



First of All Foundation

Scholarship 2018-19 Application

Dear Applicant,

The First of All Foundation, formally known as the Omicron Sigma Lambda Foundation, would like to offer scholarships to deserving senior high school males matriculating to a four year college or university.

Our Mission: Developing our youth through Mentorship, Leadership and Citizenship while also providing Educational and Scholarship opportunities.

This financial assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 provided by the First of All Foundation 501(c)(3).

We hope you will see this as a partnership and join us in our efforts to identify students that are deserving of a chance to pursue their educational goals. Please note that testaments of character, financial need, and participation in extracurricular activities will all be considered in conjunction with the applicant's academic performance. Scholarship will be available until awarded. All completed applications should be postmarked by **May 1st, 2019**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at cdh1906@gmail.com or at 615-631-3335. We look forward to working with you as we invest in our future leaders.

Sincerely,
First of All Foundation
Scholarship Committee
www.foafoundation.org



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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for black students, was organized at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, December 4, 1906. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was born out of the desire for maintaining close association and unified support for members of this small minority group.

With an infinite vision of an organization encompassing the ideals of scholarship, manly deeds, and love for all mankind, our seven founders, whom we respectfully call the "Jewels," aspired to bring forth a fraternity dedicated to social purpose and social action. Currently, Alpha Phi Alpha continues to grow and push for these ideals with such nationally mandated programs as "Project Alpha," "Go To High School, Go To College," "A Voteless People, Is A Hopeless People," and others, which are maintained on both the undergraduate and graduate level.

The fraternity has grown steadily in influence throughout the years. It has been interracial since 1945 and has expanded tremendously to the extent that there are now approximately 800 chapters located throughout the United States, Caribbean Islands, Africa, West Indies, Europe, and Asia. Some of the more prominent sons of Alpha include the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Dick Gregory, John Hope Franklin, Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey, John H. Johnson, Duke Ellington, and Jesse Owens.

Omicron Sigma Lambda Chapter

The Omicron Sigma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded in the early winter of 1987, serving brothers residing in the Rutherford County and surrounding area. Since that day, the brothers of Omicron Sigma Lambda have become widely respected throughout Rutherford County for making a difference in the community while maintaining a steadfast commitment to manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

First of All Foundation Scholarship Fund

The First of All Foundation Scholarship Fund was founded to promote the aims of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. providing scholarships to prospective college male students who meet specific academic, service, and leadership eligibility requirements. In the near future, the First of All Foundation Scholarship Fund has plans to provide financial assistance scholarships to hundreds of young men in the Rutherford County communities. The financial assistance is in the form of one-time scholarship awards from the scholarship fund.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before completing this application. Provide answers to all requests for information. Do not leave any request blank. If the request does not apply to you, please indicate by filling the space with "NA."

I. Eligibility

This scholarship award is open to any graduating high school Senior that:

1. **Attends one of the following high schools –**
Rutherford County/Putnam County (Siegel, Blackman, Oakland, Riverdale, LaVergne, Smyrna, Cookeville, Monterey, Holloway, Upperman, Rockvale, Eagleville, Stewarts Creek, Central Magnet, MTCS, PCA) ;
 2. Fully admitted to a four-year regionally accredited college or university
 3. Possesses a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or better on 4.0 scale
 4. Is a male
- [OR]
- Fully admitted as a freshman to Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) or Tennessee Technological University (TTU) for Fall 2019**

II. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript from your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA and class ranking.

III. Recommendation Form

Please provide 2 one page letters of recommendation from non-family members such as a Teacher, Counselor, Principal, Mentor or Pastor.

IV. Essay Topic (750-1000 words, double spaced, 12 point font, times new roman)

Candidates must select from one of the two essay topics provided below:

Essay topic #1: The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence- Famous Coach and Alpha man Eddie Robinson. Why do you want to attend college? Describe three things you want to accomplish in college? How will attending college help you achieve your life goals?

[OR]

Essay topic #2: Describe how you have demonstrated leadership both in and out of school? Explain why you applied for this scholarship and what is the significance of the scholarship in achieving your collegiate goals?

V. Resume

Please include a resume that will highlight your abilities and who you are (*i.e. experience, extracurricular activities, awards/recognitions, community involvement, etc.*).

VI. Deadline

All application packets must be **Postmarked by May 1st, 2019**. Applicants must submit **completed** application packets. Incomplete application packets will **NOT** be reviewed or returned and will therefore eliminate you from the selection process.



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VII. Completed Applications Mail completed packets to:

First of All Foundation
Scholarship Fund
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 10771
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

VIII. Scholarship Recipients

Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified. Each recipient is expected to attend the annual First of All Foundation scholarship event held in Murfreesboro, TN. Complimentary tickets to this event will be provided for scholarship recipients and one guest. Additional tickets can be purchased.

IX. Questions or Concerns

Questions or Concerns: cdh1906@gmail.com or at 615-631-3335.



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General Information

Please print or type all information for this application.

_____	_____	_____		
First Name	Last Name	Middle Name		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mailing Street Address	Apt #	City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____	_____	
Contact Number (primary)	Contact Number (secondary)	E-mail Address		
_____	_____	_____		
Date of Birth	High School	Cumulative GPA		
_____	_____	_____		
Class Rank (out of how many)	Graduation Date			
_____	_____			

Parent/Guardian Information

_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Name
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Occupation	Parent/Guardian Occupation

Standardized Test Information

Have you taken the ACT or SAT? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, what was your score? _____ SAT _____ ACT

If not, what date do you plan to take either? _____



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College Admission Information

List colleges or universities where you have been FULLY accepted for admission.

College/University	City, State

List colleges or universities where your application for admission is in PENDING status.

College/University	City, State

School and Community Club/Organizations

List any student clubs or organizations you have been involved over the last four years.

Club or Organization	Years of Participation	Office Held

Honors and Awards

List any honors or awards you have received within the last four years.

Honor/Award	Date Received

School and Community Athletics

List any sports you have participated in within the last four years.

Sport	Years Participated	Awards Received

Employment

List any honors or awards you have received within the last four years.

Employer	Position Held



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Additional Information

Below please indicate any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider while reviewing your application package.

Certification

We verify that the information given in this application is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and that the applicant has not attended any educational institutions other than those listed. We understand that we are responsible for forwarding the applicant's official transcript from the high school he/she currently attends. We understand that all materials submitted in my application package will become the property of the First of All Foundation. Lastly, we understand that if awarded a scholarship, we give the First of All Foundation the right to use the recipient's likeness in promotional material for the purpose of promoting the First of All Foundation.

Signature of Applicant (print)

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Application Packet Checklist

Please take your time and complete ALL forms necessary. This checklist is to help students and parents organize the forms needed to apply to the First of All Foundation Scholarship Fund. Please submit completed forms below.

Check off the following forms when completed.

- Application** *(Be sure it is completed, signed and postmarked by May 1st , 2019)*
- Official Transcript** *(sealed)*
- Essay** *(750 - 1000 words, double spaced, 12 point font, times new roman)*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation**
- Professional photo** *(non-returnable)*