



Kappa Alpha Psi Community Project

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Training for Leadership Since 1911*



2018 Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship Guidelines

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is a predominantly African-American Fraternity founded in 1911 on the campus of Indiana University. For several decades Kappa Alpha Psi has sponsored a scholarship program for high school seniors in an effort to increase the number of African-Americans attending college throughout the United States.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship contest:

- ✓ Applicant must be a graduating High School Senior
- ✓ African-American, Hispanic, and Asian (male or female) are highly encouraged to apply
- ✓ Must enroll at a four year College/University in the Fall of 2018. (Proof required upon acceptance)
- ✓ Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Applicant must have a 3.0 or higher GPA
- ✓ Live in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Marin, or San Francisco Counties

AWARDS

If selected as recipient, the applicant will receive a monetary award of \$1,000.

ONLINE APPLICATION

[Click here to fill out the online application.](#)

Students are required to submit an essay of 400- 500 words or less about “Why is a College Education Important to Me”.

Students are required to submit a Personal statement which is explained on the application.

All information received during the application process will be treated as confidential.

Additional required documents:

- Completed Scholarship Application Official High School Transcript
- Copy of SAT/ACT score.
- One signed letter of recommendation written by principal, teacher or counselor.
- One signed letter of recommendation from a community representative.

Applicants are responsible for completing the online application and submitting all information by March 30, 2018 (postmarked).



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HOW IS AN ESSAY SCORED?

We use a scoring rubric to judge each essay. Four is the highest score an essay can receive from one reader. Since each essay is read by four readers, the maximum score an essay can receive is 16.

Scoring Description

- Clearly addresses the writing task, demonstrates a clear understanding of purpose, maintains a consistent point of focus, organizational structure and contains few, if any errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling).
- Demonstrates a general understanding of purpose, addresses all parts of the writing task, few errors in conventions of English language.
- Addresses only part of the writing task, demonstrates little understanding of purpose, and contains several errors in the conventions of the English language.
- Addresses only one part of the writing task, demonstrates no understanding of purpose, contains serious errors in the conventions of the English language.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Awardees are required to submit proof of full-time study* at a 4 year College/University. Once this information is received, Kappa Alpha Psi will send a payment in one or more installments to student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients must notify Kappa Alpha Psi of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information. If the Scholarship recipient decides to forego attending a 4 year College/University in the Fall of 2018, their Scholarship award will be revoked.



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REVISIONS

Kappa Alpha Psi reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

* Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for entire academic year at a 4 year College/University.

Submission of Documents:

The completed online application and required documents must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2018. Submit the additional documentation to:

**Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
Community Project Scholarship Program
c/o Cecil Grimes
10500 Mark Street
Oakland, CA 94605**

For additional information, please call Cecil Grimes at (510) 992-3203 or e-mail c.grimes@kappaproject.org.

Applications can be downloaded from our website <http://kappaproject.org/>.