



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
ALPHA CHI OMEGA

To Whom It May Concern:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was the first Greek-lettered organization founded by black college women on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of service to all mankind.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and their contributions to the sorority and society. The Alpha Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated will award its biennial Helen Adams Rouse Scholarship to high school seniors, in the Tulsa Metropolitan area who will attend an HBCU through 2025. The Helen Adams Rouse Scholarship Awards consists of three (3) scholarships, one (1st) \$5000, (2nd) \$3000 and (3rd) \$2000.

Enclosed is the scholarship packet that provides specific information regarding the scholarship criteria and instructions on how to apply. The scholarship recipients will be notified in April 2024 and will be invited to attend the May 2024 scholarship award ceremony.

We are requesting that you disseminate this application packet to eligible students and share this information with colleagues.

For additional information, please contact Sharman Sanders at aka.acohelenrouce.scholarship@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Niani Christian-Ware
Committee Chairman

Amber Maxwell
President



HELEN ADAMS ROUCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Helen Adams Rouce was an educator who started her teaching career in 1933 at Booker T. Washington School in Sand Springs, OK. She taught black students first through twelfth grades until 1966, when schools were desegregated. Rouce also taught mathematics and science at Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, OK until she retired in 1976. Rouce was also the first member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in the Mid-Western Region to be honored for 75 years of continuous service.

Award Allocations

The Helen Adams Rouce Scholarship consists of three scholarship awards.

- 1- \$5000
- 2- \$3000
- 3- \$2000

Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Be a female senior attending a Tulsa, or metro area high school.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Plan to attend an HBCU (historically black college or university)
- Provide proof of financial need

Instructions

Submit a complete application along with the following documents:

- A biographical sketch, including an essay entitled "The Importance of Pursuing an Education" (maximum of 2 pages typed, double spaced, times roman font, size 12, MLA format)
- A resume that includes extra-curricular activities, community service, high school honors, organizations, offices held
- A copy of ACT or SAT scores
- An official seven semester high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the registrar's office
- Three letters of recommendation (one REQUIRED from a teacher or counselor at your school, two other letters **Family members are not eligible to write letters of recommendation**)
- A personal photo attached to the upper right-hand corner of application (will not be returned)

Deadline

A complete application and all supporting documents must be postmarked no later **April 30, 2024.**

Mail all documents in one envelope to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship Committee

ATTN: Niani Christian-Ware Chairman

P.O. Box 27033 | Tulsa, OK 74148 | Email: aka.acohelenrouce.scholarship@gmail.com.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Legal Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Email _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Telephone Number _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____ High School Location _____

Graduation Date _____ GPA _____

HBCU(s) applied to:	Accepted:	YES	NO
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you applied for or received any financial assistance for the 2024-25 school year? YES NO

If yes, please provide Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian (mother) _____ Occupation _____

Parent/Guardian (father) _____ Occupation _____

Address (if different from either parent) _____

Number of dependent children in family _____ Number in grades K-12 _____

Number in college _____

PARENT GUARDIAN: *I have read the application and declare that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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HELEN ADAMS ROUCE SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

1. A financial need must be established by providing proof.
2. The scholarship recipient must attend a historically black college or university (HBCU) to receive this scholarship. The scholarship recipient forfeits the scholarship if she does not attend an HBCU. In this event, the scholarship committee reserves the right to award the scholarship to another applicant.
3. The scholarship recipient must have a grade point average of at least 2.5.
4. The scholarship recipient must provide proof of official enrollment. The scholarship will be awarded only after proof of official enrollment (after official university drop/add deadline) is received.
5. Scholarship funds will be made payable to the student or guardian.
6. Notification must be given to the Scholarship Committee by the recipient within ten (10) days for any changes in the initial application criteria.

WE AGREE TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AS STATED IN THIS AGREEMENT

Recipient's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Chapter President

Date

Committee Chairman

Date