



Ivy Centennial Foundation, Incorporated

Presents the

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Mu Lambda Omega Chapter

Culver City, California



2020

Scholarship Application

*For more information regarding the scholarship application process and detailed information about the Mu Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, please visit: [akamlo.org](http://akamlo.org)*



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**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated** was founded January 15, 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. and was the *first* Greek lettered organization established by African American women. Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind". With a membership of nearly 300,000 college-trained women, the sorority has flourished since 1908 and has impacted the world through commitment and dedication to programs such as educational advancement, the college entry process, HBCU support, health and wellness, the arts, and building a strong economic legacy.

**The Mu Lambda Omega Chapter** of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was chartered June 25, 1978. Our chapter is a premiere organization that provides a great presence in our community of Culver City/West Los Angeles California. We are dedicated to promoting the international goals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated by providing youth educational enrichment programs, scholarships, family empowerment, health and environmental enrichment services. Together, We Engage, We Enrich and We Empower our community.

**The Ivy Centennial Foundation ("ICF")** was created in 2015 as a charitable foundation and is the fiscal agent for Mu Lambda Omega Chapter. ICF, in collaboration with Mu Lambda Omega Chapter, will award several scholarships to eligible high school students to provide financial assistance in obtaining a college degree. ICF and Mu Lambda Omega intend to award several scholarships ranging from a minimum of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per recipient. The award will be given directly to the recipient upon receipt of evidence of enrollment in an accredited college or university.

### Scholarship Eligibility

**All eligible applicants must:**

1. Be a United States citizen.
2. Be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2020) attending a high school in Los Angeles County.
3. Have a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average.
4. Have completed 25 hours of community service within the 2019 -2020 school year.
5. Have demonstrated leadership skills as evidenced by participation in extracurricular activities.
6. Submit application, transcripts, and School Certification Form by **August 31, 2020**. (Late or incomplete applications **will not be accepted**.)
7. Must be available to attend an interview during the fall of 2020 (semi-finalists only). Virtual interviews will be held for any semi-finalists who are not in the Los Angeles area when the interviews take place.



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## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. **COMPLETE ALL PAGES OF THE APPLICATION** - Application must be **typed** (using a 12-point font and either Times New Roman or Arial font type) with your name on the bottom of each page (footer).
2. **ESSAY OR PERSONAL STATEMENT** - Choose **one** of the following topics (must be at least 500 words, typed and double spaced, using a 12-point font and either Times New Roman or Arial font type):
  - a. If you had the power to make a change or changes at your school, or in the world, what would the change(s) be and why?
  - b. Write an autobiographical essay.
3. **THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (REQUIRED)** – Each candidate must submit a letter of recommendation from **all** of the following categories:
  - a. **ACADEMIC** - submitted by a teacher, counselor or administrator.
  - b. **COMMUNITY SERVICE** - submitted by a representative from a community service organization (non-family member) who can attest to your attitude and verify your hours of completion.
  - c. **PERSONAL** - submitted by an individual who can objectively assess your abilities and character (non-family member).

**\*\*So that the committee can evaluate each recommendation letter effectively, please ensure that each letter is properly labeled in the naming convention (per Section 6a below) based on the above three categories.**

4. **SCHOOL CERTIFICATION FORM AND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** - The School Certification Form should be completed by a school administrator and accompanied by an official school transcript. SAT/ACT Scores should be included on the transcript or by attachment. The School Certification Form and official transcript must be sent via US Mail, and **RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31ST**. Both documents should be mailed to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Mu Lambda Omega Chapter  
10736 Jefferson Blvd., #504  
Culver City, CA 90230  
ATTN: Samatra Morris, Scholarship Chairman

