



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Rho Chi Omega Chapter**

Pearl Scholarship

Application Instructions

Rho Chi Omega Chapter is pleased to invite undergraduate members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® currently attending any college or university in the state of Alabama to apply for this scholarship.

Application Deadline: November 18, 2024

Complete application must be uploaded by 11:59 pm CST

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Instructions for Applying for Pearl Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarship, a student must:

- Be recommended by the Graduate Advisor. The Graduate Advisor must complete a Pearl Scholarship Recommendation Form to be included in the student packet.
- Be an active undergraduate soror who has completed a minimum of one semester (12 hours) at the respective institution.
- Have a cumulative and prior semester grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or above.
- Complete the application in its entirety.
- Submit an essay of 250 words, and no more than 350 words, on the following topic: "Describe how you feel about the idea of having a sorority sister as President of the United States."
- The essay must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman (or similar), 12-point font and include the student's name in a running header on all pages of the document.
- Submit the most recent official or unofficial academic transcript.

Completed Application Checklist

Graduate Advisor Pearl Scholarship Recommendation Form

Completed scholarship application form (must include signature and date)

Essay

Transcript (Official or Unofficial)

Copies of two recent honors/awards

Photograph

To be considered complete, the application packet must include the recommendation form, completed application form, copies of recent honors/awards, transcript, and essay. Incomplete packets will not be considered. To be considered for this scholarship, the complete packet must be uploaded to <https://www.aka-rco.org/scholarships> by 11:59 pm, CST on November 18, 2024.

Pearl Scholarship Application

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® RHO CHI OMEGA CHAPTER

Instructions: This form is fillable. Please complete the application in its entirety.

Personal Data

Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Local Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS AND APARTMENT NUMBER

_____ CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS AND APARTMENT NUMBER

_____ CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER

Student University ID Number: _____

Academic Data

Institution Attending: _____

Classification: _____

Major: _____

GPA for prior semester: _____

Cumulative GPA (overall): _____

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Pearl Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: The Graduate Advisor is invited to recommend an undergraduate, active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® currently enrolled as a student at the respective institution to apply for this scholarship. The Graduate Advisor may recommend more than one eligible Soror in each chapter. However, each applicant requires a separate recommendation form. This form must be attached and included in the student application packet. The Scholarship Committee requests that the Graduate Advisor distribute the scholarship announcement to all eligible students in the undergraduate chapter(s).

Name: _____

Street Address

City/State/Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address: _____

Student being recommended: _____

- Soror must be obtaining an undergraduate degree.
- Soror must have completed a minimum of one semester (12 hours) at the respective institution.
- Student must have a cumulative and prior semester grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or above.

University/Undergraduate Chapter : _____ / _____

In the space below, tell us why the soror deserves this award. *An additional sheet may be added if additional space is necessary.

Graduate Advisor Signature

Date

Honors and Awards

List all honors and awards received while attending your current institution (i.e. Who's Who, Most Outstanding Student, Scholarships, National Dean's List, President's List, etc.). Provide a photocopy of the two most recent honors/awards. You may use additional sheets as required.

Honors/Awards	Dates	Organization issuing the honor/award

Extracurricular/Community Service

List extracurricular and community activities you have been involved in during the last two years (campus clubs and organizations, social/civic organizations, committees/boards, community volunteer and service projects, charities, local schools, etc.)

Organization or Project	Period of Involvement	Position(s) Held

Essay

Submit an essay of 250 words, and no more than 350 words, on the following topic: "**Describe how you feel about the idea of having a sorority sister as President of the United States.**" The essay must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman (or similar), 12-point font, and include the student's name in a running header on all pages of the document.

Consent Agreement

I certify that the information I have given is complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further affirm that I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances in completing this application that would make me ineligible to receive this scholarship. I understand any misrepresentation of information by me can disqualify me from consideration.

Applicant's signature

Date

Scholarship Disbursement

Please choose one of the options below.

- If I'm selected to receive a financial scholarship over \$600, I would like to have the check payable to myself. I understand that I will need to submit a W-9 with my application. (See instructions below)
- If I'm selected to receive a financial scholarship, I would like to have the check payable to my university on my behalf.

IRS Taxpayer Information

Submit a Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification if you select to have the scholarship funds payable to you. Form is available at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

- Box 1 - Enter Student's Name
- Box 2 - Leave blank
- Box 3 - Select Individual/Sole Proprietor
- Box 4 - Leave blank
- Box 5 - Enter home street address
- Box 6 - Enter home city, state and Zip Code
- Box 7 - Leave blank
- Requester's Name and Address - Leave blank
- Part I - Enter SSN
- Part II - Signature and date

Submitting a W-9 does not mean your scholarship is taxable. However, the form is required for any individual receiving \$600 or more from the chapter. **If you elect to have the scholarship funds payable to your school, this form is not required.**

Photo Submission

Thank you for applying for the Pearl Scholarship. As part of the application process, we request a photo of you to be submitted to assist us in recognizing the scholarship recipients. The photo will be used for the purposes of promoting the scholarship program only. If you have any questions, please contact us as rhochiomega1908@gmail.com.