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Rho Mu Omega Chapter  
and DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc.**



Greetings from the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Rho Mu Omega Chapter.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Rho Mu Omega Chapter in conjunction with DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc., is pleased to share its 2018 scholarship application packet. All District of Columbia high school residents and graduating seniors who attend a public, private, or charter school and will be enrolling in a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the fall of 2018 are encouraged to apply. This year, we are offering the following scholarships:

- **Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship** (1) – \$1,000 minimum award to a student majoring in Health and Science.
- **Presidential Scholarship** (1) – \$3,000 award to a student who demonstrates a significant history of leadership and volunteer service activities.
- **General scholarship** (1) - \$3,000 award to a student who demonstrates academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, and community service.
- **Linda Latney Scholarship** (1) – \$3,000 award to an *Eastern High School* student demonstrating academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, and community service.
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship** (1) – \$3,000 award to a student who demonstrate active STEM activities.

Attached are the flyer and the scholarship application packet.

We would appreciate it if you could please distribute this information to your graduating high school seniors who could take advantage of these opportunities and encourage them to apply

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Joyce Nixon, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at (202) 277-8946 or by email at [akatwin@gmail.com](mailto:akatwin@gmail.com)  
As a reminder, applications must be **received by Monday April 9, 2018.**

Sincerely,

Sharon Falby, President  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Rho Mu Omega Chapter

Joyce Nixon, Chairman  
Scholarship Committee  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Rho Mu Omega Chapter



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## **2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION and GUIDELINES**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Rho Mu Omega Chapter in conjunction with DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc. annually awards college scholarships to assist Washington, D.C. high school graduates to continue their education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). A minimum of five (5) scholarships will be awarded to **five** students who will be matriculating at a Historical Black College or University (HBCU) beginning the fall of 2018.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, and community service. Applicants must meet the general eligibility requirements and qualifications of the individual scholarship for which they apply. **Applicants may apply for as many scholarships offered, but can only be awarded one scholarship.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Students must:

- be a resident of the District of Columbia.
- be a graduating High School senior currently attending a DC High School.
- attend an HBCU and taking classes on campus, for the entire year beginning the fall semester of 2018.
- have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.
- participate in activities that demonstrate leadership and/or public service.
- demonstrate financial need.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

**Applications will not be considered without ALL of the following:**

- Completed application (Download from [www.rhомуomega.org](http://www.rhомуomega.org) or [www.DCPearlsIII.org](http://www.DCPearlsIII.org))
- Copy of the applicant's most recent transcript in a sealed envelope with the school's stamps
- Certification of Secondary School Credits Packet from your school counselor
- Submission of a personal statement\*
- Submission of an essay on the supplied scholarship topic\*
- Submission of two (2) letters of recommendation.
- Copy of the Applicant's FAFSA Form - all pages (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

***\*MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT: 2 typewritten pages-Times New Roman, double-spaced, 12pt font***

The completed application and required documentation must be submitted together and mailed to the following address **received** by **Monday, April 9, 2018:**

**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**



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### 2018 DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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

- **Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)** will be awarded to a student matriculating to a HBCU and majoring in Health and Science.
- **Presidential Scholarship (\$3000)** will be awarded to a student matriculating to a HBCU and who demonstrates a significant history of leadership and volunteer service activities.
- **General Scholarship (\$3000)\*** will be awarded to a student matriculating to a HBCU and who demonstrates academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, and community.
- **Linda Latney Scholarship (\$3000)\*** will be awarded to a student matriculating to a HBCU and who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership skills, and community service. **Scholarship only available to students graduating from Eastern Senior High School, Washington DC.**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics (STEM) Scholarship (\$3000)\*** will be awarded to a student matriculating to a HBCU and who demonstrates achievement in STEM activities.

\*The **General, Linda Latney, and STEM** scholarships require no specific major.

#### **Applicant Eligibility**

Applicant must be a U. S. Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States of America, and a District of Columbia resident.

#### **Academic Requirement**

Applicant must plan to enroll as a freshman at a Historically Black College or University in Fall 2018. Applicant must be a high school graduating senior who lives and attends a public, private or charter school in the District of Columbia and will graduate between May 2018 and August 2018. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5 and have taken either the ACT or SAT Examination.

## **Description of Funds**

The General, Linda Latney, STEM, and Presidential scholarship recipients will each receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship to be used at the student's discretion. The recipient may be eligible for up to \$1,000 scholarship renewal for an additional three (3) years, based on the availability of funds. To be eligible for a renewal scholarship, students must submit a request in writing. Renewal requests must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year. Students should also provide proof of a continuous 2.5 cumulative grade point average. The Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship is not renewable.

