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THE BOSTON PEARL FOUNDATION INC.

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and  
Psi Omega Chapter of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Application for  
2010 Scholarship Award

**Deadline: March 27, 2010**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by and for Black women. Her roots date back to Howard University, Washington, DC, where Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri, conceived the idea for formation. She viewed the Sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates.

Through the years, however, Alpha Kappa Alpha's function has become more complex. After her incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which selected college-trained women improved the social and economic conditions in their city, state, nation and the world.

Today, that tradition has continued-- internationally, nationally and locally through a nucleus of more than 200,000 women in over 950 chapters. Embracing a five-pronged Extraordinary Service Program (ESP), Alpha Kappa Alpha addresses the contemporary needs of her community with comprehensive non-traditional programs. ESP Platform #3, Economic Growth of the Black Family, specifically focuses on programming activities that support the educational development and well being of young Black males.

### Scholarship Awards sponsored by the Psi Omega Chapter of

### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. & The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.

For over 80 years, the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has dedicated herself to servicing the Greater Boston community. In 1932, the Psi Omega presented its first scholarship award of

\$75. Since then, more than \$90,000 has been awarded to deserving college students from the Greater Boston area.

The Boston Pearl Foundation, Incorporated was founded in 2005 in order to continue the legacy of the Psi Omega scholarship program and to ensure that such scholarships may continue to be provided to qualified candidates in perpetuity.

The monetary amount of the 2010 Scholarship Award ranges from \$500 to \$2000. Awards are not renewable.

### Eligibility

An applicant for the 2010 Scholarship Award must be an African American/ Black female or male who is a **high school senior** applying for Fall 2010 admission into an accredited four-year college/university.

An applicant's grade point average must not be lower than "B" for the cumulative period Grade 9 through the most recent grading period/semester.

### Online Application Form

An applicant may complete the on-line application form by clicking on the "Scholarship" link from the <http://www.akaboston.org> website.

Application forms submitted via email must be received by **11:59 P.M. EST on March 27, 2010**. All other supporting credentials must be postmarked as instructed below.

### Deadline

All application materials must be postmarked by **March 27, 2010**. Applications with incomplete or missing documentation will not be considered.

Mail completed application form and required supporting credentials to:

**Scholarship Chairman  
The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.  
15 Adams Street  
Hyde Park, MA 02136**

## REQUIRED SUPPORTING CREDENTIALS

### High School Transcript

All applicants must submit official sealed copies of their secondary school transcripts, which include the results of all grading periods completed at the time of application.

### Recommendations

Applicants must submit three (3) sealed letters of recommendations. At least one recommendation must be from either a teacher or guidance counselor.

### Essays

All applicants are required to submit a 400-word typewritten essay.

## INTERVIEWS

Interviews with the Scholarship Committee will be required for those applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are chosen as finalists. A Scholarship Committee member will notify finalists regarding interviews, which will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**.

## AWARD DECISIONS

The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants of a decision by **May 1, 2010**. If you are selected as an award recipient, your presence will be requested at a recognition event. The date, time, and location will be announced to the finalists during their interview.



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Community Service Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. MAJOR HONORS/AWARDS, IF ANY

Awards/Honors Received: *Please provide information on major honors and/or awards you have received. For each, include the year you received it, information about it, who and how many were eligible to receive it, and approximately how many were given the same or higher honor that year. (Example: Ranked #10, based on grades, among my graduating class of 117 students.) Attached additional sheets as needed.*

#### V. ESSAY

It is the year 2030 and your college alma mater is honoring you as its Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus. What contribution to the community have you made to deserve this recognition? Note: The Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award will be received in 20 years, therefore elaborate on the impact you plan to make on your community. (400 word limit)

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## VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name colleges or universities to which you applied: \_\_\_\_\_

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What will be your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would you benefit from a college education? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently employed? If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

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List the names of three (3) people who are writing letters of recommendation. Indicate how you know the recommender. 

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_____	2)
_____	3)

**CHECK LIST**

**Be sure you have included the following in your packet:**

- Completed application
- Official Sealed High School Transcript
- Three (3) Sealed Letters of Recommendation
- 400-word Typewritten Essay