



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 2024-2025 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.**

Completed application packets must be emailed by the application submission deadline to: [aka1908gko@gmail.com](mailto:aka1908gko@gmail.com)

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[aka1908gko@gmail.com](mailto:aka1908gko@gmail.com)  
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 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's mission 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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*Note: Certification of Admissibility or College acceptance letter for the 2024-2025 school year must accompany this application.*

**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

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Parent/Guardian Signature /Date

***Applications should be submitted no later than April 1, 2024. 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](http://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.*