## **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" and verification that the student has met all the requirements for renewal. 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 on the application form, **unless otherwise specified on the students request for renewal funds correspondence.**

## **Scholarship Recipients Selection and Announcements**

Rho Mu Omega 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 recipients will be notified by telephone and email on or before **April 24, 2018**. 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 as a freshman in Fall 2018 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 college, university or post-secondary educational institution's Registrar's Office. Proof of enrollment should be sent to the **address provided on your awards letter.**

## **How to Apply**

Application packets are available from high school counselor offices, or by downloading from the website, [www.rhомуomega.org](http://www.rhомуomega.org). All application packets and supporting documentation must be submitted together and **RECEIVED no later than Monday, April 9, 2018. Incomplete application packets will not be considered or reviewed.**

If you have additional questions, please contact the Scholarship Chairmen, via email, at [scholarship@rhомуomega.org](mailto:scholarship@rhомуomega.org).



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**2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

<b>Applicant's Name:</b> Please Print Legibly		
<b>Last</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Middle</b>

**Procedure for Applying**

- Complete pages 8-9 of the scholarship application
- Signatures of applicant and parents/guardian (page 7)
- Request your Guidance Counselor to complete the "Certification of Secondary Credit" form. (Pages 9-10).  
 Have your counselor return the complete forms in a sealed envelope and include it in order in your application packet.
- Adhere to the required deadline date: **Monday, April 9, 2018**

Applying for (check only one)	
	STEM Scholarship
	General Scholarship
	Presidential Scholarship
	Linda Latney Scholarship
	Angela Ducker Richardson Scholarship
Date Rec'd	

**INCOMPELTE APPLICATIONS OR THOSE MISSING THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Application Checklist**

**Please return this page attached to the front of your application. Submissions must be submitted in the order listed**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of this completed checklist (page 4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application packet (pages 5-7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement (page 8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay on the supplied topic (page 8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Certification of Secondary Credit" (pages 9-10) (in a sealed envelope)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcript/Report Card (in a sealed envelope)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the Applicant's Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form - all pages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) letters of Recommendation
  - One from a school administrator or teacher
  - One from a community member, mentor, or church pastor

**For Committee Use Only**

**Initial review:**    **Complete application**            \_\_\_ **yes**    \_\_\_ **no**  
                           **Required documents**            \_\_\_ **yes**    \_\_\_ **no**  
                           **Recommended for review**           \_\_\_ **yes**    \_\_\_ **no**



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**2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Scholarship Deadline: Monday, April 9, 2018**

**All applications must be typed. Only completed application packets received by the deadline will be considered and reviewed.**

**1. Personal Data**

<b>Full Name:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Nam of Parent(s) or Guardian:</b>	
<b>Name of High School and address:</b>	
<b>Name of Guidance Counselor:</b>	<b>Guidance Counselor email address</b>

**2. School Activities** (Use additional sheets if needed)

<b>List your extracurricular activities and school activities (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades)</b>		
<b>Year of activity</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Office/Leadership Position Held</b>

**3. Outside Activities and Community Service** (Use additional sheets if needed)

List activities outside of school to include community service (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grades)		
Year	Activity	Office/Leadership Position Held

**4. Work Experiences** (summer, part-time, full-time, internships)

Dates	Company	Responsibilities

**5. Honors and Awards** (Use additional sheets if needed)

List honors and awards received: (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)		
Year Received	Name of Honor/Award	Purpose

**6. Grade Point Average/Test Scores**

GPA:							
SAT Scores:			ACT Scores				
Verbal	Math	Writing	English	Math	Reading	Science	Writing

## 7. College Information (Colleges Applied)

Name of College	Intended Major/Field of Study	Accepted Yes No

## 8. Signatures

**By signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may disqualify my application and/or result in revocation of the scholarship award.**

<b>Signature of Student</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Print Name</b>	
<b>Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 21)</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Print Name</b>	



## 9. Personal Statement

Tell us about yourself. Please submit a personal statement. Your personal statement must be **two (2) typed, double spaced pages, Times New Roman 12 font, with a one-inch (1') margin. The applicant's name and the wording "Personal Statement" must be placed on the top of the page.** For example, John Doe – Personal Statement.

## 10. ESSAY

All applicants must complete an essay question on a topic related to the scholarship(s) for which they are applying. Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship using the application packet, but must submit essays on a topic related to the scholarship(s) for which they are applying.

