

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ®
Omaha Graduate Chapter in Partnership with Nebraska Ivy Foundation
Scholarship Application



2023 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please keep this cover sheet for future reference.

BACKGROUND

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the oldest African American Sorority, was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University, in Washington, D.C. The major purpose of the sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind. The Omaha Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was organized in 1946 and fulfills the sorority's purpose through local programs. Over the years, this chapter has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarships to deserving female African American students who graduated from Nebraska high schools. For the past two years, the Graduate Chapter has partnered with its non-profit organization, the Nebraska Ivy Foundation. Our Foundation was incorporated in 2021, and by partnering with them, we will be able to award more scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applicants must be African American females.
2. Current full-time college students who graduated from a Nebraska high school, 2023 Nebraska high school graduating seniors, or post-graduate students. Scholarships will be awarded to students that attend four-year institutions.
3. Primary consideration for the scholarship is academic excellence. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 (C+ or better) on a 4.0 scale.
4. The amount of and number of scholarships available vary from year to year. Scholarship awards are made payable directly to the recipient.
5. Attending an HBCU is not a general eligibility requirement for this scholarship. However, at least one of the scholarships awarded this year is exclusively available to a student who meets the above requirements **and** plans to attend (or currently attends) a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). *Scholarships will only be awarded to students that attend four-year institutions.*

Note: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Omaha Graduate Chapter and the Nebraska Ivy Foundation reserves the right to rescind scholarship awards in content in the application changes that affect the criteria.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 20th, 2023

The completed application must have a postmark or email date stamp designation between January 16, 2023, and March 20, 2023. ALL materials must be received by the deadline. A Notification of scholarship awards will be acknowledged by Friday, April 12, 2023.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES: (INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT UNDERGO REVIEW)

- Complete and return **all** scholarship application pages **except this cover sheet**. *No staples or tape.*
 - Submit an official college/high school transcript in a sealed envelope and be sure to include official documentation of the grading scale used at your school.
 - Submit **two letters of recommendation**. One letter of recommendation from a school official and one letter of recommendation from an employer, church, or community leader on letterhead which includes the title/position, signature, and date.
 - Attach a recent head shot photograph preferably 2"x3", no larger than a 4" x 6". Write your name on the back side of the photo. (If emailing submission attach a separate JPG image.)
 - Submit a double-spaced, typed essay (see page Essay Cover Page for topic and instructions).
 - Send all application materials together in one package to:

Postage Mail:

AKA DEO 2023 Scholarship
Chair P.O. Box 3322
Omaha, NE 68103

Email:

DEOAKAScholarships@gmail.com
Subject: 2023 Scholarship Application

(Additional applications are available on our website www.deoakaomaha.org)

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Directions: Please read carefully and answer **all** questions. Please type.

1. **Name** _____

2. **Address** _____
Street, City, State, Zip Code

3. **Cell phone #** _____ **Home phone #** _____
Area Code & Number Area Code & Number

4. **Email Address** _____

5. **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____

6. **Mother/Guardian's Name** _____

Street Address _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

7. **Father/Guardian's Name** _____

Street Address _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

8. **Are you currently employed?** Yes _____ No _____ **If "yes", number of hours worked per week:** _____

Company Name: _____ **Supervisor's Name** _____

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Question 8 pertains to High School students

8. *Current High School* _____ *Graduation Date* _____
Proposed College/ University _____
Intended Major _____

Question 9 pertains to currently enrolled College students

9. *High School you graduated from* _____ *HS Graduation Date* _____
College/University Name & Location _____
Major: _____ *Minor:* _____
Classification: _____ *Cumulative GPA:* _____
Number of Hours Earned: _____ *Expected College Graduation Date:* _____

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**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
EXTRA-CURRICULAR/ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

Please list your participation in extracurricular activities over the past two (2) years paying particular attention to your **leadership positions in each area below** and describing the **amount of time involved** (i.e., number of hours **over the past 2 years**). DO NOT ATTACH A RESUME!!

10. List any high school/college related organizations or activities in which you are involved:

11. List any community activities, church activities and any volunteer activities in which you are involved:

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12. List any academic honors/awards and/or special recognitions you have received:

13. My hobbies include:

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM ESSAY COVER PAGE

Name _____

Please list your name above and attach this form as a cover sheet for your essay.

Your response should be typed using 12-point Times New Roman or Arial font, and double-spaced, with one-inch margins all-around. No more than 650- 700 words

Please submit a personal essay. This essay will help you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about apart from your courses, grades, and test scores that would make you the best candidate for the scholarship.

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**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM SCHOLARSHIP
CONSENT FORM**

I understand to be eligible to receive this award I must be an African American female full-time college student who graduated from a Nebraska high school **or** an African American female Nebraska high school graduating senior actively attending classes during the academic year for which this scholarship is awarded.

I give my consent for the Omaha Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Nebraska Ivy Foundation to use information in my application for the purpose of publicizing these scholarship awards in media chosen by the chapter.

I certify that the information contained herein is correct to the best of my knowledge. If I accept an award and any information in this application is found to be misrepresented, I agree to return all monies awarded to me if so, required by the Omaha Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., or the Nebraska Ivy Foundation.

Applicant's Name (printed or typed)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent(s)/Guardian Signature (If applicant is younger than 19)

Date

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION FORM

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Date Application mailed/mailed: _____ / _____ / _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

To be considered for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. or the NE Ivy Foundation Scholarship, an applicant **MUST** comply with the listed application procedures and submit all the following:

Place a check mark on the line opposite the items that you are submitting in your application packet:

- _____ 1. **Application:** All **5 pages** of the application form including signed Scholarship Application Submission Form. Do not attach a resume.

- _____ 2. **Official Transcript** (as defined below):

Official high school or college transcript in a sealed envelope. I have verified that I have an unweighted Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

OR

Official college transcript in a sealed envelope showing that I have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.
Note: Transcripts must show grades through 2022.

- _____ 3. **Grading Scale:** Pamphlet or notation on the transcript or some other written description of the grading system at my school.

- _____ 4. **2 Signed Letters of Recommendation:**
 - 1- Signed letter of recommendation from a school official and
 - 2- Signed letter of recommendation from an employer, church representative or community leader.

- _____ 5. **Photo:** Recent head-shot photo, preferably 2"x3", but no larger than 4"x 6" (Digital JPEG image is submitted via email)

- _____ 6. **Essay:** Typed essay attached to Essay Cover Page.

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Submit this form with your Application! Your application will be disqualified if it fails to include all documents as detailed above.