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Rho Delta Omega Chapter – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
2018 Ivy and Pearls Foundation Scholarship Announcement

The Rho Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for scholarships offered through their Ivy and Pearls Foundation. Since its inception, the Ivy and Pearls Foundation has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to help aspiring youth further their education, growth and development.

In 2018, a minimum of four scholarships will be awarded, and are intended to aid entering college freshmen by providing financial support based on academic merit, community engagement and need. One of these scholarships will be designated for a freshman attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) institution and one will be designated for a female majoring in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) degree. Completed application packages must be submitted by **April 16, 2018**. Finalists are **required** to attend the annual African- American Baccalaureate Program in San Jose, CA on **June 3, 2018**. Finalists are also **required** to provide bi-annual progress reports, which consist of four questions, by **Jan 31st** and **July 1st** of each year of freshman through senior year.

Applicant requirements

- Be a resident of the Rho Delta Omega service area (San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties)
- Be African/African American
- Be a high school student graduating in Spring 2018
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in a two- or four-year college in Fall 2018
- Show recent community involvement

Application package must include all of the following:

1. Completed scholarship application form indicating the scholarship for which you are applying on the application form. You may apply for only one.
    - Merit – awarded on the basis of academic achievement and community service engagement
    - Need – awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement and community service engagement
2. A photo of yourself
3. Autobiographical essay (400-500 words) addressing all three topics:
    - Educational and occupational aspirations of the applicant
    - What significant contributions have you made to the community?

- How do you plan to make an impact in the local community during your college experience?

4. An official high school transcript, which includes grades for the first semester of the current school year, sent from the school guidance counselor to scholarships@ivyandpearls.org. **Please ensure that your full name is in the subject line!**

5. Verification of a minimum of 20 hours of community service, including descriptions and dates of service sent to scholarships@ivyandpearls.org. **Please ensure that your full name is in the subject line!**

6. Two letters of recommendation on official letterhead (preferably from a volunteer/community service program and a high school teacher/counselor) sent to scholarships@ivyandpearls.org. **Please ensure that your full name is in the subject line!**

7. For all applicants, use the following letter code for salary answers contained in the application form:
   - **A** - less than $50,000 per year
   - **B** - $50,000 to $75,000 per year
   - **C** - more than $75,000 per year

8. For need-based applicants, demonstration of financial need through one of the following:
   a. Completion of the attached financial data form
   b. Copy of your FASFA Student Aid Report (**please mask SSNs**); note that this report must display your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
   c. For emancipated minors, a letter of compelling need if the above items cannot be provided

Restrictions

- Enrollment verification of full-time status must be provided by the institution's registrar before any funds are released. Acceptance letters are not acceptable proof of enrollment. This verification must be received by November 1, 2018.
- Current or previous Ivy and Pearls Foundation scholarship award recipients cannot apply.
- Children of Rho Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members are not eligible.

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Submit application packages to:

Contact email- scholarships@ivyandpearls.org

All applications must be received by April 16, 2018 at 5pm PST

Incomplete packages will not be considered
(all required items must be e-mailed together in the same package)

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL ITEMS – TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Application Type (please check one) ☐ Merit ☐ Need-based

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ E-mail address _____

High school _____ Date of graduation _____

City, State _____ GPA _____

Community service hours completed *(be sure to attach verification of at least 20 hours)* _____

List your community activities _____

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List your extracurricular activities _____

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College you plan to attend _____

City, State _____ Expected major _____

Mother's name _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ Telephone (W) _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____ Annual salary code _____

Father's name _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ Telephone (W) _____

Employer _____

Occupation _____ Annual salary code _____

No. of dependents in family _____ Ages of dependents _____

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Signature of parent(s) _____ Date _____

Have you completed and submitted FAFSA:: Yes _____ No _____

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Autobiographical essay (400-500 words) addressing all three topics:

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2018 Ivy and Pearls Foundation Scholarship Financial Data Form

THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR NEED-BASED APPLICANTS ONLY

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL ITEMS – TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Student's Name _____ Date of birth _____

1. The below financial data is provided for (please check one):
   - ☐ Parent/guardian filing single
   - ☐ Parent/guardian married filing single
   - ☐ Parent/guardian married filing jointly
   - ☐ Emancipated minor

2. Adjusted gross income (FORM 1040): $ _____

3. Yearly untaxed income and benefits: $ _____
   Please indicate source: ☐ Social Security ☐ AFDC ☐ Child Support ☐ Other

4. Total cash, checking, savings, and cash value of stocks (please exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K): $ _____

5. Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income: _____

6. Total number of family members attending college at least half-time during the next school year, including applicant: _____

7. Marital status of parent or guardian:
   ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Single