Essays must be **type written, double spaced, Times New Roman 12 front, one-inch margin.** Please include your **name and title of the essay** on the top of each page. For example, Jane Doe – "What Does Leadership Mean to Me"

### Essay Topics

Each scholarship has a special essay question for applicants to address. Applicants must address the "Essay Topic" for the specific scholarship for which they are applying. **(250-word limit)**

Scholarship	Essay Topic
<b>STEM Scholarship</b>	Describe how your professional aspirations, and leadership/service have shaped your qualities and attributes as a rising STEM leader?
<b>General Scholarship</b>	Describe your most meaningful academic and personal achievement and how they relate to your future goals.
<b>Presidential Scholarship</b>	Define what leadership means to you, and give an example of when you were an influential leader.
<b>Linda Latney Scholarship</b>	Describe any academic achievements, community service activities, examples of leadership, or other personal characteristics that make you deserving of this scholarship.
<b>Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship</b>	Describe the greatest challenge you have experienced in your academic life and how it had motivated you to pursue a career in a health or science field.



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**CERTIFICATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL CREDITS**

(TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL **COUNSELOR/OFFICIAL**, AND RETURNED TO STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE)

**Scholarship application Deadline: Monday, April 9, 2018**

**Please include with this form:**

- 1. Official Transcript of applicant's grades**
- 2. Copy of the applicant's SAT or ACT Scores**
- 3. Return to student in a sealed envelop**

<b>Full Name of applicant:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	

<b>Name of School</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	

<b>Grade Point Average:</b>	This Applicant Ranks _____ in a total of _____ students in the 2017-2018 graduating class.
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**Personal Rating**

PLEASE RATE ON A SCALE OF ONE (1) TO FIVE (5) – WITH 5 BEING THE HIGHEST.

APPEARANCE	1	2	3	4	5
SELF MOTIVATION	1	2	3	4	5
LEADERSHIP SKILLS	1	2	3	4	5
EMOTIONAL CONTROL	1	2	3	4	5
SHOWS INITIATIVE	1	2	3	4	5

**Please add additional comments about the student.**

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Signature	Print Name	Date
Position		

**For future use, if needed. Counselors please provide the following information.**

<b>Scholarships are awarded at: (please check one) – When/where we can attend to award the student a scholarship.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> School's awards assembly	Date: Place:
<input type="checkbox"/> School's Graduation	Date: Place:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date: Place:
Person to contact to present scholarship:	
Name _____ Position _____	
Phone No. _____ Email _____	

**Please return this form and other requested documents in a sealed envelope before the scholarship application deadline - Monday, April 9, 2018.**

## Sample Scoring Rubric

<b>Individual Scoring Rubric for Scholarship Applications</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Total Score</b> _____ <b>/100</b>
<b>Scholarship</b>	
	<b>Reviewer's Score</b>
<b>Academics (2.0GPA) Based on the following:</b> 3.5 or higher - (20 points) 3.0 -3.49 - (15 points) 2.5-2.99 - (10 points) Below 2.5 (0 points)	
<b>Personal Statement (15pts)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included</li> <li>• Gives you a picture of the student</li> <li>• two (2) typed, double-spaced pages, Times New Roman 12 font, with a one-inch (1') margin.</li> <li>• The applicant's name and the wording "Personal Statement" at the top of the page</li> <li>• Spelling and grammar</li> </ul>	
<b>Essay (20pts) Based on the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included</li> <li>• Type is written, double-spaced</li> <li>• Times New Roman 12 front, one-inch margin.</li> <li>• Name and title of the essay on the top of each page.</li> <li>• Spelling and grammar</li> <li>• 250-word limit</li> </ul>	
<b>Financial Need (15points) Based on the following</b> (Income, number, in household, number in college, etc.) \$0-\$499. - 15 points \$500 -\$14,999 - 10 points \$15,000- and up - 5 points	
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities/Community Service Involvement/Employment (15pts) Based on the following</b> In-school and Outside activities/community service, work F/T or P/T All sections completed	
<b>Honors and Awards (5pts) Based on the following</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed list</li> <li>• At least 5 honors and awards listed</li> </ul>	
<b>Letters of Recommendation (5pts.) Based on the following</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 letters Included</li> <li>• Content</li> <li>• Certification of Secondary School Credits</li> </ul>	
<b>Overall Presentation (5pts)</b>	
<b>Total points received</b>	<b>/100</b>
<b>Comments</b>	