prompt:
As a young scholar what are your collegiate goals and how will it guide your future career aspirations? How will you be an agent of change in your local community?
(*Please keep in mind acts of service that you could do or implement on your future collegiate campus.)
3. **One letter of recommendation (required)**- Each candidate must submit a letter of recommendation from one of the following categories:
 - a. Academic - submitted by a teacher, counselor or administrator (non-family member)
 - b. Community Service - submitted by a community service organization (non-family member)
 - c. Personal - submitted by an individual who can objectively assess your abilities and character (non-family member)
4. **School Certification form and Official Transcript** - The School Certification Form should be completed by a school administrator or counselor and accompanied by an official school transcript. The official transcript must be sent via US Mail and POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **TUESDAY, April 30th, 2024** TO MEET THE MANDATORY RECEIPT DATE OF **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024** or via email to **akasp01990@gmail.com** to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Sigma Pi Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 5248
Torrance, CA 90510

5. **Personal Signature Form**- Please ensure that all parties must sign the application documents where applicable. Parent signature is required if the applicant is under 18 years old by the dates of application submission.
6. **Submission Instructions**- The application, essay and letters of recommendation must be submitted electronically via email (not U.S. mail) using the email: **akasp01990@gmail.com**
 - a. Please save all required documents of this scholarship application using the applicant name in the file name. For example, SPO-AKA 2024 Scholarship Application - Beyonce Knowles” for the application, “SPO-AKA 2024 Essay- Beyonce Knowles” for the essay, and “SPO-AKA 2024 Academic Letter of Recommendation - Beyonce Knowles” for the letter of recommendation.
 - b. Those writing letters of recommendation can submit them DIRECTLY using the email above, or can be given to the applicant for submission with their application. The applicant, essay and letters of recommendation can be submitted separately, but all documents MUST INCLUDE THE APPLICANTS NAME.

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Honors, Awards, and Community Participation

List all special recognitions you have received and extracurricular affiliations over the last three years (use an additional sheet if necessary):

Honors/Awards:

Name of Organization or Institute:	Honor/Award:	Date of Receipt:

Student/Social Groups:

Name of Organization or Institute:	Position (if any):	Date of Participation:

Internship/Jobs:

Name of Employee (or internship):	Honor/Award:	Date Employee/Volunteered:	Number of hours per week:

Volunteer Work & Community Service:

Place of Service:	Number of hours:	Supervisor's Name	Supervisor's Contact Number or Email:

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Family

Parent/Legal Guardian #1:

First Name

Last Name

Occupation

Parent/Legal Guardian #2:

First Name

Last Name

Occupation

Number of Siblings: -----

State of Financial Need - THIS IS IMPORTANT

A statement of Financial Need - What personal or family circumstances exist that you would like to share with the scholarship committee? What will use the scholarship funds for? (This could be two separate paragraphs)

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Personal Signature Form

Please review your scholarship application responses and sign your name below. Your signature will confirm the information provided on this application is accurate and true. The signature will also authorize your school/academic institution to release information for consideration of the scholarship.

“Please note: if any information provided on this application is deemed inaccurate or false, Sigma Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated reserves the right to disqualify your application.

Applicant Name (please print)

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date

- School Certification Form and official transcripts must be sent directly to:
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
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P.O. Box 5248
Torrance, CA 90510
Attn: Monique Woodley, Scholarship Chairman
(Request this information immediately to ensure timely arrival of information)
- Application must be received electronically by **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**. LATE or INCOMPLETE applications WILL NOT be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All scholarship finalists will be required to submit verification of college/university enrollment by way of registration receipt prior to distribution of scholarship funds.

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School Certification Form

This form must be completed by the school administrator or counselor. Please provide the information requested below, along with an official transcript and forward to the US Mailing address indicated at the bottom of this form. Please forward this information promptly to ensure the student's ability to be considered for scholarship. Kindly model timeliness for our prospective scholarship candidate.

Name of High School: _____

Is this student a high school senior? Yes No

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____, 2024

Class Rank: _____ Size of Class: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

School Representative (please print: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form and official transcripts should be sent to:

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Attn: Monique Woodley, Scholarship Chairman

Questions: Please contact Monique Woodley akasp01990@gmail.com

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Application Checklist

This checklist is for your personal use and does not need to be submitted with your application

Item	Complete
Application (submitted electronically via email)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay AND Financial Need Statment (submitted electronically via email)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic/Personal Letter of Recommendation (submitted electronically via email)	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Certification Form (submit via US mail)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official Transcript (submit via US mail)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Signature Form (submitted electronically via email)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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