



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter Darnell Rucker Scholarship Program 2025

Organization Information:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is the first Greek-lettered sorority established and incorporated by African American college women. The sorority was founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter is located in the San Fernando Valley. The chapter has voluntarily served the educational, economic, and health needs of individuals and families within the local community since 1990.

Eligibility Requirements:

- (1) Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or transferring community college student enrolling in a four-year College/University or a first-time community college student beginning Fall 2025
- (2) Have maintained an overall 3.0 grade point average.
- (3) Be a student residing or attending school in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita or Simi Valleys.
- (4) Submit verification of Fall 2025 full-time Enrollment.

Application Packet:

The following documents must be submitted with the application in a single packet:

- Completed and signed application (applicant and parents' signatures required)
- Official transcript (Note: transcripts must be sealed by your school's records office in order to be considered official)
- Three (3) signed letters of recommendation speaking to accomplishments in the following areas: Academic Achievement; Community Service and Extracurricular Activities and/or Employment Experience (Sealed, signed, and dated or sent directly to akaslo.scholarships@gmail.com)
- Essay Question Response (Topic included)
- A recent photo (attached or emailed)

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Scholarship Amount:

Up to \$2,500 Award for recipient.

Submission:

Completed Application Packet must be submitted via email or mail postmarked by **June 1, 2025 11:59 pm** PST. Contents will **not** be returned. *Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.*

Please submit application material to:
Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter
c/o Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 7539 Van Nuys, CA 91409

Or by email to: akaslo.scholarships@gmail.com

If you have questions or concerns, please email akaslo.scholarships@gmail.com or refer to: <http://www.aka-slo.com/scholarships.html> for more information.

If selected, the recipient or a representative agrees to be present (either virtually or in-person) at the SLO Scholarship Award Ceremony.

SIGMA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ Age: _____ Birthplace (City/State): _____

What is your sex (mark one)? F | M | Non-binary | Prefer not to respond | Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes | No

Are you employed? _____ Place of employment: _____

How did you learn about the scholarship? _____

Education:

High School or College where you are currently enrolled: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

List the name and location of the college(s) you have applied and/or received conditional acceptance:

First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____ What is your declared/intended Major: _____

Please indicate your student status for Fall 2025:

- Class of 2025 high school graduate attending a 4-year college/university
- Community college student transferring to a 4-year college/university
- First-time community college student attending community college

What are your future career goals? _____

Family Information:

Guardian's Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Occupation: _____

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Number of persons dependent on your guardian(s) for financial support: _____

Briefly describe the current resources available to finance your education or the names of other organizations that you have applied to for scholarships or financial assistance: _____

Activities (attach additional pages if necessary):

List community service activities while in high school: _____

List school organization(s) of which you are a member and offices/leadership position(s) held: _____

List award(s) recognition(s) earned academically, within a community service capacity or as an employee: _____

Essay Question (please attach response):

Please choose and provide a response to **one** essay question. Your answer must be typewritten, with Times New Roman 12-point font and submitted with your completed application. Include your full name at the top of each page of the essay. Make sure your response pertains to the question asked. Each response must be 500-750 words.

I. In what ways does active participation in civic engagement contribute to the advancement of social, economic and political equity for African-Americans in the United States?

II. Discuss the importance and impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) on African American life and society.

Certification:

I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Not required for transfer students)

Scholarship method of distribution:

The scholarship recipient must request their respective university or college registrar's office to send a letter (on school letterhead) to this organization's mailing address, stating that the student is enrolled with full-time status for the Fall of 2025. The funds will be forfeited if the recipient withdraws from school prior to the receipt of the funds, or if the letter verifying the student's full-time status is not received by the provided deadline. **The scholarship check will be disbursed directly to the university upon verification during the Fall of 2025.**