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Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc.

A Foundation Established by Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

March 1, 2026

To Prospective Academic Scholarship Applicants:

The Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2005 by members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter to expand service to the community. Like the Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter, which has served the Hampton Roads area for over 81 years, the Foundation is committed to enhancing the lives of those in need in our community.

The Foundation provides funding for scholarships and programs focused on health, education, economics, the arts, and family support, and contributes to initiatives addressing hunger, poverty, disaster relief, shelter, and health improvement.

In keeping with this tradition, The Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc. and the Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter, supports the academic efforts of high school students(s) by awarding a \$2500.00 scholarship 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 student with financial need.

To ensure that your application is considered, you must complete and submit the completed application packet as outlined in the **Eligibility Criteria Letter** by the April 15, 2026, deadline date for consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Crystal B. Taylor, President
Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc.

Ms. Alyssa Boone, President
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter

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High School Scholarship Criteria

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a Senior graduating this year from Hampton City Public Schools (Bethel, Hampton, Kecoughtan, or Phoebus High School).
- Applicants must be enrolling in a four (4) year college or university for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.

Additional Requirements

1. A completed Scholarship Application. The application must be typed (12 inch) format.
2. An official (sealed) High School Transcript
3. Two (2) Letters of recommendation, from your school counselor and/or from your teachers. Typed in twelve (12) inch font.
4. An essay, minimum five hundred (500) words and a maximum of one thousand (1000) words, double-spaced, (Times New Roman) twelve (12) inch font.
5. The essay must be typed and must include your full name and the title of your topic in the right-hand upper corner of your submission.
6. Documented proof of participation within school and/or volunteer /community/ church activities.
7. **Include a formal “head shot” photograph that focuses ONLY upon your face.** Please note the photograph release form is included within this application and should be completed and signed with you (the applicant) and your parent and/or guardians’ official signature.
8. Applicants for this scholarship will be required to participate in a Zoom Video Communications interview process planned by the Scholarship Committee.

Essay Topics

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

- A. Education and Mental Health –Discuss the impact of stress on the mental health of contemporary high school students while pursuing academic success in preparation for college and/or university.
- B. African American History – Discuss the rationale for the creation of the first HBCUs before the American Civil War in the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio, where the first two HBCUs were created. Discuss the economic and cultural contributions of HBCUs to the development of the African American Middle Class from 1940 to 2026.
- C. Technological Social Justice- On-line internet searches represent algorithmic misperception and misrepresentation of a variety of people and ideas. Documented research studies suggest “Google” algorithms discriminate against women and people of color. **Explain how on-line bullying *against teenage and /or adult Black women* causes harmful on-line interactions. Discuss legal strategies to disrupt negative and biased on-line internet patterns.**
- D. Conflict and Resolution- Have you ever been treated unfairly because of your race, ethnicity, 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

One (1) time award of \$2,500.00

Deadline for Submission:

The application and additional required documents must be submitted no later than April 15, 2026.

Submission:

Upload the completed application and requested documents to:

<https://forms.gle/5BMNyuCCc4Q3iTA9>

Please Note: THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS THAT ARE NOT UPLOADED BY April 15, 2026.

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Academic Scholarship Application Form

THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE TYPED

Name of Applicant

Last	First	Middle
Address		

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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: _____

__Name of High School _____ Tentative College

Major _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

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 – \$24,999

_____ \$25,000 – \$49,999 _____ \$50,000 – \$74,999

_____ \$75,000– \$99,999 _____ \$100,000 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 "head shot" photograph that focuses ONLY 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/GuardianSignature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

NAME OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL: _____

DEADLINE: Completed applications and all supporting documents and photograph must be submitted no later than April 15, 2026. Upload the completed application packet to: <https://forms.gle/5BMNyuCCc4Q3i>

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

I hereby grant permission to the above-named organization to use my photograph/likeness in its newsletters, magazine, newspaper publications, website or in printed publications. I also acknowledge that the above-named organization reserves 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 Ivy Foundation of Hampton, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Gamma Upsilon Chapter 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: _____