



December 1, 2020

To Prospective Book Scholarship Applicants:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is America's first and oldest Greek-letter organization for African American college/university women within the United States. <http://aka1908.com/> Currently we boast a membership of over 300,000 college educated women in the United States, Caribbean, Germany, Japan, Korea and Africa.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908. Our organization has an established tradition of rewarding students who have achieved academic excellence and have a desire to pursue a higher education.

In keeping with this tradition, the Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and The Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Incorporated, supports the academic efforts of high school student(s) by awarding a six hundred-fifty dollar (\$650.00) book award. Our scholarship targets students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to service throughout their respective high school(s), the community and various aspects of academic achievement. The selection process is also sensitive to students with a financial need.

To ensure that your application is considered, you must complete and submit the completed application packet as outlined on the **Eligibility Criteria Letter**. In addition, the application packet must be postmarked by the March 15, 2021 deadline date for consideration by the Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter Scholarship Committee.

Sincerely,

Tandie Taliaferro

Ms. Tandie Taliaferro, President
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter

Nicole Francisco Bailey

Mrs. Nicole Francisco Bailey
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter

Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
and
Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Incorporated
High School Book Scholarship Criteria

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a graduating Senior from a City of Hampton Public School (Bethel High School, Hampton High School, Kecoughtan High School, or Phoebus High School).
- Applicants must be interested in enrolling in a four (4) year college or university for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant may be male or female.

Requirements

1. An official (sealed) high school transcript.
2. Completed sorority scholarship application should be typed in twelve (12) inch format.
3. Prepare a personal statement. The personal statement **MUST** include a central aspect of your identity such as activities of interest, talent(s) you have, and your cultural and family background). The statement should explain your reasons/rationale for receiving a book scholarship.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) letter from your school counselor and one (1) letter from your teacher. The recommendation letters **MUST** be typed in 12 inch font and signed with a professional signature.
5. Review the assigned **Essay Topics** within the scholarship application to prepare an essay consisting of a minimum of two hundred (200) words and a maximum of four hundred (400) words, double-spaced, typewritten in format of (Time New Roman) at twelve (12) inch font. The essay must include your name, your high school and the title of your essay topic in the right-hand upper corner of your submission.
6. Documented proof of participation within your high school and/or volunteer /community/ church activities.
7. Applicants for this scholarship will be asked to participate in a virtual interview process planned by the Scholarship Committee.
8. Include a formal **“cap and gown headshot”** photograph. If you take your own professional headshot the photograph should include a bright or natural light source and the background may be a simple wall, natural landscape or clutter free area. Please review the photograph release form included within this application and should be completed and signed with you **and** your parent and/or guardians’ official signature.

Essay Topics

All applicants must submit an essay which addresses one (1) of the four (4) topics below:

- A. **Social Justice** – What do you consider to be a current important societal problem within the United States of America? How do we overcome this problem? What would be the benefits and consequences of questioning or challenging this societal problem for your community?
- B. **STEM** – Why is an education in the discipline of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) important to the sustained growth and stability of the United States economy? Describe how STEM innovates and impacts your everyday life?
- C. **Black World History** – Discuss the historical purpose of “Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in America.” Why were these schools initially created? Why are these schools still important today? Discuss four (4) specific myths about HBCUs that exist today. Define the “Missouri Effect” and the impact this effect has had upon HBCUs since the year 2016.
- D. **Conflict and Resolution**- Have you ever been treated unfairly because of your race, your religion, the way you look, or just because you are “different”? Unfortunately, many of us have. Give an explanation about a specific time you were treated unfairly. How did you react? How did it make you feel? How was the situation resolved?

Award Amount for Book Scholarship

One (1) time award of six hundred-fifty dollars (\$650.00)

Deadline for Submission:

The application and additional required documents must be submitted together and postmarked no later than Monday, March 15, 2021.

Mailing Address:

Mail the completed application documents and photograph to the following address:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 7825
Hampton, Virginia 23666

Please Note: THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS THAT ARE NOT POSTMARKED BY Monday, March 15, 2021.

*Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
and
Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc.
Book Scholarship Application Form*

THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE TYPED

Name of Applicant

Last	First	Middle
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Address _____

Include Zip Code

Home Phone Number _____ Mobile Phone Number _____

(include area code) (include area code)

Do you have text capability on your cellular phone? YES NO

Email _____

Tentative Major of Interest in College/University _____

Class Rank _____ out of _____ Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Name of your High School: _____

School Activities (include any offices held)

Community/Volunteer/Church Activities (include any offices held)

Work Experience

Dates of Employment

Family Information:

Parent/Guardian Name(s) and Relationship

Occupation(s)

Employer(s)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) and Relationship

Occupation(s)

Employer(s)

Total Family *Taxable* Income (as indicated on Federal Income Tax forms):

____ \$0 – \$20,999 ____ \$21,000 – \$40,999 ____ \$41,000 – \$60,999

____ \$61,000– \$80,999 ____ \$81,000 – \$90,999 ____ \$91,000 and above

List all children and/or dependents in your household:

Name

Age

School

Please indicate any unusual expenses or financial burdens presently faced by your family that you feel the committee needs to know (Please use an attachment if needed):

Have you received other scholarships? _____ YES _____ NO

If so, what is the approximate amount? \$ _____

List the colleges/universities for which you plan to apply for admission or have already submitted an application.

PHOTOGRAPH: Include a formal *“cap and gown head shot”* photograph that focuses upon your face. Please note the photograph release form is included within this application and should be completed and signed with you and your parent and/or guardians’ official signature.

I certify that all of the information included in this packet is factual and true and that the essay submitted is the original work of this applicant. Any information that has been falsified or misrepresented may result in the withdrawal of my application from the selection process and forfeiture of the scholarship.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE: Completed applications and all supporting documents and photograph must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 15, 2021. Mail the completed application packet to:

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Hampton, VA 23666

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER &
IVY FOUNDATION OF HAMPTON, Inc.**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT, PERMISSION, AND RELEASE FORM
*(Please read carefully before signing)***

I hereby grant permission, to use my photograph/likeness in its newsletters, magazine, newspaper publications, website or in printed publications. I also acknowledge that the right to discontinue use of my photograph with or without notice. It is hereby noted that I understand and agree that all photographic images and/or likenesses will become the property of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Gamma Upsilon Chapter and Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc. and used and/or shared at their discretion.

STUDENT NAME (Print): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Print) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Print) _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____