



**AKArama Foundation, Inc.**  
**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. ®**  
**THETA OMEGA CHAPTER**  
**Scholarship Application**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY U.S. MAIL**  
Postmarked on or before  
**February 22, 2017**

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**Ms. La Shawn R. Stanton, Scholarship Chairman**  
**AKArama Foundation, Inc., Community Service Center**  
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**Chicago, IL 60637**  
**773-363-6220**

**QUESTIONS: Contact Ms. La Shawn R. Stanton**

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**Bertina M. Power-Stewart, President**

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A complete application packet should contain **ALL** of the following:

1. **Completed** application form.
2. One **letter of recommendation** from a teacher or counselor.
3. An official high school **transcript** which includes credit for seven semesters of grades; the transcript must have an official seal and signature. An official **ACT and/or SAT** report. **NOTE TO COUNSELOR:** Please place these items in an envelope, seal it and write your signature across the sealed flap.
4. One **current photograph**; a head shot is preferred, with your name printed on the back of the picture.
5. A typed, double-spaced quality **essay** of 400-500 words. Use Arial font size 12 and please proofread. Respond to the following essay prompt.

**Describe what you have learned from a non-academic experience and how it affected you.**

6. If applying for a financial need scholarship, include a **copy of the 2016 U.S. Government Individual Income Tax Return Form of the parent (s) or guardian (s), attach W2 form or applicable Government related documents.** If you are a **Ward of the State**, please provide proof of your status. Documents that are acceptable are verification from the Department of Human Services, Court Decree or Death Certificate.
7. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned criteria will result in points deducted from total score.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for any of the AKArama Foundation, Incorporated Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. **Be** a high school **senior graduating no later than June of 2017**
2. **Have** a minimum **cumulative grade point average of 3.0**
3. **Have** an **ACT composite score of 18 or better OR a SAT composite score of 860 or better**
4. **Must** attend a **high school** within the **CHICAGO CITY LIMITS.**
5. **Have verification of acceptance** to a four-year college or university

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Students will be selected for the scholarship based on the following:

1. Content submitted on the **application form**
2. The **essay**, an official **transcript** and **an ACT or a SAT score.**
3. One **letter of recommendation** from a high school teacher or counselor
4. Results of an **interview** with the scholarship committee. Semi-finalists will be notified by email of the interview date, time and place.

## TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

AKArama Foundation, Incorporated awards several types of scholarships. **ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS APPLY.** However, there may be additional requirements. Please check the box for each of the scholarship(s) for which you would like to be considered by checking one or more of the boxes below. **Please submit one complete packet.**

**Historically Black College or University Scholarship**

Distribution of this award is based on acceptance at a Historically Black College or university as a full-time student.

**Arts Scholarship—Includes Performing and Non-Performing Arts**

This scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in any area of art.

**Financial Need Scholarship** - To be considered for this scholarship, in addition to meeting all eligibility requirements, student will also to do the following:

1. Fill out the Financial Information Section of this application.

**Academic Achievement Scholarship**

Distribution of this award is based on high scholastic achievement as verified by the ACT or SAT score and cumulative grade point average (GPA).

**Peggy Duke Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a student who will attend **Tennessee State University** or **Fisk University**.

**Virginia Scott Brown Scholarship (For Students Majoring in Education)**

This scholarship will be awarded to an African American female who will obtain a degree in **Education** and attending a historically black college or university. The following requirements also apply:

1. **Have a minimum grade point average of "C"** (GPA of 2.00-2.99)
3. **Provide two (2) letters of recommendation** from a high school teacher(s) and/or counselor
4. **Demonstrate financial need** (Minimum family income ranging from \$12,360-\$35,000) (Must fill out the financial information to be considered for this scholarship.)

**Ruth Montrose Academic Achievement Scholarship**

Distribution of this award is based on high scholastic achievement as verified by the ACT or SAT score, cumulative grade point average (GPA) and committee interview.

**Jacqueline B. Vaughn Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a student who expresses an interest or desire to seek a college degree in the field of Education.

**Patricia A. Jones Scholarship**

This scholarship will be awarded to a student with a "C" average who is majoring in either Social Work or Education.

**Ruth B. Coleman Scholarship**

The scholarship is awarded to an African American female high school student who demonstrates high ethical and moral standards. The scholarship may be awarded to a student in financial need or high academic achiever.

# APPLICATION FORM

**Personal Information (Please Print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First
Middle
Last

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent (s) or Guardian (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information:**

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

List the Names of the College or university you hope to attend	Have you applied (Yes/No)	Accepted (Yes/No)

**PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Responses listed in numbers 1, 2, and 3 must be verified by a counselor or teacher. All verification signatures and contact telephone numbers **MUST BE** on this application.

1. Extra-Curricular Activities in which I participate:

List the school extra-curricular activities in which you have been involved	Signature of Verifier	Contact Phone Number/Email

2. Activity /Accomplishments:

List community activities and organizations in which you participate. Include leadership positions	Signature of Verifier	Contact Phone Number/Email

3. Honors and Awards:

List honors received as evidence of high school scholastic achievement /or athletic ability	Signature of verifier	Contact Telephone Number

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**SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT**

I certify that the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate. I authorize the AKArama Foundation, Incorporated to use the information supplied here solely to assess my eligibility for a scholarship. Family members of the AKArama Foundation are not eligible for scholarship awards.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Please complete this information ONLY IF you are applying for the FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP. List the amount of financial support you expect to receive.**

- A. Family \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Financial aid including loans (Federal and State) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Other scholarships \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Savings \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Employment earnings \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Total the amounts in A through E)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimate the following costs for your first year in college:**

- F. Tuition, fees books, supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Room and board \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL COST OF FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE (Total the amounts in F through I)** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT NEEDED TO COVER EXPENSES**

(Total financial support minus total cost of first year) \_\_\_\_\_