



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Beta Alpha Omega

February 10, 2017

Dear Prospective College Student:

Greetings from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Beta Alpha Omega Chapter. The Beta Alpha Omega Chapter has historically granted more than \$20,000 per year in scholarship awards. It is with pleasure that we are now accepting applications for 2017. Additionally, we are excited to announce a special scholarship award for a student who will attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). The eligibility criteria for all scholarships are below. Please read all details carefully.

Please Note: Completed applications must be **postmarked** no later than **Monday, April 10, 2017**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

*** Applicants must meet **ALL** of the requirements below: ***

YOU MUST:

- *Be* an African American female who will graduate from high school by the Summer of 2017; **and**,
- *Live* in Newark, Irvington, or Hillside; **and/or**,
- *Attend* a public, charter, or private high school in Newark, Irvington, or Hillside at the time of the scholarship application submission; **and**,
- *Pursue* a college degree (any declared major) on a full-time basis during the Fall of 2017 at a fully accredited, college or university; **and**,
- *Have* a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5/C+ or higher; **and**,
- *Provide* evidence of excellence in leadership, scholarship, and community service; **and**,
- *Submit* a completed application packet by the deadline (full details are below); **and**,
- *Attend* the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter...

WHAT: *College Empowerment Workshop*

WHEN: **Saturday, March 25, 2017** (Kindly confirm your attendance by emailing BAO.scholarship@gmail.com by Monday, March 20th)

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Please be prepared to stay the entire time)

WHERE: Central High School, 246 18th Avenue, Newark, NJ

TOPICS: College Success Strategies, College Life, Parents' Roundtable, and more

WHAT TO BRING: All financial aid materials, award letters, college brochures, and any other pertinent information

APPLICATION PACKET ITEMS

*** Applicants must submit **ALL** of the items listed below: ***

1. Completed Student Application Form
2. Personal Statement
3. Answer one of the provided essay questions. Please Note: Students applying to a HBCU **must also** answer essay *Question #3c*
4. Letter of recommendation from a teacher at your school

APPLICATION PACKET ITEMS CONTINUED...

5. Letter of recommendation from another adult (Note: Letters from relatives will not be accepted)
6. Guidance Counselor Recommendation Form ***and***
7. Guidance Counselor Recommendation Letter on school letterhead
8. Official High School Transcript with Cumulative GPA and Standardized Test Scores
9. Confidential Financial Statement Form (please do not attach any tax return statements)
10. Other documents: Financial Statement, Financial Aid Award Letter (i.e. Student Aid Report (SAR), Student Eligibility Notice (SEN), scholarship award, loan request approval)
11. Accept the condition that you must live in Newark, Irvington, or Hillside; and/or Attend a public, charter, or private high school in Newark, Irvington, or Hillside
12. Accept the condition that there is mandatory attendance at the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter *College Empowerment Workshop*

Completed application packets must be postmarked by **Monday, April 10, 2017.**

Please mail to:
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®
Beta Alpha Omega Chapter
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2069
Newark, NJ 07114

PLEASE BE ADVISED: INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

In closing, thank you for your interest in the Beta Alpha Omega Scholarship. For questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Dionne Ledford or Mrs. Vivian Armstrong at BAO.scholarship@gmail.com . We wish you all the best during your college selection and scholarship application processes!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harriet E. Ragnal
President
Beta Alpha Omega Chapter

Mrs. Dionne Ledford
Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Mrs. Vivian Armstrong
Co-Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Enclosures

A Word about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Beta Alpha Omega Chapter...

On January 15, 1908 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., the oldest Greek-lettered organization was established by African American college-educated women. “*Service to All Mankind*” is the mission of our international service organization. Our sisterhood is comprised of a nucleus of over 283,000 members, consisting of 992 graduate and undergraduate chapters in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, Liberia, South Korea, Japan, Canada, Dubai and South Africa. Since 1934 Beta Alpha Omega Chapter—the “Mother Pearl of New Jersey”—has proudly served the communities of Newark, Irvington, and Hillside.



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
BETA ALPHA OMEGA

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: Monday, April 10, 2017

Please complete information below.

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

High School _____

Home Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Email Address _____

Please list all major school activities in which you have participated (250 words MAX).

Please list all community service activities you have participated in over the last twelve (12) months and/or community service activities in which you are currently participating:

Community Service Project	Your Contribution to the Project	Hours Served/ To be Served

Please list any special awards and/or honors you have received and the year received.

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Please list your intended field of study and the reason you chose it.

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STUDENT APPLICATION CONTINUED...

1. Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from the following:
 - a) A teacher from your school and b) Another adult (Note: Letters from relatives will not be accepted)
2. Please submit a personal statement. The statement should include the experiences and opportunities which have had the greatest impact/influence on you. The statement must be typed, single-spaced on a separate sheet of paper, **not to exceed two pages**.
3. Please select **one** of the questions below and submit a typed, single-spaced essay response on a separate page at end of application, **not to exceed one page**.

Note: Students applying to an HBCU **must answer Question #3a OR Question #3b AND Question #3c** (total of two essay questions) for consideration for the HBCU Scholarship.

Question #3a: Describe the community service project or extra-curricular activity that has greatly influenced or enhanced your life.

Question #3b: Describe how you plan to encourage and inspire younger students to one day further their education and attend college just as you soon will do.

Question #3c: HBCU applicants only – Describe in one page what attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) means to you.

4. Please request an **OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT** from your guidance counselor. Your transcript should include your cumulative grade point average (GPA) up to and including the second semester of your senior year as well as any standardized test scores.

Please Note: Applications will not be considered without an official transcript.

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Please mail the completed application packet to:

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Beta Alpha Omega Chapter
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2069
Newark, NJ 07114

For questions, please Email:
BAO.scholarship@gmail.com

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORM

Please complete information below.

1. Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Home Address _____

3. Telephone Number _____

4. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

_____ (Last) (First) (Middle)

1. Make an itemized list of your expenses at each college for which you have been accepted or plan to attend.

Name of College/University City, State	Acceptance Received	Tuition	Room & Board	Books	Total
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No decision	\$	\$	\$	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No decision	\$	\$	\$	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No decision	\$	\$	\$	\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No decision	\$	\$	\$	\$

6. Please list below the amount of money you will receive to finance your college education.

A. Financial Support from family per semester \$ _____

B. Scholarships from other sources \$ _____

C. Loans and/or Grants \$ _____
(Total amount received to date)

D. Earnings from personal employment/savings \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Applicant's Name _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

<i>APPLICATION CHECKLIST</i> <i>(include with completed application form)</i>		√
1	COMPLETED STUDENT APPLICATION FORM	
2	PERSONAL STATEMENT <i>(SEE PAGES FOLLOWING)</i>	
3	ANSWER TO ONE OF THE ESSAY QUESTIONS PROVIDED <i>(SEE PAGES FOLLOWING)</i>	
4	LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – Teacher at your school	
5	LETTER OF REFERENCE – Another Adult <i>(Letters from relatives will not be accepted)</i>	
6	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM	
7	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER <i>(Separate Sheet on Official School Letterhead)</i>	
8	OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (cumulative grade point average up to and including the second semester grades and standardized test scores)	
9	CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORM (Do not attach any tax return statements with this document. However, if you feel that additional information is needed, please write a summary in a separate letter stating household/other income that will support your education).	
10	Other documents you can include With FSFA (Financial Statement: Financial Aid) Award Letter	
11	Accept the condition: Live in Newark, Hillside or Irvington; and/or: Attend a public, charter, or private school in Newark, Hillside or Irvington <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I accept <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not accept	
12	ACCEPT THE CONDITION: <i>Mandatory attendance</i> at the Beta Alpha Omega College Empowerment <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I accept <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not accept	

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PERSONAL STATEMENT (500 Word Max)

Applicant's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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ESSAY QUESTION #3a or #3b (500 Word Max)

Applicant's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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ESSAY QUESTION #3c: HBCU applicants only (500 Word Max)

Applicant's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

1. Please evaluate the student based on the following criteria using the following rubric below. 5 being the highest 1 being the lowest. Please **circle** the number most applicable.

	Highest			Lowest	
Academic Performance	5	4	3	2	1
Intellectual Promise	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1
Community Service	5	4	3	2	1
Motivation	5	4	3	2	1
Communication Skills					
Interpersonal	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation	5	4	3	2	1

Use 3 words to describe the student _____, _____, _____

2. Please provide a typed recommendation letter on school letterhead giving a candid assessment of the student's aptitude and willingness to succeed.
3. Please provide an OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT with cumulative average, second semester grades and standardized test scores attached with your letter or this completed form.

High School

Guidance Counselor's Signature

Please note that applications will not be reviewed unless your section is completed
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