



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED  
OMICRON XI OMEGA CHAPTER  
PO BOX 509  
MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

February 2017

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is pleased to invite college bound young women to apply for one of our 2017 Scholarships. This year young men can apply for a scholarship in one category. Our chapter has served as an integral part of the Montclair community and beyond over 30 years.

Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has implemented programs that impact countless lives by providing “Service to all Mankind.” Our current International Program focuses on *Launching New Dimensions of Service*. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are addressing community needs with service initiatives in five target areas:

- The **Educational Enrichment** target focuses on high school male and female students with emphasis on academic, life, career and character-building skills.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha’s **Health Promotion** target continues to focus on strong health awareness through programs in three areas that disproportionately affect African-Americans: Alzheimer’s Disease, Stroke, and Mental Health and Wellness.
- Under the **Family Strengthening** target, the Sorority focuses on childhood hunger awareness initiatives, and addresses the increasing number of households that do not have financial resources to adequately clothe their family.
- The **Environmental Ownership** target focuses on restoring and renewing 1,908 existing community spaces and school playgrounds across the United States.

- Through the **Global Impact** target Alpha Kappa Alpha members work with high school students in partnership with UNA(United Nations Association)-USA staff to expand understanding of the United Nations, its mission and focus.

The Omicron Xi Omega Chapter, focusing on Montclair, Bloomfield, and West Essex will award scholarships in seven categories:

1. Community Service
2. HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities)
3. Math, Science, and Technology
4. The Doris H. Coleman Butterfly Book Scholarship
5. The "I AM" Scholarship
6. The Willa Elazer and Linda Marie Elazer-Davis Scholarship
7. The Gale Gibson Gayle and Clementina Ellis Book Scholarship

Enclosed is the scholarship application and criteria for the 2016-17 awards. **Please note that applicants are expected to follow all guidelines of the application process.** IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED, YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL to EVBAKA1908@GMAIL.COM OR BY U.S. MAIL BY April 13, 2017.

Also, we encourage you to visit the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Incorporated (E.A.F) website which is [www.akaeaf.org](http://www.akaeaf.org) and apply for scholarships. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Loistene Clark at (973) 677 – 2680.

Sincerely,

*Althia Tweiten*

Althia Tweiten  
President

*Erica Brown*

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Scholarship Committee Chairperson



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### **THE DORIS H. COLEMAN BUTTERFLY BOOK SCHOLARSHIP**

The Doris H. Coleman Butterfly Book Scholarship will be awarded by Mrs. Jan Murphy, daughter of the late Doris H. Coleman. Mrs. Murphy observed her mother's affinity for butterflies that graced her flower and vegetable gardens every summer. Doris found much joy in interacting with butterflies while she was working in her gardens and while she was relaxing on her front porch. She took much pride in being a charter member of Omicron Xi Omega Chapter, and she was Golden member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

### **THE "I AM" SCHOLARSHIP**

Tennille Flowers, a member of Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, will award a scholarship to a male or female graduate who has a physical challenge. Ms. Flowers' "I AM " affirmation embodies the concept that although she and many other people, old and young, are physically challenged, they are capable of living fulfilled lives. The scholarship will be awarded to a physically challenged student who wants to get an education and has the potential to erase boundaries and succeed. Ms. Flowers has had Multiple Sclerosis for several years.

### **THE WILLA MAE ELAZER AND LINDA MARIE ELAZER-DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP**

The tenth President of Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Althia Tweiten, will award a scholarship in memory of her late mother Willa Mae Elazer and her late sister Linda Elazer Davis to the daughter of a single adult female.

### **THE GALE GIBSON GAYLE AND CLEMENTINA ELLIS BOOK SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. Gale Gibson Gayle, will award a book scholarship in memory of her late grandmother Mrs. Clementina Ellis. Dr. Gayle's grandmother raised her and instilled in her the value of education and perseverance. Through her grandmother's guidance, Dr. Gayle gained an understanding that education can be transformative, and getting an education is the only equalizer in our society.

Dr. Gale Gibson Gayle, higher education administrator and faculty member will award a book scholarship to a female graduate who aspires to continue her college education at a community college or a four year institution. Dr. Gayle is a member of Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.



