

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
Epsilon Eta Sigma Alumni Chapter – Peoria, Illinois

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a national collegiate sorority founded November 12, 1922, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana in 1929. Our objective is to strengthen communities through community service in order to build a stronger nation. Our local chapter, Epsilon Eta Sigma, was established as a graduate chapter in the Peoria area on September 10, 1979.

As a graduate chapter, we encourage and promote high academic achievement. We believe that we can encourage our youth to seek higher education by providing financial assistance. Proceeds from our Annual Blue and Gold Scholarship Event are used to fund academic scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Sigma Gamma Rho Academic Scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable monetary award to be applied toward expenses incurred to attend an accredited college or university. The scholarship award amounts vary from year to year. Our award amount will always be at least \$500 and will be disbursed to the recipient in one installment at the beginning of the fall of freshman year. Proof of full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours) must be provided.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based upon the following criteria:

- Minority resident of the greater Peoria area
- **2020** graduating high school Senior
- Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale
- Leadership qualities as evidenced through activities, interests and affiliations within school and the community
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university for the 2020-2021 academic year

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and sign the enclosed application form and attach the following:

- Official high school transcript (through the seventh semester) including cumulative grade point average
- Copy of admission letter to an accredited college or university for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Two letters of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) - one from a teacher or counselor, and one from an adult (other than a relative or personal friend), who can attest to your character.
- A personal statement in which you describe yourself in terms of experiences, activities, and aspirations. *The personal statement must include how you plan to pay for college expenses.*
- **NOTE: Incomplete applications and/or applications postmarked after March 31, 2020 will not be considered.**

Students will submit applications electronically to sgrhopeoria@gmail.com. The deadline for all electronic submissions is March 31, 2020.

If mailing your application, completed application and attachments must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 and mailed to:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Epsilon Eta Sigma Chapter
Attention: Cheryl Ellis, Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 444
Peoria, IL 61651-0444

List any **previous** involvement in extracurricular activities, academic clubs and any offices held, civic and service organizations, sports, etc. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

List any awards, honors, or special recognition you have received.

List any college scholarships and grants you have received to date. Please include amount(s).

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in completion of this application is accurate and complete as of the date indicated below.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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POST MARK / EMAIL DEADLINE: March 31, 2020

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Scholarship Application Checklist (√)

To ensure that your application is given full consideration, please complete and enclose this checklist with your application:

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- _____ Copy of admission letter to an accredited college or university for the 2019-2020 academic year
- _____ One letter of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) from a teacher or counselor
- _____ One letter of reference (including name, address, and telephone number) from an adult (other than a relative or personal friend), who can attest to your character
- _____ A personal statement in which you describe yourself in terms of experiences, activities, and aspirations. Also include how you plan to pay for college expenses.
- _____ Applicant signature and date are included on the application form
- _____ Parent/Guardian signature and date are included on the application for _____.

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