

2026 Scholarship Application Information

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®
Upsilon Rho Omega Chapter

Dear Scholar,

Thank you for considering our scholarship opportunity! Since 1997, the Upsilon Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®, has enthusiastically supported high school seniors as they pursue higher education.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®, founded on January 15, 1908, is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by Black, college-educated women. With over 390,000 initiated members in more than 1,115 chapters in 15 nations and all states, our sorority provides service at local, national, and international levels. The Upsilon Rho Omega Chapter specifically focuses on youth development projects within the greater Kansas City community.

Application Requirements

To be eligible, applicants must be high school seniors from the Kansas City metropolitan area who plan to attend a four-year college or university in the fall immediately following graduation.

Submit your application by email to uroscholarshipchair@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 15, 2026. The packet must include:

- > Complete application form
- > Official school transcript sent directly by your school counselor to uroscholarshipchair@gmail.com
- > A typed response to the essay question
- > Copy of your college acceptance letter
- > Two references (one from an official at your current school)
- > A recent photo, emailed to uroscholarshipchair@gmail.com

Selection and Notification

Applicants will be notified of their status in **March 2026**. Award recipients and families are invited to a reception on **Saturday, April 11, 2026. The winners or a representative must attend to collect the award.** The scholarship committee will help winners receive their awards.

Contact Information

We look forward to reviewing your application materials. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at uroscholarshipchair@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

J. Harvey Jordan
Janelle Harvey Jordan
Chapter President

Freida Oakley
Freida Oakley
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Scholarship Application

All application materials must be sent by email to uroscholarshipchair@gmail.com before 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2026. Any submissions received after this time will not be reviewed.

Applicant Information

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Parent/Guardian Names and Cell Phone Numbers

Total Number in Family

Are you a first-generation college student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Academic Information

School currently attending

School address (include city, state, and ZIP code)

Cumulative GPA?

Official transcript submitted by your school counselor

Have you been accepted into a college/university? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list colleges/universities

Name

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Which college or university do you plan to attend?

Include a copy of your acceptance letter(s)

Undecided ☐

Achievements and Leadership:

What scholarships have you been awarded?

What special recognition and/or awards have you received?

List your extracurricular activities (example: sports, non-academic clubs, arts, and/or work experience).
Please specify the leadership position held.

List all organizations and/or academic club affiliations and the leadership position(s) held.

List any service activities.

List any Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ® involvement:

Do you have family members who are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®? If yes, please list their name(s) and chapter(s): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Member's Name

Chapter Name

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Have you been an Alpha Kappa Alpha Debutante Ball, Delta Sigma Theta Cotillion, or Delta Sigma Theta Jabberwock participant?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what year and with what organization?

References:

List two references (including at least one school official) who are knowledgeable about your strengths, including academic and extracurricular activities. Request a current letter of recommendation from each reference listed below and include their recommendations with this application.

1. Name

Organization or Department

Email

Phone Number

2. Name

Organization or Department

Email

Phone Number

Essay Question:

Please complete the following essay question. Your question response should be at least 1500 words but no more than 2,000 words, excluding citations. Cite any academic references using MLA formatting.

Describe a time you volunteered in your community. How did this experience impact you?

Scholarship recipients and their families are invited to an in-person awards reception on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Attendance by the winner or a designated family representative is required to receive the award and fund disbursement information.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Email your completed application, two letters of recommendation, official transcript (submitted by your school counselor), completed essay, college acceptance letter, and a current photo to **Scholarship Committee** at uroscholarshipchair@gmail.com no later than 11:59 pm by Sunday, March 15, 2026. Thank you, and we wish you the best of luck in your academic endeavors!