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CRITERIA FOR 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

**THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
2. Demonstrate financial need
3. Submit a documented history of community service
4. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation (one must reflect community service)
5. Submit an official transcript
6. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship Committee

**THE HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
2. Attend a historically Black college or university
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Submit a documented history of community service
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation (one reflecting ability in core courses)
6. Submit an official transcript
7. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship committee

**THE MATH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Have minimum GPA of 3.5
2. Pursue a college major in the math or the science field
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Submit a documented history of community service
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation (from math and science teachers)
6. Submit an official transcript
7. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship Committee

**THE DORIS H. COLEMAN BUTTERFLY BOOK SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit an autobiographical sketch or a resume highlighting your achievements and community service and a written statement articulating how you have achieved against the odds (community service is a requirement)
2. Submit an official transcript
3. Submit two letters of recommendation (teacher, guidance counselor)
4. Plan to attend South Carolina State University (preferred)
5. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship Committee



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CRITERIA FOR 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED

**THE "I AM" SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a physical challenge
2. Have a 3.0 GPA
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Submit an official transcript
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation (one documenting community service)
6. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship Committee

**THE WILLA MAE ELAZER AND LINDA MARIE ELAZER-DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP**

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be the daughter of a single mother
2. Have a 3.0 GPA
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Submit an official transcript
5. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship Committee
6. Submit two letters of recommendation

**THE GALE GIBSON GAYLE AND CLEMENTINA ELLIS BOOK SCHOLARSHIP**The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a full time student
2. Have a 3.0 GPA
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation
5. Submit an official transcript
6. Attend an interview with the Omicron Xi Omega Scholarship Committee

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2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (MI)

2. HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. HOME TELEPHONE  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE NUMBER:  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

5. NAME OF SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

6. SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

7. SPECIFY SCHOLARSHIP  
DESIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

8. GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

9. LIST EXTRA CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

10. LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. LIST YOUR WORK  
EXPERIENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. LIST ALL COLLEGES AND/OR UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE ACCEPTED YOU \_\_\_\_\_

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13. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

\*SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER

14. PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

15. STATE YOUR CAREER GOAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED/RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION AND THE FAMILY INFORMATION FORM IS TRUE.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Must Fill Out The Following Information

Parent or Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Children in Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Attending College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual Family Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Financial Dependent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT INCOME, 2016 TAX RETURN OR W-2 FORM, AND A WALLET- SIZE COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF THE APPLICANT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL. ALL TAX INFORMATION WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

All information must be submitted by April 13, 2017 to one of the addresses below:

Mailing Address:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
Omicron Xi Omega Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 509  
Montclair, New Jersey 07042  
evbaka1908@gmail.com



## ESSAY QUESTIONS

All applicants must submit a response to one of the two essay questions. Your essay must be typewritten using a 12 point font, double spaced, and not more than 500 words. Write your name at the bottom of each page.

### ESSAY QUESTION #1

The use of drones has grown quickly in recent years for various reasons. Drones are no longer used primarily for spying and warfare; recreational and business use of drones has become more prevalent. Although there are federal regulations for using drones, some recreational users don't always follow them.

Discuss uses of drones and state your view on how using drones for recreation and for business can impact the lives of citizens positively and negatively. Cite examples and statistics to support your point of view.

### ESSAY QUESTION #2

The devastation in Aleppo, Syria has reached epic proportions. Young children have been killed or their bodies have been mutilated by the bombings; homes, livelihoods, businesses, and all other walks of life for citizens have been virtually wiped out because of President Bashar Assad's repressive regime. The intervention of Russia, Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon forces have contributed to the destruction of the city.

Do you think the United States should have been more aggressive in the war? Should President Assad step down? Discuss how other countries can help alleviate human suffering and bring peace and stability to Aleppo. Do you think Aleppo will eventually be rebuilt? Explain your answer.

## CHECK LIST

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION (ALL APPLICANTS)
2. Two (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
3. TRANSCRIPT
4. COPY OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER
5. RESPONSE TO ONE (1) ESSAY QUESTION
6. FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION
7. WALLET-SIZE COLOR PHOTOGRAPH (no copies)

DEADLINE FOR ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED

April 13, 2017