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April 14, 2020

Dear Students:

The Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in conjunction with the Ladies of Vision Charities, is pleased to announce our 2020 Scholarship Program! The program will award scholarships in amounts varying from \$250 to \$3500, per award, to 14 outstanding students. Your hard work and dedication have paid off and you are well on your way to attaining a bright and successful future. As you continue to pursue your academic and professional endeavors, we hope these scholarships will ease some of the financial burden associated with tuition, books, supplies and other academic costs.

We are currently seeking outstanding students to apply for our 2020 scholarships. The information included in this package contains all the details you need in order to apply. Please read the information carefully and follow all instructions. **The application deadline is May 15, 2020.** If you have questions, feel free to contact either Mrs. Yvette L. Gray or Mrs. Denise Beach Davis via email at the following address: akaueoscholarships@gmail.com.

As the academic year comes to a close, we want to congratulate you on your achievements and wish you the best in all your endeavors!

Sincerely,

Kendra F. Brown

Kendra F. Brown, President
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Key Points:

- Unless otherwise stated, all applicants must be permanent residents of Baltimore County but may attend school in any county or state.
- Students may apply for more than one scholarship, but are only eligible for one award.
- Please submit a separate application for each scholarship.
- Students are not eligible to win the same award in consecutive years.
- All students who are awarded a 2020 scholarship will be required to submit official transcripts and proof that they meet all requirements for the award (including residency, enrollment status for fall 2020, and GPA), before funds are released.
- **2020 Application Deadline is May 15, 2020.**

NOTE: All scholarship amounts are contingent on the availability of funding at the time of the award. In addition, all scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college or university, except for the bar stipend scholarship which will be paid directly to the applicant.

2020 Scholarship Categories and Eligibility Requirements

College Student Book Award - \$2,500

This scholarship will be awarded to a current or incoming college student. The GPA requirement is 3.0.

Entering Freshman Scholarship - \$2,500

This scholarship will be awarded to a first-year freshman entering an institution of higher education in the fall of 2020. The GPA requirement is 2.75. The student must demonstrate outstanding contributions and leadership in their community and/or an extracurricular activity.

Foster-Jones (Taylor) Scholarship - \$1,500

An Undergraduate, currently attending an HBCU, pursuing a BS degree in Health Sciences or Pre-Medicine with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Student must demonstrate community service involvement as well as scholarly achievement.

HBCU Outstanding Scholar Award - \$2,500

This scholarship will be awarded to one outstanding scholar attending an HBCU currently or in the fall. The GPA requirement is 3.25.

Outstanding Community Servant Award - \$4,000

This scholarship will be awarded to a student demonstrating superior community service. The GPA requirement is 2.5 with an outstanding record of achievement in community involvement, volunteering or other service to the community.

Precious Pearls Award - \$2,500

This scholarship will be awarded to a current or former participant of the Upsilon Epsilon Omega debutante program. The GPA requirement is 2.75. *There is no residency requirement for this award.*



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The Refinery Entrepreneurship Award - \$2,000

This scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student with an interest in IT or Entrepreneurship. The GPA requirement is 2.75.

STEM Scholar Award - \$2,000

This scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to or currently majoring in a STEM field (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) at a four-year institution of higher learning. The GPA requirement is a minimum 3.0 (preference will be given to candidates with a 3.5 GPA) with a superior academic record in STEM courses and a declared STEM major.

Travel with a Purpose Academic Travel Awards - \$1,000

This scholarship will be awarded to a current college student to support an already planned and/or approved study abroad or other academic travel experience. The grade point average (GPA) requirement is 3.0 with proof of approved upcoming academic travel.

UEO Family Scholarship - \$2,500

The applicant must be a child (including stepchildren and legal wards) of a current financially active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Epsilon Omega chapter. The GPA requirement is 2.75. *There is no residency requirement for this award.*

UEO Former Presidents' Leadership Award - \$1,200

This scholarship will be awarded to a current college student (second semester freshman or higher at the time of application) who is in a leadership position (officer, chairman, event coordinator, etc.) on their college campus or in their community. The GPA requirement is 2.5.

UEO Student Programs and Mentoring Award - \$2,500

This scholarship will be awarded to a current or former participant in any Upsilon Epsilon Omega student program (TIA, ASCEND, etc.). The GPA requirement is 2.75. *There is no residency requirement for this award.*

Uplift and Empower Bar Study Stipend - \$600

This stipend will be awarded to a recent law school graduate who is preparing to sit for the Bar Examination in the fall. The student must hold a Juris Doctor degree and be a current resident of Baltimore County.

