



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Psi Phi Omega Chapter

P.O. Box 22385

Baltimore, Maryland 21203

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Dear Student:

On January 15, 1908, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and fifteen young African American women fulfilled their dream when Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded at Howard University in Washington, DC. Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has implemented programs of service impacting countless lives. With a focus on educational enrichment, the Psi Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is pleased to offer merit and service-based scholarships to students attending schools in Baltimore City, giving priority consideration to students who reside in East Baltimore. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students to offset the rising costs of higher education, including tuition and fees and textbooks.

A list of this years' scholarships and criteria has been included in this application packet. The completed application packet, containing the following items, must be received via email or sent via postal service (postmarked no later than Friday, April 9, 2023). A **completed application packet** must include the following supporting documentation:

- Official High School Transcript or GSR (Grad Status Report);
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from school or community (*1 letter must be from your school guidance counselor*);
- A 1-2 page, typed and double-spaced essay explaining why you should be selected as a recipient of the scholarship (state specific award) **AND** include at least one of the following:
 1. A discussion of your intended career goals
 2. A discussion on how attaining your goals will help you give back to the East Baltimore community
 3. A discussion of your community service and/or extracurricular activities
- Copy of College Acceptance Letter(s); and
- A copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) confirmation page.

Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will receive an invitation to the scholarship recognition event and confirmation letter of award. Scholarships will be mailed to the institution of enrollment upon receipt of Proof of Enrollment. If you have any additional questions, please contact Tara Williams at PPOAKAScholarship@gmail.com.

Warmest regards,

Shayon T. Smith

Shayon T. Smith, President

Tara D. Williams

Tara D. Williams, Scholarship Committee Chair



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Scholarship Criteria

The Ethel Hedgemon Lyle Founders' Scholarship (\$1,500.00)

- Must have a minimum cumulative **3.5 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale**
- Must be a first-generation **female** attending college
- Demonstrated leadership and service in her school and/or the East Baltimore community
- Accepted into at least one four-year historically black college or university

The Psi Phi Omega HBCU Scholarship (\$750.00)

- Must be a graduating senior
- Must have a minimum **2.5 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale**
- Demonstrated leadership and service in their school and/or the East Baltimore community
- Accepted to and enrolled in a two or four-year historically black college or university

The Charm City Pearls Community Service Scholarship (\$750.00)

- Must be a graduating senior
- Must have a minimum **2.5 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale**
- A minimum of 150 community service and/or service-learning documented hours
- Accepted into a four-year or two-year college or university

A completed application packet that includes all supporting documentation will be reviewed by the Psi Phi Omega Scholarship Committee. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and will not be considered for award. **Completed application packets** may be received via email to Tara Williams at PPOAKAScholarship@gmail.com or sent via postal service to P.O. Box 22385 Baltimore, MD 21203 and postmarked no later than Friday, April 9, 2023.

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Scholarship Application Cover Page and Checklist

Applicant Name: _____

Current School Name: _____

Please check to ensure the following items are included:

_____ Application

_____ Official High School Transcript (unofficial or official) or Graduation Status Report (GSR)

_____ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (*1 must be from a counselor at your current school*)

_____ A 1-2 page, typed and double-spaced essay explaining why you should be selected as a recipient of the scholarship (state specific award) **AND** include at least one of the following:

- o A discussion of your intended career goals
- o A discussion on how attaining your goals will help you give back to the East Baltimore community
- o A discussion of your community service and/or extracurricular activities

*Be certain to include your name on the essay.

_____ Copy of College Acceptance Letter(s)

_____ Copy of the FAFSA confirmation page

_____ Verification of Enrollment (Must be submitted prior to funds released to student account)



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I am applying for the following scholarship(s):

- The Ethel Hedgemon Lyle Founders' Scholarship
- The Psi Phi Omega HBCU Scholarship
- The Charm City Pearls Community Service Scholarship

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Graduation Year _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relation: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relation: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

School Information

School Name: _____

School Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

School Counselor Name: _____ Office Number: _____

School Counselor Email Address: _____

Cumulative Unweighted GPA: _____ Weighted GPA _____ Class Rank: _____
(Please submit a copy of your transcript)



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College/University Applied	Anticipated Major	Have you received an acceptance letter?

Student Activity Information

Please complete each section. **DO NOT BE MODEST.** All information can be used by the Scholarship Committee during the selection process. Include an additional sheet titled "Student Activities Continued" if needed

Extra-Curricular Activity	Description	Leadership Position Held	Length of Service

Community Activities

List community activities in which you have participated, (Church groups, volunteer organizations, clubs, community art endeavors, etc.). The activities in which you engage must be completed **outside of school**. Include an additional sheet titled "Community Activities Continued" if needed

Community Service Activity	Description	Length of Service

Recognition & Awards

List any honors and recognition that you have received during your high school or college career. Include an additional sheet titled "Recognition and Awards Continued" if needed

Award/Recognition	Grade(s)



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Official Use Only

Date Received: _____

Postmark Date: _____

Official Transcript: _____

Letters of Recommendation: _____ GSR _____

Essay: _____

College Acceptance Letter: _____

FAFSA Confirmation Page: _____

Committee Chair Signature:
