

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship 2017 Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to offer financial assistance to deserving high school male seniors in celebration of their academic excellence and contributions to their school and community. This assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award in the amount up to \$1,000.00 from the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Over the past 25 years, the fund has awarded over 100 individual scholarships to deserving students.

Attached you will find a scholarship application, including eligibility criteria and detailed instructions for completing the application package. Please note that testaments of character, financial need, and participation in extracurricular activities along with the completion of the essay question on page three of this application will all be considered in conjunction with the applicant's academic performance. All completed applications should be mailed to:

Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. ATTN: Dr. James Copeland
P.O. Box 1870 Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at James.Copeland@apaoal.com. We look forward to working with you as we invest in our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Copeland
Director of Education
Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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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.

Our fraternity's vision of academic excellence and social achievement resulted in an organization which encompasses the ideals of scholarship, manly deeds, and love for all mankind. The seven founders, whom we respectfully call the "Jewels," aspired to create a fraternity dedicated to social purpose and social action. Currently, Alpha Phi Alpha continues to grow and promote these ideals through 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, Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., John H. Johnson, Duke Ellington, Jesse Owens, Hill Harper, and Stuart Scott.

Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter

Early in 1984, brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., whom had recently moved into the Fredericksburg area began to meet regularly. The first, meetings were informal, primarily opportunities to share in the Brotherhood that is Alpha. As the number grew, so did the desire to form a local chapter. On April 13, 1985, The Rappahannock Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded; making a difference in the community while maintaining a steadfast commitment to manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship

The Martin Luther King Scholarship was founded in honor of our late brother for whom the scholarship is named and provides scholarships to prospective college students who meet specific academic achievements, outstanding leadership, and community service. Over the years, the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship has provided scholarships young men and women in the Rappahannock area.

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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." Failure to complete instructions could result in an unfavorable rating.

I. Eligibility

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

1. 1) Lives within the Rappahannock Area (Stafford, Fredericksburg, Orange, Culpepper)
2. 2) Possesses a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on 4.0 scale
3. 3) Plans to attend a four-year college or university

❖ Dependents of members of the Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

II. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript from your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA. Your high school counselor or principal must certify documentation in the appropriate space.

III. Recommendation Form

Please provide two recommendations. Give the attached recommendation forms to a Teacher and a School Counselor to complete.

IV. Essay Topic:

Typed three/four page essay: If you had the authority to change your community in a positive way, what specific changes would you make? Why?

VI. Deadline

All application packets must be postmarked by Friday, April 15, 2017. Applicants must submit completed application packets. Incomplete application packets will **NOT** be reviewed and will therefore eliminate you from the selection process.

VII. Completed Applications

Mail completed packets to:

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VII. Scholarship Recipients

Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than May 15, 2017. Each recipient is expected to attend Omicron Alpha Lambda's Annual Black and Gold Ball on Saturday, January 20, 2017 at the Riverside Dinner Theater Fredericksburg, VA. Complimentary tickets to this event will be provided for the recipients and their parents/guardians.

VIII. Questions or Concerns

Please address all questions or concerns to the Director of Education: Dr. James Copeland at email James.Copeland@apaoal.com

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 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Please submit completed forms below.

Check off the following forms when completed.

1. _____ Application. (Be sure it is complete and signed)
2. _____ Official Transcript
3. _____ Expected Family Contribution Worksheet
4. _____ Essay. (800 words, double spaced, 12 point font)
5. _____ (1) Teacher and (1) Counselor Recommendation Form
6. _____ High quality photo (applicant must be alone in photo, no photo proofs will be accepted)

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General Information

(Name)Last, First, MI

Mailing Address

Telephone#

Email

Date of Birth

High School

County

Cumulative GPA

Graduation Date

Parent/Guardian Information

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Father's Occupation

Mother's Occupation

Financial Information

Please place a check on the line that best indicates your family's gross household income:

\$0 - \$19,999

\$20,000 - \$39,999

\$40,000 - \$59,999

\$60,000 - \$79,999

\$80,000 - \$99,999

\$100,000 +

Please list any additional information that may impact your family's financial situation:
(For example: medical expenses, single parent, unemployed parent, etc.)

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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? _____

College Admission Information

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

_____ City State

_____ City State

_____ City State

School and Community Clubs/Organizations

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

_____ Years of Participation Office Held
(Include Dates)

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Honors and Awards

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

_____	_____
Honor/Award	Date Received
_____	_____
Honor/Award	Date Received
_____	_____
Honor/Award	Date Received

School and Community Athletics

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

_____	_____	_____
Sports	Years of Participation (Include Dates)	Recognition Received
_____	_____	_____
Sports	Years of Participation (Include Dates)	Recognition Received
_____	_____	_____
Sports	Years of Participation (Include Dates)	Recognition Received

Employment

List any jobs you have held within the last four years.

_____	_____
Employer	Position & Date
_____	_____
Employer	Position & Date

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Additional Information

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

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Counselor ___ College Fair ___ Personal Contact ___ Church ___ Social Organization ___

Certification

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not attended any educational institutions other than those listed. I understand that I am responsible for forwarding my official transcript from the high school I currently attend. I understand that all materials submitted in my application package will become the property of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date ___/___/___

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COUNSELOR'S RECOMMENDATION

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Application Deadline: April 15, 2016. Please return to student in sealed envelope with your signature on the back of the envelope.

Student's Name	Counselor's Name	Phone

Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship.

Category	Top 5%	Top 15%	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
1. Academic Ability					
2. Initiative					
3. Ability to work independently					
4. Ability to work with others					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Originality and Creativity					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect of classmates					
9. Respect of faculty					
10. Other (Specify)					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths/Comments _____

Recommendation (Please Circle one):

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Counselor's Signature _____

Date _____

School _____

Telephone _____

TEACHER'S RECOMMENDATION

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Student's Name	Teacher's Name	Phone

Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship.

Category	Top 5%	Top 15%	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
1. Academic Ability					
2. Initiative					
3. Ability to work independently					
4. Ability to work with others					
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10. Other (Specify)					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths/Comments _____

Recommendation (Please Circle one):

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Recommender's Signature _____

Date _____

School _____

Telephone _____