



## Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

### Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter

### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Upsilon Alpha Omega, the Gwinnett Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was chartered in Gwinnett County on January 29, 1994. One of the first challenges taken on by the chapter was to establish a scholarship for the young women in Gwinnett County. Thus far, we have awarded a number of scholarships totaling thousands of dollars to college-bound high school seniors.

Upsilon Alpha Omega is offering a scholarship to African-American high school seniors to further their educational opportunities. It is the chapter's goal to aggressively promote post-secondary education endeavors. The scholarship will be awarded to students who meet the following scholarship qualifications:

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a Gwinnet County Public School Senior (male or female)
- HBCU Scholarship is not for any specific ethnicity
- Must already be accepted to an accredited HBCU four-year college or university
- Must possess leadership potential and discernible good character
- Must demonstrate superior scholastic achievement (minimum 3.00 GPA)

### SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

To be considered for the HBCU Scholarship, applicants must submit the following by **March 9, 2020**:

1. A completed application, it is imperative that the application be completed in full.
2. A one-paged double spaced (typed) personal statement summarizing why the applicant should be awarded the HBCU Scholarship and how the scholarship will help him/her pursue his/her career ambition. Be sure to include community service activities in the statement.
3. A sealed copy of the applicant's transcripts. The transcripts must be sealed by your school.
4. Two sealed letters of recommendations from any combination teachers, counselors, employers, school administrators or ministers.
5. Proof of acceptance in a four-year HBCU college or university.

## SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

- Completed application that meet the above criteria must be postmarked by **March 9, 2020. (no exceptions)**
- Applicants will be notified by the scholarship committee if they are selected for an interview between the dates of **March 23-26, 2020**. If not selected, they will be notified.
- **Selected students will be interviewed the week of April 13-17, 2020.**
- Students selected to receive scholarships will be notified by **April 20, 2020**.
- Scholarship recipients will be honored at a scholarship reception sponsored by Upsilon Alpha Omega. Details will be mailed to the recipients. Please save the date **Thursday, June 4, 2020**.
- Students not selected to receive a scholarship will be notified by mail after the final interviews.

**REMEMBER:** Type a one-page double-spaced personal statement in which you tell the scholarship committee why the HBCU Scholarship should be awarded to you and how it would help you pursue your career ambition. Be sure to include your community service activities in the statement.

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 9, 2020**

Mail application and supplemental materials to the address below:

**Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

**ATTN: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 191 Lawrenceville, GA 30046**

## MEDIA RELEASE

I grant permission to the Gwinnett Pearls of Service Foundation, Incorporated to use my minor child's \_\_\_\_\_ name and/or photographs to publicize the HBCU Scholarship now and in perpetuity.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs (printed or electronic) that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photograph.

My signature below certifies that I have read and understand all of the conditions and requirements of an applicant for the HBCU Scholarship as described and that I meet all eligibility requirements.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Community Activities/Honors

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names and Addresses

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## Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are institutions of higher education in the United States that were established before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with the hope of primarily serving the African-American Community and providing their postsecondary education needs. [Wikipedia](#)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have empowered, supported, mentored, encouraged, protected, and provided higher education to African American People. HBCUs also provide a vital area for the fight for civil rights, equality, and actions of gaining equal rights for full social or economic opportunities for African Americans.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are still relevant today. African American Families and students have found that HBCUs offer a strong support system, and more nurturing than other institutions.

HBCUs have a legacy of graduating many African-American Leaders in the fields of education, law, business, military service, science, sports, art, and entertainment. Some of the alumni includes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Oprah Winfrey, W.E.B. Du Bois, Thurgood Marshall, and the Tuskegee Airmen.

