



*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 2018-2019 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 2019 Scholarship Award must be a high school senior applying for Fall 2019 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 postmarked** by **March 4, 2019**.

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,

Eryka N. Mathews-Cain  
Scholarship Committee Chairman

[scholarship@aka-ruo.com](mailto: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  
2019 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 2019 [**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 postmarked by March 4, 2019**

**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 29, 2019. **If you are selected as an award recipient, your presence will be required at a recognition event to be held in June 2019.**

**Application Deadline**

The application, together with **ALL** related documentation, **must be postmarked no later than March 4, 2019**. Send all original documents to: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Upsilon Omega Chapter, C/O Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2998, San Ramon, CA 94583. Please include your name on all materials. **DO NOT** staple items together.

**INCOMPLETE PACKAGES OR THOSE POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 4, 2019 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**Contact Information:**

Eryka N. Mathews-Cain, Scholarship Committee Chairman- [scholarship@aka-ruo.com](mailto:scholarship@aka-ruo.com)

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 Rho Upsilon Omega Chapter  
 P.O Box 2998  
 San Ramon, CA 94583

**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:

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Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities:

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_