Verdina Y. Showell Award for Excellence (Medical/Legal Studies) - \$2500

This scholarship will be awarded to a student committed to careers in the Medical (e.g. pre-med/medical school) or Law (e.g. pre-law/law school) fields. The GPA requirement is 3.3 with a record of high academic achievement, completed coursework in either area, and community involvement in either area.



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Essay Questions

Instructions: Please **TYPE** your response using a **minimum of 500 words** and **maximum of 700 words**. You must include the essay question at the top of the page. Essays should be **typed double spaced in 12 Times New Roman** font.

Category	Essay Question
College Student Book Award	Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What steps did you take to challenge the belief or idea? Who did you challenge? What was the outcome?
Entering Freshman Scholarship	Past life challenges can be used for future success. Describe a time when you faced a challenge or failure. How did it impact you? What did you learn from this experience? How has this experience prepared you for your first year of college?
Foster-Jones (Taylor) Scholarship	Explain how your leadership has made a difference and fostered unity in your community.
HBCU Outstanding Scholar Award	Select an HBCU graduate whose life demonstrates triumph over circumstance and prejudice to build a life of accomplishment. Why did you select this person? Which of their accomplishments is most inspiring to you? What part of their story most resonates with you?
Outstanding Community Servant Award	What do you feel is one of the most important community service needs in Baltimore County? Why? What are the ways that you think individuals and organizations can best address this need?
Precious Pearls Award	Discuss your thoughts on the #metoo movement. Do you feel that women are now more empowered to report harassment and inappropriate behavior in the school and work settings? Do you feel that academic institutions support students who are victims of such behavior?
The Refinery Entrepreneurship Award	Explain the importance of female entrepreneurs in today's society.
STEM Award	What attracts you to the STEM field and where do you see yourself professionally and personally in 5 years?
Travel with a Purpose Academic Travel Award	Describe how you think the world views American students in your generation, what you plan to do while abroad to either uphold or change those views, and how you plan to help make America stronger.
Upsilon Epsilon Omega Family Scholarship	Sometimes there are circumstances in life that require support from family or close friends. Describe a time when you needed the support from those closest to you. What did you learn from the situation?
UEO Former Presidents' Leadership Award	Describe any significant leadership contributions you have made, including the impact your contributions have made on your college campus or your community and how receiving this scholarship would enable you to further your leadership aspirations.
UEO Student Programs and Mentoring Award	Thinking of the values that are most important to you, identify one person you would like to serve as your mentor. Why did you select this person and what would you like to gain from a mentoring relationship with them?
Uplift & Empower Bar Study Stipend	What are some of the pressing current issues in the field of law and how do you seek to address them?
Verdina Y. Showell Award for Excellence (Medical/Law)	Please describe what influenced your career choice and how this award will assist you in pursuing your chosen career.



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Instructions

Please read all instructions carefully. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applications are due via email **no later than 11:59 PM on May 15, 2020.** Please note that the application submission is electronic.

Step 1: Obtain a transcript from your high school or college. *If you attended another high school for your junior year, or you attended another college for at least 3 semesters, please obtain a transcript from your former and current schools. You may use an unofficial transcript. However, all scholarship winners will be required to submit an official transcript before award funds are released.*

Step 2: Request **1 recommendation.** Your recommendation may be from a teacher/professor, administrator, counselor, mentor, community leader, sports coach, supervisor, extracurricular leader, pastor, etc. Please have the recommender **complete the recommendation form** that is included in this package OR **write a personal recommendation letter (no more than one page in length).** Recommendation letters should be **on official letterhead OR must provide the recommender's title, address, phone number, and email address.**

Step 3: Complete the application and essay. You must **complete a separate application and essay for each scholarship for which you are applying.** Please type your responses. **Handwritten applications will not be accepted.** You (and a parent if you are under 18) need to sign the application.

Step 4: Complete the application cover page. Please submit **a separate cover page for each scholarship** for which you are applying.

Step 5: Scan all documents to create **one PDF file for each application.** The FedEx store, Office Depot, Staples, or your school career office or guidance counselor should be able to assist if you are unfamiliar with how to create a PDF file. Please note that no other file formats will be accepted (Word, JPG, etc.)

Step 6: **Send your completed application package(s) by the May 15th deadline via email** to akaueoscholarships@gmail.com. Please include all application packages in one email. All documents must be received via email no later than 11:59PM.

