



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Alpha Alpha Theta Omega Chapter
P. O. Box 272898
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Serving North Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, Florida

March 15, 2024

TO: High School Administrators and Guidance Counselors

From: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Alpha Alpha Theta Omega Chapter President, Jackie Kentish-Greaves

RE: 2024 Scholarship Announcement

The Alpha Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is accepting applications from college-bound high school seniors for three scholarships: the **Sonja W. Garcia Leadership Award, HBCU Heritage Award, and Alpha Alpha Theta Omega - AATO Scholarship**. The chosen students will receive an award of \$1,000 for each of our three scholarships. The Sonja W. Garcia Leadership Award was established in honor of our chapter's Organizing President, Sonja W. Garcia, a dedicated 50 year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. For decades, she has held multiple leadership roles locally, regionally and internationally. Her passion for youth has been demonstrated through her unwavering commitment to higher education, leadership development, community service and youth empowerment. Students who plan to attend a Historically Black College or University will be considered for the HBCU Heritage Award. A third recipient will be awarded the AATO Scholarship.

Please forward this announcement to appropriate graduating seniors who consistently display exemplary leadership qualities, strive for academic excellence, have strong character and provide service to their school and/or community. Successful applicants should meet the following eligibility criteria:

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Must be a graduating senior from Northern Hillsborough or Pasco County High School
2. Must hold a minimum of 3.0 grade point average
3. Must submit a letter of recommendation from your school administrator, counselor or teacher.
4. Must submit a 200 – 300 word, typewritten, double-spaced essay on one of these topics:
 - 1) "If you could explain to a political figure why you will succeed, who would that be and what would you tell him or her?"
 - 2) "Discuss how you have overcome economic, academic or personal challenges."
 - 3) "Identify a major issue in our country and propose a solution."
5. Must submit a completed scholarship application
6. Must submit a current, officially sealed transcript
7. Must be postmarked by deadline: **Monday, April 22, 2024**

Mail to: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
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Attn: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 272898
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Scholarship Chairman, Marjorie Garcia, reegarcia17@gmail.com Phone 954-817-2812



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Scholarship Application:

*Sonja W. Garcia Leadership Award *HBCU Heritage Award *AATO Scholarship

Deadline: Monday, April 22, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

High School: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Extra-curricular Activities and length of involvement: _____

Offices Held: _____

Number of Community Service Hours: _____

List Colleges/Universities to which you have applied: _____

List Colleges/Universities to which you have been accepted: _____

Parents: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

****ALL ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION****

Application Checklist:

1. ___ **Completed scholarship application**
2. ___ **Letter of recommendation**
3. ___ **Essay**
4. ___ **Official sealed transcript**