



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

HBCU Scholarship

Application Packet

Rho Chi Omega Chapter is pleased to invite undergraduate students currently enrolled in a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) outside of the Huntsville-Madison County area to apply for this scholarship. Our goal is to stamp the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand of financial support on HBCU campuses to help students remain in school, complete their courses of study, and receive college degrees.

Application Deadline: September 10, 2023
Complete application must be uploaded by 11:59 pm

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Instructions for Applying for HBCU Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarship, a student must:

- Be recommended by an active member of Rho Chi Omega Chapter. The Rho Chi Omega Chapter member must complete an HBCU Scholarship Recommendation Form. The student must submit it with the application packet no later than September 10, 2023.
- Be an undergraduate student, having 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 scholarship application form in its entirety.
- Submit an essay of 250 words, and no more than 350 words, on the following: **“What My HBCU Means to Me.”** 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

	Rho Chi Omega Chapter Member Recommendation Form
	Completed scholarship application form (must include signature and date)
	Essay
	Transcript (Official or Unofficial)
	Copies of two recent honors/awards

To be considered complete, the application packet must include the recommendation form, completed application form, copies of recent honors/awards, transcript, and essay.

Incomplete application packets may be subject to immediate rejection. 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 September 10, 2023.

Scholarship Essay Rubric

Item	Your Score					
	Off Track 0	Needs Work 1	Barely 2	Almost 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
Topic and Main Idea:						
Presented the topic well and communicated a clear response to the prompt.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Support:						
Provided enough appropriate support to explain/address the information presented in response to the prompt.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Grammar and Mechanics:						
Had few, if any, errors.	0	1	2	3	4	5

Score: _____/15 = _____

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HBCU Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: An active member of Rho Chi Omega is invited to recommend a student attending an HBCU outside of the Huntsville-Madison County area for this scholarship. This form must be submitted with the application packet. It is the member's responsibility to distribute the application instructions to the student being recommended. A separate form must be completed for each student.

Recommender's Name: _____
Member of Rho Chi Omega Chapter

Address: _____
Street Address

City/State/Zip Code Telephone Number

E-mail Address: _____

Student being recommended: _____

- Student must be obtaining an undergraduate degree.
- Student 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.
- Student must have a prior semester grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or above.

HBCU attending: _____

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

Signature of Person Making the Recommendation

Date

HBCU Scholarship Application

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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

Academic Data

Institution Attending: _____

Classification: _____

Major: _____

GPA for prior semester: _____

Cumulative GPA (overall): _____

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

Community Service

List community service projects/organizations you have been involved in during the last two years.

Organization or Project	Period of Involvement	Organization/Club Offices Held

Extracurricular Activities

List extracurricular activities, social/civic organizations, and special interests you have been involved in during the last two years.

Committee/Activity Participation	Period of Involvement	Organization/Club Offices Held

Essay

Submit an essay of 250 words, and no more than 350 words, on the following topic: **“What My HBCU Means to Me.”** 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