

**SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.**  
*Epsilon Eta Sigma Alumni Chapter – Peoria, Illinois*

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

### **PURPOSE**

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a national collegiate sorority founded November 12, 1922, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana in 1929. Our objective is to strengthen communities through community service in order to build a stronger nation. Our local chapter, Epsilon Eta Sigma, was established as a graduate chapter in the Peoria area on September 10, 1979.

As a graduate chapter, we encourage and promote high academic achievement. We believe that we can encourage our youth to seek higher education by providing financial assistance.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION**

The Sigma Gamma Rho Academic Scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable monetary award to be applied toward expenses incurred to attend an accredited college or university. The scholarship award amounts vary from year to year. Our award amount will always be at least \$500 and will be disbursed to the recipient in one installment at the beginning of the fall of freshman year. Proof of full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) must be provided.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based upon the following criteria:

- Minority resident of the greater Peoria area
- **2023-2024** graduating high school Senior
- Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale
- Leadership qualities as evidenced through activities, interests, and affiliations within school and the community
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university for the 2024-2025 academic year

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete and sign the enclosed application form and attach the following:

- Official high school transcript (through the seventh semester) including cumulative grade point average
- Copy of admission letter to an accredited college or university for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Two letters of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) - **one from a teacher or counselor, and one from an adult other than a relative or a personal friend**, who can attest to your character.
- A personal statement in which you describe yourself in terms of experiences, activities, and aspirations. *The personal statement must include how you plan to pay for college expenses:*
  - (a) typed;
  - (b) double-spaced; and
  - (c) maximum of 2 pages
- **NOTE: You must complete all fields on this application. Incomplete applications and/or applications submitted after Friday, March 22, 2024 will not be considered.**
- Students will submit applications electronically to [peoriasgrhoscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:peoriasgrhoscholarship@gmail.com). The deadline for all electronic submissions is Friday, March 22, 2024.
- After the committee reviews all the applications, it will be determined which applicants will move to the next phase of the process which will include an interview.

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List any **previous** involvement in extracurricular activities, academic clubs and any offices held, civic and service organizations, sports, etc. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

List any awards, honors, or special recognition you have received.

List any college scholarships and grants you have received to date. Please include amount(s).

## **My Personal Statement:**

*Please describe yourself in terms of experiences, activities, and aspirations. Also include how you plan to pay for your college expenses. Your personal statement must be typed, double-spaced and a maximum of 2 pages. You may type your personal statement in the space below.*

## **My Personal Statement (continued):**

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in completion of this application is accurate and complete as of the date indicated below.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit your application electronically to:** [peoriasgrhoscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:peoriasgrhoscholarship@gmail.com)

**EMAIL DEADLINE: March 22nd, 2024**

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## **Scholarship Application Checklist (√)**

**To ensure that your application is given full consideration, please complete and enclose this checklist with your application:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Official high school transcript (through the seventh semester) including cumulative grade point average
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the official admission letter to an accredited college or university for the 2024-2025 academic year
- \_\_\_\_\_ One letter of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) from a teacher or counselor
- \_\_\_\_\_ One letter of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) from an adult other than a relative or personal friend, who can attest to your character
- \_\_\_\_\_ A personal statement in which you describe yourself in terms of experiences, activities, and aspirations. Also include how you plan to pay for college expenses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant signature and date are included on the application form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian signature and date are included on the application for \_\_\_\_\_

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