



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

Application Instructions



**Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Academic Scholarship
for
Minority Students Achieving Academic Excellence**

This scholarship is awarded to minority undergraduate students who are interested in continuing their college education. The scholarship is in memory of Dr. Olivia H. Sanders, a retired professor, long-time educator and a charter member of Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

**Application Deadline:
September 10, 2023**

Complete application must be uploaded by 11:59 pm CST

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Instructions for Applying for the Dr. Sanders' Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarship, a student must:

- Be currently enrolled in any college or university in North and Central Alabama (includes all colleges and universities in or north of the following counties:
 - + Sumter, Greene, Hale, Perry, Chilton, Autauga, Lowndes, Montgomery, Bullock and Russell
- Be a minority undergraduate student.
- Have 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.

Application Package Requirements

- Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Academic Scholarship Application Form
- A Letter of Recommendation from an employee of the respective institution. The person completing the recommendation must complete the Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Scholarship Recommendation Form to be included in the student application packet.
- Submit an essay of 250 words, and no more than 350 words, on the following topic:
"What My Footprint Will Mean to the World."
 - Describe how your academic achievements, community service activities, leadership experiences, and any other personal characteristics will impact the world.
- 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 a recent unofficial or official academic transcript.

Completed Application Checklist

Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Scholarship 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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Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: The applicant is required to provide a letter of recommendation to be considered for the Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Scholarship. The recommending employee/official must work at the respective institution to provide a letter of recommendation for this scholarship. The employee/official may recommend more than one eligible student. However, each applicant requires a separate recommendation form. The form must be attached and included in the student application packet.

Name: _____
Recommending Employee/Official

Address: _____
Street Address

City/State/Zip Code. Telephone Number

Campus 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.

University/College Name: _____

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

Signature of Person Making Recommendation

Date

Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders Academic Scholarship Application

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

Personal Data

Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Local Address: _____
STREET ADDRESS AND APARTMENT NUMBER

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE CELL PHONENUMBER

Gender: Female _____ Male _____ Ethnicity: _____

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 needed.

Honor/Award	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:

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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