Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter

Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship Application Form

Founded in 1908 at Howard University, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® is the oldest Greek-letter organization established in America by African American college women. Since its founding, the sorority has flourished into a globally impactful organization of over 300,000 college trained members, bound by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant-leadership that is both domestic and international in its scope. Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter is an alumnae chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. serving Southern Illinois since 1941.

Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship Criteria

* Full-time African American male or female high school senior.

* Resides in Southern Illinois (Jackson/Williamson counties).

* Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

* Demonstrated community service involvement.

* Identify honors and awards.

APPLICATION PACKETS MUST CONTAIN ALL OF THE ITEMS BELOW. INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

1. Completed typed application form including a typed Personal Essay (See Section D)

2. Two (2) typed letters of recommendation. One (1) academic and one (1) professional or personal (non relative/family member). Letters must include the recommender's contact information.

3. Official transcript from high school. This transcript MUST include **cumulative** GPA.

4. Certification of Admissibility or College acceptance letter for the 2025-2026 academic school year must accompany this application.

How to Apply

Complete the official Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship Application Form (attached). **Applications must be signed by a parent/guardian.**

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Completed application packets must be emailed by the application submission deadline to: aka1908gko@gmail.com

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ATTN: Scholarship Committee

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Section A: Contact Information

First Name_____ Last Name_____ Middle Initial _____

Address_____City_____ Zip Code_____

Contact Phone_____ Email_____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Name_____ Parent's/ Guardian's Phone _____

Parent(s)/Legal/Guardian Address _____

Are you Employed: Yes or No ☐ If Yes: Name of Employer _____

School Attendance (High School) Start Dates: _____

End Dates: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Section B: Leadership, Volunteer/Academic Service Activities

1. List high school extra-curricular activities

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2. List school sponsored clubs/activities (student council, chorus, etc.)

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3. List community activities (#CAP, church, volunteering, etc.)

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4. Work Experience

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Section C: Awards/Honors

List recognition/awards/memberships

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Section D: Personal Essay

In a separate document, complete a **200-250** word, typed, double spaced essay on the following topic:

One of the five tenets of the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is to be of "Service to All Mankind". Discuss the importance of community service.

Section E: University/College Acceptance

List university/college to which you have been accepted to attend:

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Certification

I hereby certify that all information in this packet is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting false or inaccurate information/claims may result in forfeiture of scholarship. In the event my son/daughter is selected as a recipient, I hereby grant permission to the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter to publish his/her name and photo in the media (including social media)

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Student Signature/ Date Parent/Guardian Signature /Date

Applications should be submitted no later than April 11, 2025. Based upon submissions, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® reserves the right to extend the application deadline.

For direct inquiries related to this scholarship or more information about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, and the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter, please visit www.akagko41.com.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Gamma Kappa Omega Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request personal interviews if necessary. Scholarship recipients shall be notified by letter of the award decision and may be asked to attend a formal award ceremony.

Recipient will receive award in two separate allotments for the academic year for each semester enrolled.

All information is kept confidential.

Kimberly Smith-Drake, President
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