



THE IVY FORUM FOUNDATION

East Lansing, MI

THE IVY FORUM FOUNDATION, INC.

The Ivy Forum Foundation is a 501(c) (3) established to promote advanced learning and advocacy for education programs leading to sustainable well-being among children, youth, and families from marginalized and underrepresented populations in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. The organization routinely fundraises and uses resources and financial support to provide annual scholarships to high school seniors and to support the success of community service projects and organizations in the East Lansing area.

THE 2026 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® CHI EPSILON OMEGA COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. It is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African American college-educated women. Its membership comprises distinguished women who boast excellent academic records, proven leadership skills, and are involved in the global community through advocacy and service.

On October 2, 2002, 36 women chartered the Chi Epsilon Omega (CEO) Chapter with the same fortitude, vigor, intelligence, and persistence. Our chapter has had a tremendous impact on East Lansing and the surrounding communities. We are the first African American organization chartered in East Lansing, Michigan.

Scholarship information and criteria:

The Ivy Forum Foundation will award a one-time \$1,500 scholarship to two (2) graduating economically challenged high school seniors from disparately impacted communities in East Lansing. Seniors must attend one of the eligible high schools and have demonstrated exceptional academic merit, leadership, and commitment to service. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend a four-year college or university and continue their leadership and service during their collegiate experience.

ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOLS

Bath High School

East Lansing High School

Dewitt High School

Haslett High School

Holt High School

Mason High School

Okemos High School

St. Johns High School

Williamston High School

**Students who reside in any of the above-listed cities are also eligible to apply.

Completed applications must be postmarked via U.S. mail OR submitted via email/online form by Friday, April 24, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. EST



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AKA CEO COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Except for the signature field, all fields must be typed or printed legibly in a 12-point font. Use N/A to indicate "Not Applicable."

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

High School Name: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ (4.0 Scale; See Attached Transcript)

ACT Composite Score: _____ **SAT Composite Score:** _____

List any academic honors, awards, and recognitions you have received in high school:

Name of Award Award Donor Date Awarded (MM/YYYY)

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List any *school-related* extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school:

Name of Activity/Club/Team Position Held Date (MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY)

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List any community-related extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school:

_____	_____	_____
Name of Activity/Club/Team	Position Held	Date (MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY)
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
Name of Activity/Club/Team	Position Held	Date (MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY)

List any community honors, awards, and recognitions you received during the last four years:

_____	_____	_____
Name of Award	Award Donor	Date Awarded (MM/YYYY)
_____	_____	_____
Name of Award	Award Donor	Date Awarded (MM/YYYY)
_____	_____	_____
Name of Award	Award Donor	Date Awarded (MM/YYYY)

List your employment history during high school:

_____	_____	_____
Name of Activity/Club/Team	Position Held	Date (MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY)
_____	_____	_____
Name of Activity/Club/Team	Position Held	Date (MM/YYYY-MM/YYYY)

List colleges to which you have applied:

List colleges to which you have been accepted:

List your intended Major/Program of study:

(Indicate "Undecided" if unknown)



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Is your intended college or university a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)?

____ Yes ____ No

Are you an immediate family* member of an *Alpha Kappa Alpha* member? ____ Yes ____ No

*Immediate family includes children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws, adopted, half, and step-relations.

List financial assistance (scholarships, grants, work study, and/or loans) you have been awarded or expect to receive; OR attach copies of college award letters and any scholarships from private donors.

Provide the following parent, guardian, and family information:

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Number of siblings currently at home: ____ **Number of siblings attending college:** ____

****I certify that the information and essay response to question two I have provided on this application are accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the two (2) essays submitted are the original work of this applicant.***

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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B. ESSAY TOPICS

Write two (2) separate essays (150-200 words each), addressing the following topics:

1. Describe how any of the following have influenced your college choice: person (activist, athlete, musician, social media influencer); an event; movie; television program; or book. What type of influencer would you want to be to have the greatest community impact? Be specific.
2. Why do you consider yourself economically challenged? How will the *AKACEO 2026 Community Scholarship* assist you financially during your first year in college? Be specific.



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THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please review the checklist below to ensure all requirements have been completed.

- Fully completed application with two (2) essays of 150-200 words each. **Incomplete applications will not be considered or returned.**
- Scholar and parent signatures as required
- Copy of an official high school transcript, including first-semester Senior grades
- One Letter of Recommendation from a high school staff member
- One Letter of Recommendation from a community person
- Photograph of Scholar (e.g., headshot, passport, or school photo; no selfies)
- A minimum GPA of 2.00 or higher
- ACT and/or SAT scores, if available
- **Immediate family members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® are ineligible. (Immediate family is defined as children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws, adopted, half, and step members)**
- Scholarship recipients will matriculate into a four-year college/university this summer or fall.
- Scholarship recipients must submit a copy of their college enrollment verification information via email or U.S. mail by **April 24, 2026. No extensions will be given.**
- Scholarship recipients will be awarded a **one-time** \$1,500 scholarship

Submit **all** documents together, *postmarked* via U.S. mail (address below), emailed electronically, or complete the online form by **Friday, April 24, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
Chi Epsilon Omega Chapter
The Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 913
East Lansing, MI 48826

Electronic Submissions, complete with attachments, may be emailed to: akaceoscholarship@gmail.com.

All materials submitted with the application, including photographs, become the property of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Chi Epsilon Omega, and may be used for promotional purposes. Submission of your application constitutes your authorization and release. Incomplete submissions will not be judged or returned.