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## **Accredited HBCUs**

### **Alabama**

Alabama A&M University- Huntsville  
Alabama State University- Montgomery  
Concordia University-Alabama- Selma (closed 2018)  
Gadsden State College- Gadsden  
J.F. Drake State Technical College- Huntsville  
Lawson State Community College- Birmingham  
Miles College- Fairfield  
Oakwood University- Huntsville  
Selma University- Selma  
Shelton State Community College- Tuscaloosa  
Stillman College- Tuscaloosa  
Talladega College- Talladega  
Tuskegee University- Tuskegee  
H. Council Trenholm State Community College- Montgomery

### **Arkansas**

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff- Pine Bluff  
Arkansas Baptist College- Little Rock  
Philander Smith College- Little Rock  
Shorter College- North Little Rock

### **Delaware**

Delaware State University- Dover

### **District of Columbia**

University of the District of Columbia  
Howard University

### **Florida**

Bethune Cookman University- Daytona Beach  
Edward Waters College- Jacksonville  
Florida A&M University- Tallahassee  
Florida Memorial University- Miami Gardens

### **Georgia**

Albany State University- Albany  
Clark Atlanta University- Atlanta  
Fort Valley State University- Fort Valley  
Interdenominational Theological Center- Atlanta  
Morehouse College- Atlanta  
Morehouse School of Medicine- Atlanta  
Paine College- Augusta  
Savannah State University- Savannah  
Spelman College- Atlanta

### **Kentucky**

Kentucky State University- Frankfort  
Simmons College of Kentucky- Louisville

**Louisiana**

Dillard University-New Orleans  
Grambling State University- Grambling  
Southern University and A&M College- Baton Rouge  
Southern University New Orleans- New Orleans  
Southern University-Shreveport- Shreveport  
Xavier University- New Orleans

**Maryland**

Bowie State University- Bowie  
Coppin State University- Baltimore  
University of Maryland- Eastern Shore- Princess Anne  
Morgan State University- Baltimore

**Mississippi**

Alcorn State University- Lorman  
Coahoma Community College- Clarksdale  
Hinds County Community College- Utica  
Jackson State University- Jackson  
Mississippi Valley State University- Itta Bena  
Rust College- Holly Springs  
Tougaloo College- Tougaloo

**Missouri**

Harris-Stowe State University- St. Louis  
Lincoln University- Jefferson City

**North Carolina**

Bennett College- Greensboro  
Elizabeth City State University- Elizabeth City  
Fayetteville State University- Fayetteville  
Johnson C. Smith University- Charlotte  
Livingston College- Salisbury  
North Carolina Central University- Durham  
North Carolina A&T State University- Greensboro  
Shaw University- Raleigh  
St. Augustine's University- Raleigh  
Winston-Salem State University- Winston Salem

**Ohio**

Central State University- Wilberforce  
Wilberforce University- Wilberforce

**Oklahoma**

Langston University- Langston

**Pennsylvania**

Cheyney University- Cheyney  
The Lincoln University- Lincoln University

### **South Carolina**

Allen University- Columbia  
Benedict College- Columbia  
Claflin University- Orangeburg  
Clinton College- Rock Hill  
Denmark Technical College- Denmark  
Morris College- Sumter  
South Carolina State University- Orangeburg  
Voorhees College- Denmark

### **Tennessee**

American Baptist University- Nashville  
Fisk University- Nashville  
Lane College- Jackson  
LeMoyne Owen College- Memphis  
Meharry Medical College  
Tennessee State University- Nashville

### **Texas**

Huston-Tillotson University- Austin  
Jarvis Christian College- Hawkins  
Paul Quinn College- Dallas  
Prairie View A&M University- Prairie View  
Southwestern Christian College- Terrell  
St. Philips College- San Antonio  
Texas College- Tyler  
Texas Southern University- Houston  
Wiley College- Marshall

### **US Virgin Islands**

University of the Virgin Islands- St. Thomas & St. Croix

### **Virginia**

Hampton University- Hampton  
Norfolk State University- Norfolk  
Virginia State University- Petersburg  
Virginia Union University- Richmond  
Virginia University of Lynchburg- Lynchburg

### **West Virginia**

Bluefield State College- Bluefield  
West Virginia State University- Institute

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