

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®**  
**GAMMA PHI OMEGA CHAPTER**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**2026 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by college-educated African American women. On January 15, 1908, this illustrious organization was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. To trace its history is to tell a remarkable story in America, spanning more than a century.

The dynamic groups of African American women who organized the Sorority were concerned about the social issues of their time. One generation removed from slavery, these young women understood the privilege that they had to pursue their education at a highly respected institution. With this opportunity, these women used their college experiences to address the challenges in their community.

As our world's diversity becomes more of a topic of discussion, the need for advocacy increases. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, as an international organization, sets a precedent for addressing political and social issues present in our global communities. The influence of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® continues to positively impact our world; its legacy continues to promote higher education, lifelong sisterhood, and service to all mankind.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Gamma Phi Omega Chapter, is pleased to offer several annual financial incentive awards. The recipient(s) of this assistance award will receive financial support for collegiate educational expenses.

Enclosed is the 2026 Scholarship Application. African American female high school seniors who are planning to enter a four-year college in the fall of 2026 and whose three-year average is at least 3.0 may apply. Please distribute the application, which may be distributed to eligible students.

**For more information, please contact:**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
Incorporated® Gamma Phi Omega  
Chapter**

**Attn: Scholarship Committee**

**P.O. Box 3231**

**Buffalo, New York 14240  
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## Part 1: Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be an African American Female planning to attend a four-year college.
2. Applicants must be a high school senior or a college student.
3. Applicant's permanent residence must be in Erie/Niagara County.
4. Applicant must hold a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
5. Applicant must be accepted (or acceptance forthcoming) at an accredited four-year college or university.

## Part 2: Application Requirements

Incomplete applications are subject to automatic disqualification.

1. Two letters of recommendation (one school official and one additional reference).
2. Sealed transcripts from your current high school or college/university.

## Part 3: Application Submission

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Finalist interviews: May 19–20, 2026 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.).

Awardee Reception: Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Mail completed applications to:

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## I. STUDENT PROFILE

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. PERSONAL STATEMENTS (100 words each)

1. Explain how you have served as a role model for girls in your high school or community. What was your impact?

2. If you were to give a TED Talk, what would it be about? What would be your one-sentence takeaway?

3. If you could meet any person past or present for an hour, who would it be and what would you say?

### III. ESSAY (500 words maximum)

Write about a time that you failed at something or did not meet your expectations. How did the disappointment affect you? What did you learn about yourself?