Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter
Darnell Rucker Scholarship Program 2023

Organization Information:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 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 2023.
(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 2023 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 (Signed and dated)
- [ ] Essay Question Response (Topic included)
- [ ] A recent photo (attached or emailed)

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Scholarship Amount:

$1,000 to $2,000 Award for Graduates attending a four-year institution
$250 to $500 Award for first-time students attending a Community College

Submission:

Completed Application Packet must be submitted via email or mail postmarked by **April 1, 2023** 11:59 pm (Pacific). Contents will **Not** be returned to you. *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 SLO Scholarship Award Ceremony.

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SIGMA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER 2023
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? (Y/N) _____   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 2023:
○ Class of 2023 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: _____

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Family Information:

Father's Name: _____   Address: _____

Telephone: _____   Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____   Address: _____

Telephone: _____   Occupation: _____

Number of persons dependent on your parents 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: _____

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Activities (attach additional pages if necessary):

List community service activities while in high school _____

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

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

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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.

> Identify the most pressing policy issue affecting our community. If you were a member of congress, what measures would you take to address the issue? Additionally, what laws, if any, would you propose, and why?

> 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: _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: _____   Date: _____

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 2023. 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 2023.**