Your completed application package will consist of the following (in order):

- > Application cover page (*please use a separate cover page for each scholarship*)
- > Application Questionnaire
- > *Essay (be sure to answer the appropriate essay for the scholarship for which you are applying)*
- > Completed recommendation form/letter (you may use the same letter of recommendation if applying for more than one scholarship)
- > Transcript
- > Final statement

Application review: Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. We will complete our initial review of applications in mid-April. Your application package will be scored based on academic record, written content, grammar, creativity, and your recommendation letters. We will invite the students with the highest scoring essays/applications to **participate in video interviews between June 7 and June 21, 2020.**

Winners will be notified no later than July 4, 2020. **Due to the high volume of applications received, students not selected to receive a scholarship will not receive an official notification.** We will formally announce the recipients no later than July 11, 2020 via our website www.akaupsilonepsilonomega.org.



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Application Cover Page

(Please submit a separate cover page for each scholarship for which you would like to apply)

Name of Scholarship Applying for: _____

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Current school/college: _____ Grade/Classification: _____

Major: _____ Current GPA: _____

Checklist (please submit in this order):

- √ **Application Cover Page**
- √ **Application Questionnaire**
- √ **Essay**
- √ **Recommendation (1 copy of form or letter)**
- √ **Transcript**
- √ **Final Statement (1 signed copy)**

Important notes: *You must submit a separate application package for each scholarship. Please note that each scholarship has a different essay question and ensure you have completed the correct essay, cover page and essay for each scholarship for which you are applying.*

Your completed application packages should be **emailed by May 15, 2020** to:
akaueoscholarships@gmail.com in PDF format.



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Application Questionnaire

Instructions: Please **TYPE** your response for each question. If the question does not apply, please indicate “N/A” in the space provided. You may attach an additional sheet if needed. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Name: _____

Current School/College: _____ GPA: _____

Have you previously received a scholarship from us (if yes, provide name of award and year): _____

If you are applying for the UEO Family Scholarship, please provide the name of the UEO member to whom you are related:

List your academic awards/honors/accelerated courses (include semester(s) and year(s)):

List extracurricular activities (include semester(s) and year(s) of participation and any office(s) held):

List any community, church or civic activities (include dates of participation):

List any non-academic awards or special recognitions you have received:

List any employment since your junior year in high school (include dates and titles of positions):

Explain how this scholarship will assist you:

Please provide any additional information you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider:

The following questions are for **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**:

College acceptances (list all colleges to which you have been accepted)

Final college choice and intended major (if known):



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Recommendation Form
(This form is **OPTIONAL** – You can alternatively submit a recommendation letter)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please complete the top portion of this form and provide it to a teacher, counselor, school administrator, coach, employer, etc..

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
 Permanent Home Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

My signature below authorizes release of this form to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter and Ladies of Vision Charities, Inc. in consideration of my application for a 2020 scholarship.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent Signature: _____ Parent Name: _____
(if student is under the age of 18):

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

Please complete the information below and return the document to the student **prior to May 15, 2020**. Feel free to add a separate page if you have additional comments on this student.

Name: _____ Position: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

For how long have you known this applicant and in what capacity? _____

Briefly describe your overall impression of this applicant: _____

Describe any strengths, talents, or special characteristics: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Final Statement – Understanding of Requirements and Responsibilities

I am submitting my application package for the 2020 Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter and Ladies of Vision Charities Scholarship Program.

I understand that my **application will not be reviewed if it is incomplete, handwritten or otherwise does not follow the instructions above.**

If I was awarded a scholarship last year, I understand that I am ineligible for the same scholarship in 2020.

I understand that, if my parent, step-parent or guardian is a member of Upsilon Epsilon Omega, I may apply for a maximum of two scholarships.

I understand that I may be required to complete a video interview.

If I am awarded a 2020 Scholarship, I will be required to provide an official transcript and proof of enrollment in an institute of higher learning for fall 2020 (or proof of law school graduation for the Bar Study Stipend) before any funds are released.

I may also be asked to provide additional verification of information to demonstrate that I meet all qualifications for any award for which I am selected.

Scholarships will be presented at Upsilon Epsilon Omega's End of Year Event for students and awardees. I understand that I will be asked to attend this event (date in June to be confirmed) to receive my award.

I attest that the information I provided in my application is true, to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Name: _____

(if student is under the age of 18):

If you have questions, please email us at akaueoscholarships@gmail.com.