5. **PERSONAL SIGNATURE FORM** - Please ensure that all parties required to sign application documents sign where applicable. Parent signature is required if applicant is under 18 years old on the date of application submission.
6. **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS** - The application, essay and letters of recommendation must be submitted electronically (not via US Mail) through the Mu Lambda Omega Chapter website on the Scholarship Page (<http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/>) using the 'Applicant Submission Link'.
  - a. Please save all required documents of this scholarship application using the applicant's name in the filename. For example, "MLO-AKA 2020 Scholarship Application - John Smith" for the application, "MLO-AKA 2020 Essay – John Smith" for the essay, and "MLO-AKA 2020 Academic Letter of Recommendation – John Smith", for the letters of recommendation, etc.
  - b. Those writing letters of recommendation can submit them directly using the link above or they can be given to the applicant for submission with the application. The application, essay and letters of recommendation can be submitted separately, but all documents **MUST INCLUDE THE APPLICANT'S NAME**.





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**III. HONORS, AWARDS, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

List all special recognitions you have received and extracurricular affiliations over the last three years (use additional sheet if necessary):

**Honors/Awards**

Name of Organization	Honor/Award	Date Received

**Student/Social Groups**

Name of Organization	Position Held (if any)	Dates of Participation

**Work Experience/Internships**

Name of Employer	Position/Title	Dates Employed	Number of Hours Per Week

**Volunteer Work/Community Service**

Name of Organization	Number of Hours	Supervisor's Name	Supervisor's Number

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



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**IV. FAMILY**

Mother (Female Legal Guardian):

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

Father (Male Legal Guardian):

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

Number of brothers: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. STATEMENT OF UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES (OPTIONAL)**

A statement of unique circumstances allows students to give additional perspective to the review committee when applying for scholarship consideration. Are there personal or family circumstances that you would like to share with the scholarship committee? If so, please indicate here (use additional sheet if necessary):

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_



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**PERSONAL SIGNATURE FORM**

Please review your scholarship application responses and sign your name below. Your signature will confirm the information provided on this application is accurate and true. The signature will also authorize your school/academic institution to release information for consideration of the scholarship.

\*Please note: If any information provided on this application is deemed inaccurate or false, the Ivy Centennial Foundation and Mu Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated reserves the right to disqualify your application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

- School Certification Form and official transcripts must be mailed directly to:  
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**Mu Lambda Omega Chapter**  
**10736 Jefferson Blvd. #504**  
**Culver City, CA 90230**  
**ATTN: Samatra Morris, Scholarship Chairman**  
(Request this information immediately to ensure timely arrival of information)
- Application must be **received** electronically by August 31, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- All scholarship finalists will be required to submit verification of college/university enrollment by way of registration receipt prior to disbursement of scholarship funds.



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**SCHOOL CERTIFICATION FORM**

This form must be completed by a school administrator or counselor. Please provide the information requested below, along with an official transcript, and forward to the US Mailing address indicated at the bottom of this form. (Please forward this information promptly to ensure the student’s ability to be considered for scholarship. Kindly model timeliness for our prospective scholarship candidate.)

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

**Test Scores**

SAT Test Date \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Test Date \_\_\_\_\_

Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Is student a high school senior?  Yes  No

Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Class \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

School Representative (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please direct any questions to the below email:**

**scholarship@akamlo.org**





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### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*(This checklist is for your personal use and does not need to be submitted with your application)*

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Complete</u></b>
<b>1. Application</b> <i>(Submitted electronically - <a href="http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/">http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/</a>)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Essay or Personal Statement</b> <i>(Submitted electronically - <a href="http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/">http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/</a>)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Academic Letter of Recommendation</b> <i>(Submitted electronically - <a href="http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/">http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/</a>)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Community Service Letter of Recommendation</b> <i>(Submitted electronically - <a href="http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/">http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/</a>)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Personal Letter of Recommendation</b> <i>(Submitted electronically - <a href="http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/">http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/</a>)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6. School Certification Form</b> <i>(via US Mail, see pg. 2 for address)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7. Official Transcript and SAT/ACT Scores</b> <i>(via US Mail, see pg. 2 for address)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. Personal Signature Form</b> <i>(Submitted electronically - <a href="http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/">http://www.akamlo.org/scholarships/</a>)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*\*ALL ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED FOR ITEMS 6 & 7) BY AUGUST 31, 2020\*\***