



January 18, 2018

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 2018 Book Scholarship Program! The program will award book scholarships in amounts varying from \$500 to \$2000, per award, to ten 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 endeavors, we hope these scholarships will ease some of the financial burden associated with books, supplies and other costs.

We are currently seeking outstanding students to apply for the 2018 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 March 18, 2018. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kelly Tribble Spencer or Mrs. Nikeya Elliott-Hopkins at scholarship@akakupsilonepsilonomega.org.

As you enter the second half of the academic year, we wish you the best in your endeavors! We hope you consider applying for at least one of our awards and look forward to your application.

Sincerely,

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Scholarship Categories and Eligibility Requirements

(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.)

College Student Book Award - \$2000

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

Entering Freshman Scholarship - \$2000

This scholarship will be awarded to a first year freshman entering an institute of higher education in the fall of 2018. The GPA requirement is 2.75 with demonstrated outstanding contribution and leadership in community service and/or an extracurricular activity.

HBCU Outstanding Scholar Award - \$2000

This scholarship will be awarded to one outstanding scholar attending an HBCU. The GPA requirement is 3.25.

Outstanding Community Servant Award - \$2000

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 - \$2000

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.*

STEM Scholar Award - \$2000

This scholarship will be awarded to a student demonstrating commitment to a STEM field (preferred fields are engineering, biology, physics, microbiology, technology, computer science, information technology (not information systems)). The GPA requirement is a minimum 2.75 (preference will be given to candidates with a 3.5GPA) with a superior academic record in STEM courses and a declared STEM major.

Travel with a Purpose Academic Travel Award - \$500

This scholarship will be awarded to increase a **current college** student's access to study abroad and experience the many benefits of academic travel abroad. **Students applying for this award must have been accepted to a study abroad or other academic travel program.** The grade point average (GPA) requirement is 2.75 with proof of approved upcoming academic travel.

Upsilon Epsilon Omega Family Scholarship - \$2000

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.*

Verdina Y. Showell Award for Excellence (Medical/Legal Studies) - \$2000

This scholarship will be awarded to students 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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UEO Student Programs and Mentoring Award - \$2000

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.*

Note: All students who are awarded 2018 Book Scholarships will be required to submit proof that they meet all requirements for the award (including residency, enrollment status for fall 2018, and GPA), before awards funds are released.

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Instructions

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Please read all instructions carefully. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applications are due via email **no later than 11:59 PM on March 18, 2018.** Transcripts are the only documents that will be accepted via postal mail and must be postmarked by the due date.

Step 1: Request an **official 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 request a transcript from your former school and ask that it be mailed or emailed **directly from your school** to Upsilon Epsilon Omega at PO Box 21232, Catonsville, MD 21228 or UEOscholarships@gmail.com.* Please note that some institutions experience a delay in processing requests during busy times in the academic year. Students should request transcripts early enough to ensure timely delivery.

Step 2: Request **1 recommendation.** Your recommendation may be from a teacher/professor, administrator, counselor, mentor, community leader, sports coach, 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.** All recommendation forms and letters **must be submitted via email directly from the recommender** to UEOscholarships@gmail.com. It is the student's responsibility to verify that the recommender has sent the recommendation before the deadline.

Step 3: Complete the application and essay. You may apply for more than one scholarship, but you must **complete a separate application and essay for each scholarship for which you are applying.** Please type your responses. 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: E-mail all of your information by the March 18th deadline in Word or PDF file format to UEOscholarships@gmail.com. Remember, if you are applying for more than one award, you must submit a complete application package for each award. All documents must be received via email no later than 11:59PM. Any mailed transcripts must be **postmarked by March 18th.**

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

1. Application cover page (*please use a separate cover page for each scholarship*)
2. Application Questionnaire
3. Essay (*be sure to answer the appropriate essay for the scholarship for which you are applying*)
4. Completed recommendation form/letter (*we only need **one** copy of your recommendation - even if applying for more than one scholarship*)
5. **Official** transcript (email or mail **one official copy** – *even if applying for more than one scholarship*)
6. Final statement

