



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Rho Upsilon Omega Chapter

Serving Southern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties since 1989

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Upsilon Omega Chapter, is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established in America by African American college women. Our mission is to provide service to all mankind by volunteering our time and resources to a multifaceted program that addresses education, health, wellness and numerous local, national and international concerns. The awarding of scholarships is just one vehicle that our organization utilizes to accomplish this goal.

This scholarship will be awarded to graduating high school students in recognition of their academic achievement, community engagement and volunteer activities during their high school matriculation. An applicant for the 2020 Scholarship Award must be a high school senior applying for Fall 2020 admission into an accredited four-year college/university. An applicant's grade point average must not be lower than 2.6 for the cumulative period from Grade 9 through the most recent grading term. A minimum of \$1000.00 in funds will be awarded. All scholarships will be awarded based on Merit, with one being set-aside for a qualifying student who will be attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

Enclosed are the scholarship information sheet and application, which may be reproduced for distribution. Please make our scholarship application packet available to interested seniors in your community. Completed application packages **must be emailed to** scholarship@aka-ruo.com by **March 27, 2020**.

Thank you for the valuable work that you do and your commitment to our youth. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Judy Bishop
Scholarship Committee Chairman

scholarship@aka-ruo.com

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-~ Nelson Mandela

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

~ Malcolm X

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
RHO UPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER
2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Eligibility Requirements

Applications are now being accepted from high school students who:

- ❖ Are seniors and on track to graduate. (Must have full-time status in an accredited high school)
- ❖ Be in good academic standing. (Minimum 2.6 GPA based on a 4.0 scale)
- ❖ Have a “Declared Intention” to enroll in an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2020 [**NOTE**: Proof of enrollment will be required prior to the disbursement of funds.]
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities.

How To Apply

- ❖ Submit a **COMPLETE** application package in one envelope
- ❖ Application **MUST** be **typed** and **signed**

Complete package MUST be emailed to scholarship@aka-ruo.com by March 27, 2020

Required Application Documents

- ❖ An **OFFICIAL** sealed school transcript with cumulative grade point average
- ❖ **Two (2)** Letters of Recommendation (One from your school and one from the community)
 - Recommenders **CANNOT** be friends or family members
 - Letters **MUST** be dated and contain the writer’s contact information
- ❖ An Essay: (Must be a minimum of 2 full pages, but not more than 3 pages, typed and double spaced, 12pt. font and 1in. margins on all sides)
- ❖ Please select and respond to **ONE (1)** of the following topics:
 - *Why does education matter? How will obtaining a degree change your life? Please be specific.*
 - *Do you consider yourself to be a leader? Why or why not? If yes, please describe a time when your leadership ability was used to change a situation.*
 - *What is the single most important issue the world needs to address? Why? How would work to implement change(s) in this area?*
 - *What is a global citizen? How do we learn what appropriate actions are to take as a global player?*

Selection

Applicants will be selected as finalists based on academic accomplishments, letters of reference, original essays and meeting other requirements as outlined. Finalists maybe interviewed in person or by videoconference. If needed, the scholarship committee may contact eligible applicants for additional information. Successful applicant(s) will be notified on or before April 30, 2020. **If you are selected as an award recipient, your presence will be required at a recognition event to be held in June 2020.**

Application Deadline

The application, together with **ALL** related documentation, **must be emailed to scholarship@aka-ruo.com no later than March 27, 2020.**

INCOMPLETE PACKAGES OR THOSE RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 27, 2020 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Contact Information:

Judy Bishop, Scholarship Committee Chairman- scholarship@aka-ruo.com

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STUDENT DATA

Please type information.

Name _____ AGE _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

High School _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Graduation Date _____

Parent Information:

FATHER/GUARDIAN _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Activities, Awards and Honors:

Please answer the following questions: (If needed, please use additional sheet(s) to respond.)

What are you interests, hobbies, and talents? _____

Please list any extracurricular activities (Include clubs, committees, sports participation etc.)

Activity	Length of Time	Leadership Role(s) and/or Office(s) Held	Award(s) Received	Other Recognition(s)

Please list all community, public, volunteer and/or church service activities (If needed, please use additional sheet(s) to respond.)

Name of Organization	Activity	Length of Time	Awards/Recognitions	Other Comments

Please list academic honors you have received:

What is your intended major? _____

What are your career aspirations? _____

What college(s) do you desire to attend? _____

College(s) into which acceptance has been granted? _____

Employment Information:

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Job Title _____ Dates of Employment _____

Work Address _____ City _____

Responsibilities:

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Job Title _____ Dates of Employment _____

Work Address _____ City _____

Responsibilities:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____