



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Rho Mu Omega Chapter and DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc.
2014 Scholarship Application Guidelines**



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Mu Omega Chapter, in conjunction with DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc. will award a minimum of six (6) scholarships:

- Two general scholarships will be awarded to students who are matriculating to a Historically Black College or University (“HBCU”).
- Two general scholarships will be awarded to students who are matriculating to any Post-Secondary Institution.
- Two private scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to major in Education or Health and Science.
- Scholarships will be awarded to students who have shown need and demonstrated academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, and community service.
- Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements to qualify.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and the student’s ability to demonstrate Leadership, Community Service and Academic Excellence:

- High School Seniors graduating from a District of Columbia High School before August 30, 2014
- Planning to attend a HBCU or any Post-Secondary Institution in the Fall semester of 2014, for the entire academic year
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5
- Participates in activities that demonstrate leadership and/or public service
- Submits a personal statement
- Submits an essay on the supplied topic
- Submits two letters of recommendation

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Completed application (**Download from www.rhомуomega.org**)
- Copy of most recent transcript/report card
- Essay on the supplied topic
- Two letters of recommendation from a school administrator, teacher, counselor, community member, mentor, or church pastor

The completed application and required documentation must be submitted together and mailed to the following address **postmarked by [Friday, April 18, 2014](#)**:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Rho Mu Omega Chapter/ D.C. Pearls III Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 91198
Washington, DC 20090-1198**



Description of Scholarships

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Mu Omega Chapter, in conjunction with DC Pearls III Foundation will award the following:

- (1) A minimum of four General Scholarships at \$2,000 each;
- (2) One Barbara P. Davis Scholarship in Education; the recipient will receive a minimum of \$500;
- (3) One Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship in Health and Science; the recipient will receive a minimum of \$1,000.

All Scholarships are awarded to a graduating senior from a District of Columbia High School. Two general scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to attend a HBCU and two general scholarships will be awarded to two students who plan to attend any post-secondary institution and requires no specific major. The Education Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who will be majoring in Education, and who **MUST** attend an HBCU. The Health and Science Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who will be majoring in a health or science field, with priority given to a student who also plans to attend an HBCU.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicant must be a U. S. Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States.

Academic Requirements

Applicant must be a high school graduating senior who attends a public, private or chartered school in the District of Columbia. The applicant must graduate between May 2014 and August 2014. Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 and provide ACT or SAT test scores, if such scores are required for admission to the a post-secondary College or University of the student's choice. Applicant must plan to enroll for the Fall 2014 at a post-secondary College or University.

Description of Funds

The four General Scholarship recipients will each receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship to be used at the student's discretion. The recipient may be eligible for up to \$1,000 scholarship renewal for up to three (3) additional years based on the availability of funds.

Disbursement of Funds

Funds are provided by DC Pearls III Foundation. All scholarship checks are contingent upon the DC Pearls III Foundation's receipt of the "Official Verification of Enrollment", verifying the student's enrollment for the Fall semester. Payments are issued by DC Pearls III Foundation and checks are made payable to the recipient and mailed to the address provided by the student.

Winner Selection and Announcements

Rho Mu Omega Chapter and DC Pearls III Foundation have established a Scholarship Committee to ensure the impartial and confidential evaluation of applications. Selections are based on financial need, academic record, school/community activities and leadership. Scholarship winners will be notified by telephone and email by **May 5, 2014**. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final and are not subject to appeal.

Responsibilities of Recipients

The recipient must be actively enrolled full-time at a post-secondary College or University in Fall 2014 and for the full academic year without interruption, barring long term illness, emergency, or military service. Recipients are responsible for providing proof of enrollment from their respective institution's Registrar's Office, sent directly to the Scholarship Committee.

How to Apply

Application packages are available from your high school counselor's office or you may visit our website at www.rhомуomega.org to download the application package. All application packages and supporting documentation must be postmarked by **Friday, April 18, 2014**. **Incomplete application packages will not be considered.**

Additional Questions

If you have additional questions, please contact the Scholarship Chair, via email, at scholarship@rhомуomega.org or at the numbers listed below.

