

Dynamic Urban Opportunities
Foundation, Incorporated®



- 2022 -

High School Senior Academic
Scholarship Application

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P.O. Box 28461
Seattle, WA 98118

Dear Applicant:

The Delta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated established the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation, Incorporated (DUOF) in 2007 as an independent nonprofit organization. Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation's mission is to serve the community by enriching and improving the lives of under-represented people living in the region through focused programs in education, economics, the family, health, and the arts and to advance education among members of our diverse communities by providing scholarships, cultural, health, and educational activities, which address and support issues that impact families.

With the escalating costs of higher education and limited family resources in underrepresented communities, we have identified a persistent need to support women of color in the Puget Sound region, who seek to attend institutions of higher education. Accordingly, on an annual basis, DUOF provides scholarships to outstanding women of color who are graduating high school seniors from King and Snohomish Counties.

DUOF continues to expand its community presence by partnering with other philanthropic organizations to provide health education, lead initiatives that support families with limited financial resources, promote environmental awareness and improve the overall development of communities within the Puget Sound region. DUOF focuses on delivering "service to all mankind," therefore, many DUOF members are active participants and leaders within prominent local and national non-profit organizations which directly impact our community.

DUOF is a wide-reaching, nonprofit organization, which secures additional resources from individuals, corporations, community organizations and other like-minded foundations to support its mission. Individual contributions enable DUOF to serve the Puget Sound community and regularly deliver programs and initiatives. Donations made to DUOF are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS.

The Delta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. endorses the work of DUOF by providing support for its continued growth and development, to carry out its mission. The members of Delta Upsilon Omega Sorority contribute financially to DUOF on an annual basis.

All scholarship application packages should be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than **June 15, 2022**. Please note that late applications will not be considered for the scholarship.

For further information, please contact Brenda D. Vasser and Jacquelyn M. Howard, Scholarship Co-Chairmen at DUOFIncOrg@gmail.com.

Truly Yours,

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Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship Details

The Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship consists of at least two \$2,500 non-renewable scholarships for female high school graduating seniors with academic achievement and community service. The purpose of the scholarship program is to encourage and enable female students of Black/African descent to attend college to achieve their future goals. Scholarship recipients should have a strong desire to succeed, as well as meet all the requirements outlined below. **A complete application packet must be submitted for consideration.**

Scholarship Requirements

To be eligible for the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship, each applicant must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Must be a Black/African descent female student
- ✓ Must be currently enrolled and attending as a full-time high school senior in King or Snohomish County with an expected graduation date no later than June 30, 2022
- ✓ Demonstrate academic achievement by having a minimum 2.7 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) upon high school graduation
- ✓ Must be accepted and enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university for the 2022-2023 academic year
- ✓ Must be involved in at least one extracurricular, civic, or community activity while in high school
- ✓ Possess leadership qualities
- ✓ Show financial need
- ✓ Submit a completed application form
- ✓ Meet submittal date requirement

Award Disbursements

The scholarship award will be paid to the recipients' college or university upon receipt of enrollment verification (student must provide address where funds should be sent as well as enrollment verification).

Application Process Timeline

All applications must be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than **June 15, 2022**. Scholarship finalists will be notified by email in June 2022 with further instructions.

Pending Washington state guidance of group gatherings, awardees of the scholarships are expected to attend an award ceremony and will be notified of the date and location as more is known.

Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship Application Packet Guidelines

Each application packet must include the following information:

1. Completed Application Form

Applications must be typed or handwritten clearly. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

2. Transcript

Applicants must submit an **official transcript** from their high school with cumulative GPA listed (mailed transcript must be **sealed and unopened**). **Official transcripts** will also be accepted electronically directly from school administration. Please have your administrator email your transcript to DUOFIncOrg@gmail.com or mail to the attention of DUOF by **June 15, 2022**.

3. Enrollment Verification

Applicants must provide proof of enrollment as a full-time student to an accredited four-year college or university for the 2022–2023 academic year (this must be provided prior to payment of the scholarship).

4. Recommendations

Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation describing their character and potential from the following individuals: High School counselor, current teacher, former teacher or counselor, minister, coach, community activity director, employer, etc.

These letters should be from individuals who can attest to your character, interpersonal relationships, and academic achievements and should not come from family members or peers (*each recommendation should be on an official letterhead that contains an address and phone number*).

5. Essay

Applicants must submit an original minimum 500-word personal statement essay responding to the questions (*attach separate document: 2-4 pages in length, double-spaced, typewritten, max 12pt font*):

- “Describe who has been influential in your life and that relationship has helped shape you as an individual?”
- Why is college important to you and what do you hope to gain from your college experience?”

6. Submit application and attachments electronically or by mail postmarked no later than **June 15,**

2022: Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation, Inc.

Attn: Scholarship

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*Submit ONLY the required and requested documents. Additional materials will not enhance your standing and will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

Post Application Submissions

To receive the full disbursement of the scholarship award, recipients will be required to submit the following information no later than **October 31, 2022**.

1. **Enrollment Verification** for 2022-2023 academic year (if not already submitted with application).
2. **School Mailing Address** for the school recipient will attend for 2022-2023

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Date: _____

Student Contact Information

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Email Address _____ Home Phone () _____

High School _____ Overall GPA _____

College/University _____
(List Colleges/Universities you will attend in Fall 2022 or which you have been accepted - please include city/state)

Employer _____
(List Employer – If Applicable) (City) (State) (Zip)

Parent / Guardian Contact Information

Name _____
(First, Last, Relationship)

Home Phone () Cell Phone ()

Email Address _____

Extracurricular Activities / Hobbies

(List sports, student organizations, cheer/dance team, etc. in and out of school; indicate leadership positions held if applicable)

Volunteer and Community Service:

(List all volunteer and civic/community service projects participated in; indicate leadership positions held if applicable.)

Honors/Awards:

(List all honors/awards received)

Scholarships:

(List other scholarships received – include dollar amount of award)

Essay:

Please provide an original essay (2-4 pages in length, double spaced, typewritten, max 12pt font) responding to the question:

- **“Describe who has been influential in your life and that relationship has helped shape you as an individual?”**
- **Why is college important to you and what do you hope to gain from your college experience?”**

Personal Statement:

Please provide a personal statement (1-2 pages in length, double spaced, typewritten, max 12pt font) with an explanation of your financial need, family situation, etc., and how you will benefit from this scholarship.

How did you hear about this scholarship (please check all applicable)?

- Website
- Email
- Newspaper
- Other (church, school, etc.)

Signature:

By signing below and submitting this applicant, I agree that all information included in the scholarship application packet is true to the best of my knowledge. The applicant gives DUOF permission to publish

their photo which may be used for purposes of promotion of the organization and/or scholarship materials including news, print, electronic, internet and/or social media. If the applicant is under the age of 18, DUOF requires the signature of a parent/guardian.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date