



2016 Scholarship Application

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter  
P.O. Box 445  
Laurel, Maryland 20725

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## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® - Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter Scholarship

Founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college educated women. The goals of its program activities are centered on significant issues in families, communities, government halls and world assembly chambers. Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards, maintains a progressive interest in college life and strives to be of service to all mankind.

The Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® services the Laurel, Bowie and Greenbelt communities in Prince George's County, Maryland. In 2009, Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® established a scholarship to assist graduating seniors, male or female in these cities with college funding. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to six (6) deserving seniors who exemplify outstanding academic and community service. One scholarship will be awarded to a student attending an Historically Black College or University.

### Psi Epsilon Omega Scholarship Information

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 2) Must be a graduating senior who attends high school in one of the following public high schools: Laurel High School, Bowie High School or Eleanor Roosevelt High School.
- 3) Plans to attend a two or four year college in Fall 2016 as a full-time student.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidate must submit the following materials as part of **his/her** application packet:

- 1) An official high school transcript. The transcript should be sealed and included in the packet with the school's certification of authenticity. Please include grades for the first semester of the current school year.
- 2) Completed application which includes all categories answered and acquired all signatures on application. All materials must be typed.
- 3) An essay describing solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue such as health care, the economy, discrimination, or a current topic of your choice. (500 words minimum). Essay must be typed, double

spaced, one inch margins and 12-point font-Times New Roman.

4) Three letters of recommendation. They may be from high school teachers, counselors, athletic coaches and/or administrators. Each recommendation letter must be in a sealed envelope with the application. Letters may not be written by family members.

5) Copy of acceptance letter from college/university you plan to attend, if available. Acceptance letter must be obtained prior to disbursement.

6) Schools will be instructed to divide the funds in equal amounts between the fall and spring semesters unless otherwise indicated by recipient.

The entire scholarship application packet will be scored according to overall presentation, including, but not limited to, clarity, grammar, spelling, proper source citation, and compliance with the instructions.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed application packets to be considered must be postmarked or time stamped on or before **March 30, 2016**.

Please mail the application to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
Incorporated®  
Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter  
Attn: 2016 Scholarship  
P.O. Box 445  
Laurel, Maryland 20725

#### NOTIFICATION DATE

Scholarship recipient will be notified by mail on or before April 22, 2016.

#### CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact the scholarship committee at [peoscholarship1@gmail.com](mailto:peoscholarship1@gmail.com).

#### Release of Liability/Waiver

I understand that I may be photographed or videotaped during a scholarship program such as the presentation of the award at his/her school or at a chapter reception when a mock check is presented. I give my consent for the use of such images by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® and the Scholarship Committee personnel in print or electronic media for the purpose of promoting the scholarship program. I also grant permission for reporters, journalists, or photographers employed by the news media to use my child's name, voice, or photograph.

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Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter  
Laurel, Maryland  
Undergraduate Academic Scholarship Application  
(Deadline March 30, 2016)

Section A. Applicant Information

Please Type (handwritten applications are not acceptable)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this scholarship?  
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Section B. Academic Service Activities and Community Services

1. List honors and awards and year received.  
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2. List school organizations, community organizations, and/or programs in which you have active membership and participation. Provide a brief description of the community service activities and your participation, include the number of hours devoted each organization, describe your role on each committee and provide description of your leadership role if applicable.  
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**For Office Use Only**

Received Date:

Signature:

**Section C. Undergraduate Personal Goal Statement**

Propose a solution(s) to a problem or issue in one of the following areas: healthcare, the economy, social justice, or a current topic of your choice. (500 words minimum, essay must be typed, double-spaced, one inch margins and 12-point font-Times New Roman).

**Section D. Higher Educational Goals**

College/University you plan to attend:

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List all colleges to which you have been accepted:

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List other awarded scholarships:

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Course of study you plan to pursue:

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**Section E. Personal References**

List three (3) references (non-family members or peers), who are knowledgeable of your strengths (academic achievements and / or extracurricular activities). At least one reference letter should come from a school official (Example: teacher, counselor, athletic coach, etc.). Request a letter of recommendation from each reference listed below and include his/her recommendation with the application.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Section F. Application and Parent Signature**

I certify that all information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Submitting false or inaccurate information/claims are subject to forfeiture of award. Application must be sign by parent if 18 years old or younger.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

