



**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, Inc.® currently attending any college or university in the state of Alabama to apply for this scholarship.**

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

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**Instructions for Applying for the 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: **"How My Leadership Skills Have Improved Since Becoming a Member"**. 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

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.

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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 undergraduate chapter(s).

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Advisor

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip Code. Telephone Number

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Soror being recommended: \_\_\_\_\_

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

University/Undergraduate Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, tell us why you are making this recommendation and why she deserves this award. \* An additional sheet may be added if additional space is necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Advisor Signature Date

## Scholarship Essay Rubric

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

Score: \_\_\_\_\_/15= \_\_\_\_\_



**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 in which you have been involved 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: **“How My Leadership Skills Have Improved Since Becoming a Member”**. The essay must be typed, Times New Roman (or similar), 12-point font, double-spaced, and include your 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.**

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Applicant's Signature

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Date