



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Iota Iota Omega Chapter
2023 Scholarship Application**

Alpha Kappa Alpha, the oldest African-American college based Greek letter sorority in America, was founded in 1908 in Washington D.C. on the campus of Howard University. Over one hundred years later Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority remains committed to serving mankind. It is now an international service organization with a membership of over 300,000 in more than 979 chapters throughout the world.

Iota Iota Omega, the local Benton Harbor/ St. Joseph chapter is also committed to meeting and responding to the challenges and needs of the black family, the economy and the concerns of our local community. The chapter is extremely supportive of young people and encourages high scholastic achievement and high ethical standards. The chapter awards yearly scholarships to young women in the Benton Harbor/ St. Joseph community. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority encourages training, degrees and careers that promote education, health services, economic and financial growth.

Over the past twenty-five years, with the community's support, Iota Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships. The following is the 2023 scholarship information and the 2023 scholarship application. Please read and complete this application and mail it to:

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
P.O. Box 1564
Benton Harbor, MI 49023-6021
Attn: Scholarship Chairman**

Deadline is Friday, April 14, 2023

(Application must be postmarked by this date.)

Guidelines for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarships

1. Applicant is a female and a graduating senior.
2. Applicant has a 2.7 or better grade point average.
3. Applicant must be accepted in a post-secondary institution of higher learning.
4. Two letters of recommendation: at least one from a high school staff person (teacher, counselor, administrator) and one from an adult community leader (pastor, middle school teacher, church member, boss/supervisor, etc.). Letters of recommendation must be included with your application.
5. An Official High School transcript must be enclosed with application (not a copy of a transcript).
6. Essay (See essay guidelines)
7. If applying for the Hazel May scholarship, you must submit a log of volunteer hours with a signed verification by your supervisor or project leader.

The Iota Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® offers 5 types of Scholarships. You must meet the guidelines to be considered.

The scholarships are listed below.

Fashionetta Scholarship \$500

1. Guidelines 1-6
2. Applicant must have participated in the Fashionetta.

Alpha Kappa Alpha's Hazel May Scholarship \$1500

1. Guidelines 1- 7
2. Applicant must have at least 25 or more hours of community service during high school. Must submit a volunteer log and verification of hours from supervisor, principal or dean.
3. Benton Harbor High School Students **only** may apply.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship \$1000

1. Guidelines 1-6
2. High Academic Achievement

AKA ThinkHBCU Scholarship \$500

1. Guidelines 1 – 6
2. Must attend a Historically Black College

Ivy Teen Scholarship \$250

1. Guidelines 1-6
2. Applicant must be an active member of the Ivy Teens



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IOTA IOTA OMEGA CHAPTER

Scholarship Application

(Please print using blue or black ink)

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

NAME _____ AGE ____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

PHONE NO. _____

E-MAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

II. SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

HIGH SCHOOL _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL _____

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL _____

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

GPA	Class Rank	SAT or ACT Score
Awards and Honors		Year(s)

III. COLLEGE MAJOR/CAREER GOAL

IV. COMMUNITY & SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: List any religious, athletic, educational and social clubs or organizations in which you are presently involved; state any honors or awards which you have received during your high school years. (Use a separate sheet if necessary).

Community/School Involvement	Honors/Awards	Year

V. EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS - List name of College or University to which you have been accepted.

College or University

Address

VI. List any additional information you would like Iota Iota Omega to know about you. (exceptional achievement, financial needs, life changing circumstances, etc.)

VII. REFERENCES - List names and addresses of persons completing letters of recommendation.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
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VIII. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU

- Fashionetta participant
- Member of the Ivy Teens
- Attend Benton Harbor High School

IX. APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION

The applicant hereby certifies to the truthfulness of the above answers. Any misrepresentations on this application can be grounds for disqualification of the applicant.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian (Signature) _____ Date _____

2023 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY TOPIC AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Attach your original 700 – 1000-word essay on the following discussion topic:

As a young scholar, what are your collegiate goals and how will they inspire your future career aspirations? How will you be an agent of change in your local community?

Essay Requirements:

- **Must be concise, clear, and cohesive.**
- **Will be evaluated on its substance and grammar.**
- **Must be typed and formatted using double-spacing, one-inch margins, and 12-point font (Times New Roman, Cambria, Arial or Calibri).**
- **Include the topic description (will not count against the word limit).**
- **Place your name at the top of each page.**

CHECKLIST

COMPLETE ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS. A COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

AN ESSAY

_____ Your essay discussing the topic given. All Scholarships require a student essay.

A TRANSCRIPT

_____ Ask your high school to give you an official transcript.

_____ Check off each scholarship for which you are applying.

(Be sure to review scholarship qualifications listed and include any additional information, such as letters of recommendation).

_____ Fashionetta Scholarship

_____ Hazel May Scholarship

_____ Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship

_____ Ivy Teen Scholarship

_____ AKA ThinkHBCU Scholarship

PHOTO

_____ Include a photo of yourself

RECOMMENDATIONS

_____ Enclose two reference letters with this application.

- A. Hazel May Scholarship Applicants (Submit the attached Log of 25 or more Volunteer Hours).

**HAZEL MAY SCHOLARSHIP
LOG OF VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Date	Activity	Location	Supervisor	Completed Hours

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR _____

(Signature verifies the accuracy of volunteer hours.)

B. Ivy Teen Scholarship Applicants (Submit the attached Log of Volunteer Hours).

**IVY TEEN SCHOLARSHIP
LOG OF VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Date	Activity	Location	Supervisor	Completed Hours

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR _____

(Signature verifies the accuracy of volunteer hours.)