

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

Iota Chapter ▪ P. O. Box 201266 ▪ Chicago, IL. 60620

Chartered - August 17, 1920

2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is pleased to invite you to take part in the chapter's Scholarship Competition. For years we have selected scholarship recipients from high schools across Chicago based on academic performance, activity in the community and personal character. Even in these trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, we look forward to awarding more deserving students in 2021!

Eligible students must be **AFRICAN-AMERICAN/BLACK MALE** high school seniors, attending schools in Chicago, with at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA, and will begin college in the fall of 2021. We urge you to carefully review the enclosed materials and submit a scholarship application along with all attachments. Our chapter is committed to identifying and awarding scholarships to deserving students who will be furthering their education by enrolling at an accredited four-year college or university.

The application/questionnaire is designed to collect academic and personal background information for the selection process. Your response to the questions is a decisive factor in the selection process. You must answer all questions thoroughly and honestly. Failure to answer all questions and/or complete the essay portion of the application will result in immediate disqualification. You may apply online at the *Academic Works* website: <https://cps.academicworks.com> or complete a hard copy.

After completing the hard copy application, you should give the application/questionnaire to your school counselor or other designated school official to complete their section. The school official will provide the requested data and attach a sealed official transcript of grades through and including the first semester of the current academic year (2020-2021). Please mail the completed application with all the attachments to:

**Iota Chapter
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 201266
Chicago, IL 60620**

*It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all information is received by **April 1, 2021**.

Three (3) personal references must accompany the application in separately sealed envelopes, with the recommender's signature across the seal. Individuals who can provide information about your schoolwork, community service, and/or personal character should complete the references. Two of the references should be current teachers or school administrators. The references must be processed with the online application at the [Academic Works](https://cps.academicworks.com) website or mailed with the application to the address above, and cannot be sent separately.

The hard copy application is also available for download at: <http://www.iotachapterques.org>

Only scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2021. Recipients will receive their award certificates during an awards dinner on June 17 (*subject to change*). If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be expected to confirm your final enrollment plans and begin full-time study in the fall of 2021, prior to receiving your cash award. Detailed instructions will be given to each recipient after the awards dinner.

We welcome your application and look forward to adding your name to the roster of Iota Chapter scholarship recipients. **YOUR BEST AWAITS YOU!**

Sincerely,

Melvin M. Slater, Sr.

MELVIN M. SLATER, Sr., Chairman

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Please complete this application as accurately as possible (TYPE/PRINT legibly). Members of the Scholarship Committee will review applications. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final. All submitted material will become the property of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Finalists from the review process will be awarded the Iota Chapter Scholarship.

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number (H): _____ (C) _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Full Name & Phone #: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of High School: _____

Principal's Full Name: _____

Guidance Counselor's Full Name: _____

ACADEMIC DATA:

Overall Grade Point Average: _____ (unweighted) _____ (weighted)

Current Class Rank: Top 5% Top 10% Top 25% Top 50%
(Check one)

SAT Score (if applicable): VERBAL _____ MATH _____ WRITING _____

ACT Score (if applicable): _____

(Signature of School Official)

(Position/Title)

(Date)

Affix Official High School Seal:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Have you been accepted for admittance to a college/university? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, list each.

Have you received any other scholarships? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, list and explain.

Have you applied for any type of financial aid? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, list and explain.

School/Civic Organizations

Offices/Leadership Positions Held:

List responsible adult(s) and contact info for verification of school/civic organization and offices/leadership positions held: _____

Varsity Athletics: ___ Yes ___ No If yes, list each coach's name and contact info: _____

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List any special talents, hobbies or work experience you have:

Occupation of parents (or legal guardian)

Father _____ Mother _____ Guardian _____

Number of other children in the family under age 21: _____

CHARACTER REFERENCES:

List three non-relative character references.

NAME	OCCUPATION	PHONE #
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_____	_____	_____
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In the space provided, please explain why you want to attend an institution of higher learning.

Please type a brief essay on: "Your Educational Goals and Plans for the Future." You should include a person who has supported your journey in achieving your educational goals. Please limit your essay to no less than 250 words, but not more than 500. You may attach a separate sheet for the essay.

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Complete all information requested and return it to the address below. All application materials must be received No Later Than April 1, 2021. You may include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want to receive confirmation that we received your application.

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****THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION IS APRIL 1, 2020****

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DATE RECEIVED:	_____		
GPA:	_____ (30)	Essay:	_____ (25)
		Activities:	_____ (30)
		References:	_____ (15)
TOTAL:	_____ (100)		
Additional Comments:	_____		

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EVALUATOR INSTRUCTIONS: Rate each individual according to the number of points allowed in each category. Under no circumstances will there be a tie in overall rank ordering. If you have any ties in Total Points, you must break those ties prior to finalizing your evaluation. The Scholarship Committee Chairman will be the ultimate authority regarding tie breakers.

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EVALUATOR'S NAME _____					
SCORES					
<u>NAMES</u>					
1. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: To include: Scope and impact of the applicant's positive leadership and involvement in both the school and community. Leadership, membership, or participation in student councils, career preparatory organization, associations, and events; i.e., President of Student Government, captain of soccer team, member of JROTC, Sunday school teacher, etc. <div style="text-align: right;">(Max 30 Points)</div>					
2. ESSAY: Essay will be evaluated on; content, theme development, grammar, syntax and originality. <div style="text-align: right;">(Max 25 Points)</div>					
3. GRADE POINT AVERAGE: Minimum requirement is an unweighted 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. <div style="text-align: right;">(Max 30 Points)</div>					
4. REFERENCES: Letters should characterize the applicant's leadership abilities, work ethic, responsibility, and attitude. <div style="text-align: right;">(Max 15 Points)</div>					
TOTAL POINTS:	(Total Possible: 100 Points)				

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