

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**  
**Omicron Alpha Lambda Chapter**  
**Walter P. Richardson 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 Walter P. Richardson 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. It is recommended that all information entered onto this application be typed. 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](mailto: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.

The Walter P. Richardson respects the privacy of all applicants. The fund does not collect, share, or sell any of the information you provide. Please direct any questions you may have to:

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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 June 28, 1984, 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.

**Walter P. Richardson Scholarship**

The Walter P. Richardson 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 and extra-curricular eligibility requirements.

The Walter P. Richardson Scholarship Endowment Fund respects the privacy of all applicants. The fund does not collect, share, or sell any of the information you provide. Please direct any questions you may have to:

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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 and/or follow instructions could result in an unfavorable rating.

**I. Eligibility**

This scholarship award is open to any graduating high school senior(s) 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 pages essay: Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability in your school, work, or community.

**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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Walter P. Richardson ATTN: Dr. James Copeland  
Post Office Box 1870  
Spotsylvania, VA 2253

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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 recipient 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](mailto: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 Phillip Y. Wyatt 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**

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(Name)Last, First, MI

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Mailing Address

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Telephone#

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Email

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Date of Birth

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High School

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County

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Cumulative GPA

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Graduation Date

**Parent/Guardian Information**

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Father's Name

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Mother's Name

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Father's Occupation

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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
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**School and Community Athletics**

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

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

**Employment**

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

_____ 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.

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**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 Walter P. Richardson Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## COUNSELOR'S RECOMMENDATION

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Student's Name	Counselor's Name	Phone

Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Walter P. Richardson Scholarship 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 Walter P. Richardson 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommendation (Please Circle one):**

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Recommender's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_