Shani N. Walker
Rho Mu Omega Chapter
Scholarship Chairman
(202) 364-3689

Phyllis Throckmorton
Rho Mu Omega Chapter
Program Chairman
(301) 928-4047



**Rho Mu Omega Chapter
DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship Application Package Check List**

Name of Applicant _____

Scholarships Applying for (General, Education, Health & Science) _____

All supporting documents should be enclosed in one envelope and mailed to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Mu Omega Chapter/DC Pearls III Foundation Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 91198, Washington, DC 20090-1198.

You must include a copy of this completed checklist as your cover page. If you want your application to be considered for more than one Scholarship, please indicate each type above.

Your application package, photograph and supporting documents become the sole property of Rho Mu Omega Chapter and the DC Pearls III Foundation and will not be returned. Please make a copy and retain for your records.

The following documents must be postmarked by **Friday, April 18, 2014.**

_____ Copy of this checklist

_____ Completed Application

_____ Official High School Transcript (sealed in an envelope)

_____ Copy of the Applicant's FAFSA Form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

_____ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation. One letter must be from a faculty member from your current school. Letters of recommendations from the applicant's relatives will not be accepted.

_____ Completed Essay Question

_____ Personal Statement

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
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2014 Scholarship Application Form**

Section 1: Personal Information (Please type or print legibly)

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City/State) (Zip)

Home Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email: _____

Name of parents or guardian: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email: _____

Section 2: High School Information

D.C. High School: _____

High School Address: _____
(Street) (City/State) (Zip)

<i>Cumulative Grade Point Average</i>
Weighted: _____/4.0 scale
Unweighted: _____/4.0 scale

<i>SAT</i>		
<i>Critical Reading</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Writing</i>

<i>ACT</i>
<i>Composite</i>

Counselor's name _____ Telephone Number () _____

High School Graduation Date: _____ 2014

***Please provide an official copy of your high school transcript.**

Section 3: Activities, Awards and Honors

On a separate sheet of paper list:

- All school activities over the last four years
- All community service over the last four years
- All special awards, honors and offices held

Please include the number of years of participation

Section 4: Personal Statement /Essay

Essay submissions will be evaluated in a fair and unbiased judging process and the essay must be solely the work of the applicant. The evaluators will look for writing that is grammatically correct, clear, articulate logically organized and addresses all points of the topic.

Personal Statement: Please submit a personal statement. Your personal statement must be no more than two (2) typed, double spaced pages with one inch margins. (Tell us about yourself)

Essay: Please prepare an essay on the following topic, **“Describe your most meaningful academic and personal achievements and how they relate to your future goals.”**

Your essay must be no more than two (2) typed double spaced pages.

Section 5:

Please list the Post-Secondary Institutions that you are interested in attending. Please check the line in front of the number if you have been accepted.

____ 1. _____ ____ 2. _____

____ 3. _____ ____ 4. _____

Intended Major and Career Interest: _____

Section 6: Financial Information

Please provide a copy of your **completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid results (FAFSA).**

Section 7: Letters of Recommendation

Please provide **two (2) Letters of Recommendation.** One letter must be from your high school counselor, teacher or school administrator supporting your scholarship application.

Section 8: Declaration

I confirm that the information given in this scholarship application is true and correct.

Applicants' signature: _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Questions and concerns should be directed to:

Shani N. Walker, Scholarship Chairman, at (202)364-3689,

Phyllis Throckmorton, Program Chairman, at (301)928-4047 or

SCHOLARSHIP@RHOMUOMEGA.ORG with "SCHOLARSHIP" in the subject line.

YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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Rho Mu Omega Chapter/ D.C. Pearls III Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 91198

Washington, DC 20090-1198

Application Deadline: must be postmarked by FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014.