

The Omicron Rho Lambda Scholarship

Scholarship:

The Omicron Rho Lambda Scholarship, sponsored by the Omicron Rho Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc., is a one-time award given to a graduating senior. The selection committee for this scholarship will be members of the Omicron Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated located in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Scholarship Awards

- First Place Scholarship Award: \$1500.00
- Second Place Scholarship Award: \$1000.00
- Third Place Scholarship Award: \$750.00
- Fourth Place Scholarship Award: \$500.00

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Applicant must possess a Grade Point Average (GPA) of no less than 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.
2. Applicant must attend a high school within the Vicksburg-Warren School District located in Warren County, Mississippi.
3. Applicant must present proof of ACT test score.

Fraternity Background:

Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as: W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, and many others.

Application Process:

Individuals wishing to apply for this scholarship must complete the enclosed application form, submit their most recent transcripts, submit their ACT and/or SAT scores and submit an essay answering the question: ***"Why should I be selected to receive the Omicron Rho Lambda Scholarship?"*** The application is evaluated based on three components: (1) ACT Score, (2) overall Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) at the time application was submitted, and the (3) written essay. A composite score will be computed by adding the score awarded for each of the three components. In the event multiple applications end up with the same composite score, the overall G.P.A. will be used to rank the applications. See the enclosed "Guidelines for completing application packet" for more information. **All documents MUST be postmarked by May 1, 2026 to the address below. Applications received after the deadline and not postmarked by this date will not be processed.**

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Application For:

The Omicron Rho Lambda Scholarship

Instructions for completing application packet

Failure to adhere to the following instructions will render the candidate's application invalid and disqualify the application for considerations.

Transcript Submission

Applicant must obtain a letter from their high school counselor's office certifying their grade point average at the time of transcript submission. If the transcript is obtained from the school by the applicant, the transcript must be provided in a sealed envelope received from the school and the transcript must be stamped with school seal. A transcript mailed, on behalf of the applicant, by the school to the address provided in the scholarship announcement must be stamped with the school seal.

Verification of ACT Score

Applicant can either submit proof of ACT score using official documentation received from ACT testing organization or verification of ACT score will be accepted if it is attached to the applicant's transcript received from the school with school seal stamped on the transcript.

Essay Format

Essay must be a minimum of two (2) pages and no more than four (4) pages in length, typed doubled spaced. Use font size 12 for body of essay. The margins should be:

Left margin: 1.25"

Right margin: 1.25"

Top margin: 1.00"

Bottom margin: 1.00"

Do:

- Include the title of the theme (*"Why should I be selected to receive the Omicron Rho Lambda Scholarship?"*) for the essay at the top of the essay.
- Attach a separate cover sheet with any biographical information you would like to include.

Don't:

- Include your name in the body of the essay.
- Include your grade point average in the body of the essay.
- Include any information which may indicate your race in the body of the essay.

Further Suggestions:

- Review essay for spelling and grammatical errors prior to submission.