

# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INCORPORATED

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## 2021-2022 Phi Alpha Omega Chapter Memorial Academic Scholarship Graduate and Professional School Application

### 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 NWA, the charitable arm of the Phi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

### Eligibility:

#### **The scholarship is offered to:**

- 1) Graduating African American seniors enrolled in a high school located in Benton, Washington and Sebastian counties,
- 2) African American students currently enrolled in accredited colleges and universities in Benton, Washington and Sebastian counties,
- 3) 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, and
- 4) All active and financial members of Phi Alpha Omega and Kappa Iota Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

### 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 15 college credit hours (as 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.

### Application Process:

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

Applications are attached and may also be retrieved from <http://akapao.com/scholarships/>.

**To apply, please scan and submit the following items electronically and email to [Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org](mailto:Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org) by April 11, 2021. Please note Google Drive links will not be accepted for submitting scholarship application documents.**

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## **All applicants must submit:**

1. Completed and signed application form (including additional pages, if applicable)
2. Essay (150-250 words)
3. College Transcript
4. Copy of High School Transcript (if you attend an institution outside of Benton, Washington and Sebastian counties)

**If the above criteria are not met, the student's application will not be considered.**

## **Scholarship Guidelines:**

a) Student 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.

b) The Scholarship Application Packet must include the above listed items and must be submitted electronically **no later than April 11, 2021**. Please scan the completed Scholarship Application Packet and email to: [Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org](mailto:Scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org). **Please note: Google Drive Links will not be accepted for submitting scholarship application documents.**

c) Student must enroll as a half or full-time student at an accredited college or university during the academic year (both Fall and Spring semesters) in which the scholarship is awarded.

d) 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), fails to qualify for the grade/credit hour requirements, or fails to provide required supporting documentation upon request, he or she will 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.

e) Selected scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **April 30, 2021** via the email address provided on the scholarship application.

f) The scholarship recipients will be recognized at Phi Alpha Omega's annual Fall Event. Recipients are expected to attend.

**Disclaimer:** The Scholarship Committee may consider exceptions to scholarship criteria as deemed appropriate. Please send an email to [scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@nwatearosefoundation.org) if you have difficulty with completing the scholarship application.

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

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Instructions: Please complete this fillable form and type your responses directly on this application.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Name of College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Degree of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ 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%)

This is a fillable form, please select one of the following prompts and type your 150- to 250-word essay directly on the form.

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Explain a family, social, or college situation in which your leadership made the difference. What was accomplished?
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ What course or person had the most influence in your decision to pursue your current field of study and why?

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## 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