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Application review: The application deadline is March 18, 2018. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. We will confirm receipt of your application package no later than April 18th. 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 interview the students with the highest scoring essays/applications **between April 20th and May 5th**. Winners will be notified no later than May 25, 2018. **Due to the high volume of applications we receive, non-selected students will not receive an official notification.** We will announce the recipients no later than May 30, 2018 **via our website www.akaupsilonepsilonomega.org.**

If you have read all instructions and still have questions, please email us at scholarship@akaupsilonepsilonomega.org

(please note this email is for questions only – do not submit application materials to this email address)

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Application Questionnaire

Instructions: Please **TYPE or PRINT** 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:

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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: _____

Please indicate "undecided" if you have not made a final decision

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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.

Award	Essay Question
College Student Book Award	What are the most important qualities of a leader? Please describe a leader you know or one who you have observed and discuss what you feel makes them an effective leader.
Entering Freshman Scholarship	Some would argue that college is no longer as relevant as it once was, and that real life experience and work are more meaningful and valuable. How would you address that argument? Beyond your education, discuss some of the most important things you hope to get out of college.
HBCU Outstanding Scholar Award	Many have argued that there is no longer a need for HBCUs. Discuss your decision to attend an HBCU and what you hope you will gain from your education.
Outstanding Community Servant Award	What has been your most meaningful community service experience? Why? What did you learn?
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?
STEM Award	Where do you see yourself in 3 to 5 years after graduating college? How will you use your STEM education to impact the world?
Travel with a Purpose Academic Travel Award	Prepare an essay that reflects on the quote below. Describe how you think the world views American students of 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.” <i>“The fact is, with every friendship you make, and every bond of trust you establish, you are shaping the image of America projected to the rest of the world. That is so important. So when you study abroad, you're actually helping to make America stronger.”- First Lady Michelle Obama</i>
Upsilon Epsilon Omega Family Scholarship	What role can the family play in addressing some of the challenges of society?
UEO Student Programs and Mentoring Award	What are some of the most important traits in a mentor? Describe a mentor who has affected your life and the ways that person impacted you.
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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Recommendation Form

(This form is OPTIONAL – You may choose to 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: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

My signature below authorizes release of this form to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter/Ladies of Vision Charities, in consideration of my application for a 2018 book scholarship.

Student Signature

Parent signature (if student is under 18 years of age)

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

Please complete the information below and email this form (from your school email address) to UEOScholarships@gmail.com no later than March 18, 2018. Please provide the student's name in the subject line. 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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Application Cover Page

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

Name of Scholarship: _____

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Current school/college: _____ GPA: _____

Checklist (please submit in this order):

	Emailed	Included in mailing
Application cover page (for each scholarship)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ONLY
Application Questionnaire*	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ONLY
Essay (for each scholarship)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ONLY
Recommendation* (1 copy of form or letter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ONLY
Transcript* (1 official sealed copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final statement (1 signed copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMAIL ONLY

***Important notes:** *You must submit a separate cover page and essay for each scholarship for which you are applying. The recommendation form/letter must be emailed directly from the person completing it. You only need one copy each of the recommendation form/letter and transcripts – even if applying for more than one scholarship. All transcripts must be the official transcript. Mailed transcripts must be the **official sealed copy**.*

Applications, recommendation forms and letters, and transcripts should be **emailed** to:
UEOScholarships@gmail.com. **Official SEALED transcripts** may also be mailed to: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 21232, Catonsville, MD 21228

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Final Statement – Understanding of Requirements and Responsibilities

I am submitting my application package in support of the 2018 Upsilon Epsilon Omega/LOV Charities Book Scholarship. I understand that my **application will not be reviewed if it is late or incomplete**. All application materials **must be emailed by March 18, 2018**. **Transcripts must be received or postmarked by March 18, 2018**.

I understand that I am ineligible to win the same scholarship, if I was awarded last year.

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 participate in an interview.

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

If I am awarded a 2018 Book Scholarship, I will be required to provide proof of enrollment in an institute of higher learning for fall 2018 before any funds are released to me. 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/Reception for students. I understand that I will be asked to attend this event on June 3rd at 3PM (location to be confirmed) to receive my award.

Student Signature : _____ Date: _____

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

Parent Name: _____

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