



# The Tea Rose Foundation of Northwest Arkansas and



## Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Phi Alpha Omega Chapter

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### **2023-2024 Phi Alpha Omega Chapter Memorial Academic Scholarship Guidelines**

#### **Purpose**

The Phi Alpha Omega Chapter Memorial Academic scholarship was established in memory of deceased members of Phi Alpha Omega and Kappa Iota Chapters. The PAO Memorial Scholarship is administered by The Tea Rose Foundation of Northwest Arkansas.

#### **Eligibility**

The scholarship is offered to:

Graduating African American seniors enrolled in a high school located in Benton, Washington and Sebastian counties;

African American students currently enrolled in accredited colleges and universities in Benton, Washington and Sebastian counties; and

African American students who graduated from the counties previously indicated (a high school transcript must be submitted with the application) matriculating at an accredited college and/or university outside the counties previously mentioned.

#### **Criteria**

All applicants must be: (1) graduating high school seniors with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA; (2) non-graduating undergraduates who have earned at least one semester of full-time credit hours (as defined by their college and reflected on the applicant's transcript) with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA; and (3) half or full-time (as defined by their college) graduate and professional students with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. Students must maintain the minimum cumulative GPA for each term to remain eligible for the scholarship.

#### **Amount**

The amount of the scholarship award varies annually. On average, the scholarship award is between \$500 - \$2000 depending on the amount of dollars available for the scholarship fund.

#### **Non-Renewable**

All scholarship recipients (including past recipients) must apply annually to be considered for the scholarship.



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### **Application Process**

All scholarship applicants will be evaluated based on awards/honors received, community service/organization involvement, leadership experience and written essay.

1. Applications may be retrieved from <http://akapao.com/scholarships/>.
2. **The Scholarship Application Packet must be submitted electronically to:**  
[Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org](mailto:Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org) by **April 9, 2023**.
  - a. Completed and signed application form (including additional pages, if applicable)
  - b. Essay (150-250 words)
  - c. College Transcript
  - d. Copy of High School Transcript (if you attend an institution outside of Benton, Washington or Sebastian, Arkansas counties)

**Please note: Google Drive links will not be accepted for submitting scholarship application documents.**

### **Scholarship Awards Process**

3. If awarded, scholarship funds will not be disbursed until the recipient has submitted proof of enrollment and a transcript from the registrar's office, and any other requested information to the Phi Alpha Omega Scholarship Committee. Upon receipt of the required documentation, the Scholarship Committee will issue a check made payable to the college or university on behalf of the student for the scholarship amount.
4. **Proof of enrollment and transcript must be emailed to: Phi Alpha Omega Chapter at [Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org](mailto:Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org) no later than **August 23, 2023**, for the Fall Semester disbursement and by **January 19, 2024**, for the Spring Semester disbursement.**
5. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **April 27, 2023** via the email address provided on the scholarship application.

The scholarship recipients will be recognized at Phi Alpha Omega's annual Fall Event on October 28, 2023. Recipients are invited to attend.

6. If a student fails to enroll in an accredited college or university during the year in which the scholarship is awarded (i.e., the fall semester after graduation from high school) or fails to qualify for the grade/credit hour requirements, he or she must forfeit the scholarship. In that instance, the scholarship funds will either (1) remain in the scholarship fund or (2) be awarded to another qualifying student.



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7. Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average during the academic year (both Fall and Spring semesters) in which the scholarship is awarded.

**\*Please provide the most current email and contact information. Email will be the primary method of communication between the Scholarship Committee and the applicant.\***

**Contact**

Please feel free to contact us at [Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org](mailto:Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org) for any further inquiries.

Thank you,

Shelly Smith  
Scholarship Committee Chairman  
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**2023-2024 Phi Alpha Omega Chapter Memorial Academic Scholarship  
High School Student Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges or Universities you are considering:

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following. **Attach additional pages, if necessary.**

Occupational Goals/Aspirations:

A. Awards and Honors (25%)

B. Community Service/Organizational Affiliations (25%)

C. Leadership Roles/Experiences (25%)



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### Essay (25%)

Please select one of the following prompts and provide your 150- to 250- word essay and attach to the form.

(a)\_\_\_\_\_ What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why?

(b)\_\_\_\_\_ Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development

### Statement of Certification

**Please Note: The application will not be considered complete unless each line is checked and the form is signed and dated.**

To indicate you have read and will comply with the scholarship application agreement, please certify this section by placing a check mark on each line:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the Scholarship Guidelines on Page 2 and understand that I must satisfy the required criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given is accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this scholarship may be awarded in two equal disbursements; one each semester (fall and spring).

\_\_\_\_\_ I must provide proof of college enrollment and an official transcript from the Office of the Registrar in order to receive my scholarship disbursements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE