



Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Upsilon Alpha Omega, the Gwinnett Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was chartered in Gwinnett County on January 29, 1994. One of the first challenges taken on by the chapter was to establish a scholarship for the young women in Gwinnett County. Thus far, we have awarded a number of scholarships totaling thousands of dollars to college-bound high school seniors.

Upsilon Alpha Omega is offering a scholarship to African-American high school seniors to further their educational opportunities. It is the chapter's goal to aggressively promote post-secondary education endeavors. The scholarship will be awarded to students who meet the following scholarship qualifications:

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a Gwinnett County Public School Senior (male or female)
- HBCU Scholarship is not for any specific ethnicity
- Must already be accepted to an accredited HBCU four-year college or university
- Must possess leadership potential and discernible good character
- Must demonstrate superior scholastic achievement (minimum 3.00 GPA)

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

To be considered for the HBCU Scholarship, applicants must submit the following by **March 9, 2020**:

1. A completed application, it is imperative that the application be completed in full.
2. A one-paged double spaced (typed) personal statement summarizing why the applicant should be awarded the HBCU Scholarship and how the scholarship will help him/her pursue his/her career ambition. Be sure to include community service activities in the statement.
3. A sealed copy of the applicant's transcripts. The transcripts must be sealed by your school.
4. Two sealed letters of recommendations from any combination teachers, counselors, employers, school administrators or ministers.
5. Proof of acceptance in a four-year HBCU college or university.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

- Completed application that meet the above criteria must be postmarked by **March 9, 2020. (no exceptions)**
- Applicants will be notified by the scholarship committee if they are selected for an interview between the dates of **March 23-26, 2020**. If not selected, they will be notified.
- **Selected students will be interviewed the week of April 13-17, 2020.**
- Students selected to receive scholarships will be notified by **April 20, 2020**.
- Scholarship recipients will be honored at a scholarship reception sponsored by Upsilon Alpha Omega. Details will be mailed to the recipients. Please save the date **Thursday, June 4, 2020**.
- Students not selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by mail after the final interviews.

REMEMBER: Type a one-page double-spaced personal statement in which you tell the scholarship committee why the HBCU Scholarship should be awarded to you and how it would help you pursue your career ambition. Be sure to include your community service activities in the statement.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 9, 2020

Mail application and supplemental materials to the address below:

Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

ATTN: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 191 Lawrenceville, GA 30046

MEDIA RELEASE

I grant permission to the Gwinnett Pearls of Service Foundation, Incorporated to use my minor child's _____ name and/or photographs to publicize the HBCU Scholarship now and in perpetuity.

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My signature below certifies that I have read and understand all of the conditions and requirements of an applicant for the HBCU Scholarship as described and that I meet all eligibility requirements.

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Community Activities/Honors

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names and Addresses

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are institutions of higher education in the United States that were established before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with the hope of primarily serving the African-American Community and providing their postsecondary education needs. [Wikipedia](#)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have empowered, supported, mentored, encouraged, protected, and provided higher education to African American People. HBCUs also provide a vital area for the fight for civil rights, equality, and actions of gaining equal rights for full social or economic opportunities for African Americans.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are still relevant today. African American Families and students have found that HBCUs offer a strong support system, and more nurturing than other institutions.

HBCUs have a legacy of graduating many African-American Leaders in the fields of education, law, business, military service, science, sports, art, and entertainment. Some of the alumni includes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Oprah Winfrey, W.E.B. Du Bois, Thurgood Marshall, and the Tuskegee Airmen.

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/hq9511.html>

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historically_black_colleges_and_universities

Accredited HBCUs

Alabama

Alabama A&M University- Huntsville
Alabama State University- Montgomery
Concordia University-Alabama- Selma (closed 2018)
Gadsden State College- Gadsden
J.F. Drake State Technical College- Huntsville
Lawson State Community College- Birmingham
Miles College- Fairfield
Oakwood University- Huntsville
Selma University- Selma
Shelton State Community College- Tuscaloosa
Stillman College- Tuscaloosa
Talladega College- Talladega
Tuskegee University- Tuskegee
H. Council Trenholm State Community College- Montgomery

Arkansas

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff- Pine Bluff
Arkansas Baptist College- Little Rock
Philander Smith College- Little Rock
Shorter College- North Little Rock

Delaware

Delaware State University- Dover

District of Columbia

University of the District of Columbia
Howard University

Florida

Bethune Cookman University- Daytona Beach
Edward Waters College- Jacksonville
Florida A&M University- Tallahassee
Florida Memorial University- Miami Gardens

Georgia

Albany State University- Albany
Clark Atlanta University- Atlanta
Fort Valley State University- Fort Valley
Interdenominational Theological Center- Atlanta
Morehouse College- Atlanta
Morehouse School of Medicine- Atlanta
Paine College- Augusta
Savannah State University- Savannah
Spelman College- Atlanta

Kentucky

Kentucky State University- Frankfort
Simmons College of Kentucky- Louisville

Louisiana

Dillard University-New Orleans
Grambling State University- Grambling
Southern University and A&M College- Baton Rouge
Southern University New Orleans- New Orleans
Southern University-Shreveport- Shreveport
Xavier University- New Orleans

Maryland

Bowie State University- Bowie
Coppin State University- Baltimore
University of Maryland- Eastern Shore- Princess Anne
Morgan State University- Baltimore

Mississippi

Alcorn State University- Lorman
Coahoma Community College- Clarksdale
Hinds County Community College- Utica
Jackson State University- Jackson
Mississippi Valley State University- Itta Bena
Rust College- Holly Springs
Tougaloo College- Tougaloo

Missouri

Harris-Stowe State University- St. Louis
Lincoln University- Jefferson City

North Carolina

Bennett College- Greensboro
Elizabeth City State University- Elizabeth City
Fayetteville State University- Fayetteville
Johnson C. Smith University- Charlotte
Livingston College- Salisbury
North Carolina Central University- Durham
North Carolina A&T State University- Greensboro
Shaw University- Raleigh
St. Augustine's University- Raleigh
Winston-Salem State University- Winston Salem

Ohio

Central State University- Wilberforce
Wilberforce University- Wilberforce

Oklahoma

Langston University- Langston

Pennsylvania

Cheyney University- Cheyney
The Lincoln University- Lincoln University

South Carolina

Allen University- Columbia
Benedict College- Columbia
Claflin University- Orangeburg
Clinton College- Rock Hill
Denmark Technical College- Denmark
Morris College- Sumter
South Carolina State University- Orangeburg
Voorhees College- Denmark

Tennessee

American Baptist University- Nashville
Fisk University- Nashville
Lane College- Jackson
LeMoyne Owen College- Memphis
Meharry Medical College
Tennessee State University- Nashville

Texas

Huston-Tillotson University- Austin
Jarvis Christian College- Hawkins
Paul Quinn College- Dallas
Prairie View A&M University- Prairie View
Southwestern Christian College- Terrell
St. Philips College- San Antonio
Texas College- Tyler
Texas Southern University- Houston
Wiley College- Marshall

US Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands- St. Thomas & St. Croix

Virginia

Hampton University- Hampton
Norfolk State University- Norfolk
Virginia State University- Petersburg
Virginia Union University- Richmond
Virginia University of Lynchburg- Lynchburg

West Virginia

Bluefield State College- Bluefield
West Virginia State University- Institute

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