



**TO:** High School Seniors

**FROM:** Petals of Hope Foundation, Incorporated

Petals of Hope Foundation, Inc. with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Orlando Chapter) will award seven \$1,000.00 scholarships, at least three scholarship will be awarded to applicants enrolled at an Historically Black College or University (HBCU). These scholarships will be given to deserving young women who will graduate from an Orange County Florida or Osceola County Florida high school this year and will attend an accredited college or university in the Fall. We base the selection of recipients on the following criteria:

**Scholarship Requirements:**

1. A required cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 **unweighted** and a combined **SAT** score of **1100** or above or an **ACT** composite of **22** or above
2. Two references: **One (1) High School Teacher or College Professor** and **One (1) Community Member** (church member, employer, volunteer supervisor, or youth civic leader). Recommenders are required to use the recommendation form.
3. A **well-written formal essay, from the applicant**, of 300 words or less, which **clearly and completely** details educational goals.
4. An **official** transcript mailed to Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated, Orlando Chapter, Attention: Dr. Veronica Yates-Riley, **P.O. Box 618208, Orlando, FL 32861-8208**

The deadline for submitting all information is **Friday, March 3, 2023**. The scholarship application and **all** required information must received by Friday, March 3, 2023. **Information received after March 3, 2023 will disqualify the applicant.**

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Veronica Yates-Riley at [vyatesriley@gmail.com](mailto:vyatesriley@gmail.com).

Application and the letter to the seniors are located on our website: [www.akadeltaomicronomega.org](http://www.akadeltaomicronomega.org), under "Scholarship."



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Petals of Hope Foundation, Inc. is comprised of the members of the Orlando Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. founded in 1908, is the oldest African American sorority in the U.S.A.*

**Please check one:** I am attending a  Historically Black College or University (HBCU)  Other College/University

### *Personal Data*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

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

Parent/ Guardian Contact Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### *Educational Data*

School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Grade Point Average (Grade 9 through First Semester of the Senior Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Un-Weighted

College or University Which You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

## *Student Activity Information*

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Directions: Please complete each section. **DO NOT BE MODEST.** All information can be used by the Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

Extra-Curricular Activity	Description	Leadership Position Held	Length of Service

## *Community Activities*

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Directions: List community activities in which you have participated (Church groups, volunteer organizations, clubs, community art endeavors, etc.). The activities in which you engage must be completed outside of school.

Community Service Activity	Description	Length of Service

## *Work Experience*

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Place of Employment	Description of Responsibilities	Dates

## Recognition & Awards

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Directions: List any honors, awards, and/or recognitions that you have received (Grades 9 - 12).

Award/Recognition	Grade(s)

## References

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Directions: **Two completed recommendations forms** are required. One must come from your high school teacher or college professor, and one must come from a community member (church member, employer, volunteer supervisor, or youth civic leader).

**Application and requested documents must be received by Friday, March 3, 2023 (postmark date not accepted). The application, official transcript, and the two (2) completed recommendation forms must be submitted in one envelope and mailed, first class U.S. mail (please no certified mail return receipt request). Information received after Friday, March 3, 2023 will disqualify the applicant.**

### Application Checklist:

- official transcript (hard copy)
- selected application type: HBCU **or** other college/university
- wrote 300-word formal essay
- included scholarship application
- submitted two completed recommendation forms



## RECOMMENDATION FORM

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

**Recommender:** Your insight about the applicant named above will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee. Therefore, we ask for open and honest feedback about this candidate. Please attach a separate page if additional space is needed. Once complete, please return the form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your name written (signed) across the sealed portion of the envelope.

### Recommender Information:

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

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known this student and in what content?
2. What are the first words that come to mind to describe this student?
3. Provide comments on the following measures that will help the Scholarship Committee evaluate the applicant's packet:

Attitude/Cooperation *(Relationship with others)*

Leadership *(Judgment and ability to lead/influence)*

Motivation *(Ability to set/achieve goals, self-starter, initiative)*



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