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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Pi Xi Omega Chapter

Proudly Serving Passaic County and Beyond

**Chartered
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Ms. Brenda Browne, Chapter President

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**Spring
2020**

**Scholarship
Award
Packet**

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A LEGACY of SISTERHOOD and SERVICE

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated became America's first Greek-letter organization established by black college women. Her roots date back to Howard University, Washington D.C., where Ethel Hedgeman-Lyle of St. Louis Missouri conceived the idea of creating the sorority. Alpha Kappa Alpha women join together, first as sisters and then as community servants to provide our neighbors with hope for a brighter tomorrow. In 1986, twenty-three wonderful women had a vision for a better community, establishing the Pi Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Pi Xi Omega Chapter serves the Greater Passiac County community through various forms of outreach and community service. Pi Xi Omega believes in investing in the lives of youth and their educational pursuit. Therefore, following this commitment, we have provided over \$12,500 in scholarships to more than 75 high school students entering college.



Instructions for 2020 Spring Application

The deadline for the Spring 2020 scholarship application:

Applications will **ONLY** be accepted via postal mail or email. All submissions must be postmarked or emailed by May 15, 2020.

Applications emailed or postmarked after May 15, 2020 will not be considered.

Only **completed** applications will be considered.

Mail all completed applications to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Pi Xi Omega Chapter

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 6852

Paterson, NJ 07509

Or emailed to:

scholarships@akapixiomega.org

The Scholarship Award Packet can be downloaded from

Pi Xi Omega's website under the Scholarship tab:

www.akapixiomega.org

Award recipients will be announced no later than June 15, 2020. All award recipients shall be contacted directly via postal mail **and** telephone by the Scholarship Committee Chair or Chapter President.

Only official information via these forms of communication shall be binding regarding scholarship awards.

Instructions for 2020 Spring Application

A Complete Scholarship Packet Includes:

1. Scholarship Entry Form
2. Attach a current copy of your high school transcript or report card (as of 2nd marking period) or such document directly from official school official/registrar
3. Signed Scholarship Criteria Form
4. Please provide the following: **EITHER OPTION A OR B**
 - a. **Two Community Service Forms and One Letter of Recommendation** (from non-relatives)
 - b. **Two Letters of Recommendation and One Community Service Form** (from non-relatives)

(Letters must include mailing address and telephone number)
5. Essay
6. Signed Media Release Form
7. Signed Scholarship Checklist

Consideration for any scholarship award is based on a point system including GPA, participation in extra-curricular activities, school organizations and community service. All award recipients must maintain standards set in the criteria. All award recipients must send proof of enrollment and current semester grades for Fall 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Female
- Resident of Passaic County and/or attend a Passaic County High School
- Active participants in the community
- Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (as of 2nd marking period of Senior year)

All applicants must meet each requirement to be eligible to receive the award.

Once the award(s) are distributed and recipients are notified, all award recipients must meet the following requirements:

- ❖ All award recipients must **submit proof of enrollment** in a full-time bachelor degree program and be in good academic standing.
- ❖ Picture and school information for inclusion on Pi Xi Omega Chapter website.

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards among young college women. The Pi Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. provides awards to young women of the Passaic County community to enhance their educational experience. Although not a requirement to receive award funds, we request next semester grades to follow up with our award recipients to provide mentorship and encourage our rising stars. We are very proud of the young ladies that receive our awards and want to continue to encourage them throughout their college experience.

Please provide your **first** semester grades upon receipt of such.

By signing below you indicate you have read and acknowledged the award criteria:

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM

First Middle Last () Telephone

Street Address City State Zip Code

High School Graduation Date

Parent/Guardian's First Last () Telephone

I have applied to the following college/university: (List in order of preference or acceptance)

College/University	College/University
College/University	College/University
College/University	College/University

Academic Standing: Grade Point Average _____ Class Size _____ Class Rank _____

List Significant School Activities, Leadership Positions and Honor Recognitions (Use a separate sheet if more space is needed):

Applicant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Please record information below regarding your involvement in community/campus activities or programs that have occurred within the last two (2) years. Make copies of this form as needed.

If you are still involved in the program, write "current" for End Date. Please list the name, phone number and email address of the supervisor for verification purposes.

Title of Community Service Activity or Program

Start Date (Mo/Yr) /End Date (Mo/Yr)

Location of Community Service Activity/Program

Approximate hours completed

Goal of Community Service Activity/Program:

Population Served (check all that apply): Youth ___ Adults ___ Seniors ___ College Students ___

Other (Please Specify) _____

Please describe your specific involvement:

How did the program positively impact the population served?

Did you meet the goal of the activity/program? Please explain.

How did your involvement in the program affect you?

By signing this form, I verify that all of the information I have provided is true and correct.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Name of Supervisor (Please Print)

Signature of Supervisor (**Not Required**)

Supervisor's Title

Email Address

Work Phone

ESSAY

Please write a minimum 500-word essay (typed and double-spaced) on the following topic:

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment which granted women the right to vote. Given that women represent an important constituency, what are 3 issues that you want presidential candidates to address, that represent the concerns of women? Why are these issues important to you and what can you do to apprise your community and elected officials of the importance of these issues?

Pi Xi Omega

Scholarship Media Release Form

Information Release Form for Minors (if under 18)

Pi Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has my permission to use my daughter's photograph, name, high school and college name, and college major publicly to promote their scholarship program. I understand that the images and information may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Information Release Form for Adults (If applicant is 18)

Pi Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has my permission to use my photograph, name, high school and college name, and college major publicly to promote their scholarship program. I understand that the images and information may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Check each of the following that have been completed:

_____ Application postmarked or emailed by **Friday, May 15, 2020.**

_____ Completed Scholarship Entry Form

_____ Essay (Typed)

_____ Current copy of high school transcript or report card (as of 2nd marking period) or such document directly from official school official/registrar

_____ Community Service Form(s)

_____ Letter(s) of Recommendation

_____ Signed Scholarship Criteria Form

_____ Initialed Scholarship Checklist

_____ Signed Media Release Form

_____ Resume (optional)

By initialing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and completed all requirements for my application to be submitted for the Annual Educational Scholarship from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Xi Omega Chapter.

Please initial here: _____

Send completed application to:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Pi Xi Omega Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 6852
Paterson, New Jersey 07509
Or Email: scholarships@akapixiomega.org**

For any questions or concerns, please contact:

**Mrs. Sertirus Wilkins, Scholarship Chairman
(908) 251-1945
scholarships@akapixiomega.org**