

In the words of Oprah Winfrey, “Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.” By funding five college scholarships, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Omicron Chi Omega (OCO) Chapter is demonstrating a commitment to advancing our race. Named in memory of Ivies beyond the Wall, the Mary G. Porter, Mary F. Williams, Roslyn C. Dunn, Kimberly R. Davis, and Mildred C. Brown Scholarships provide financial assistance to African American high school seniors who demonstrate academic achievement, integrity, and church, civic, and/or community service.

Today, our high school students have many more opportunities and choices; however, they are also faced with greater challenges. The yearly cost of a higher education, at in-state four year colleges or universities, is between \$17,000.00 and \$40,000.00. Financial aid loans are plentiful and easily obtained; however, many will face the probability of not being able to repay those loans after graduation because of an inability to secure a well-paying job. Grants, though few in number, still exist but are usually awarded to low-income families. Scholarships also come with specific requirements; nevertheless, they are a financially safe and desirable alternative.

On occasion, it can be too late but it is never too early to begin searching and securing money for college. As you assist your children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors, the 2017 OCO Scholarship Committee would like for you to know:

- In May/June, OCO will award four (4) \$2,000.00 scholarships to African American high school seniors (female or male) attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).
 - **Please note: If awarded a scholarship and the recipient doesn't attend an HBCU, he/she forfeits the scholarship.**
- In May/June, OCO will award one (1) \$2,000.00 scholarship to an African American high school senior (female or male) attending a non-HBCU. The non-HBCU can be a four-year college or university, a community college, or a trade/technical/business school.
 - **Please note: If awarded a scholarship and the recipient doesn't attend a non-HBCU, he/she forfeits the scholarship.**
- Committee members will review your OCO scholarship application for completion before submission.
- OCO scholarship committee members have a suggested listing of books, websites, and scholarships for your research. All Greek letter organizations and many community service organizations offer scholarships.

As you seek financial assistance for college expenses; the scholarship committee recommends that you:

Contact your high school counseling department/career counselors and request information on financial aid opportunities and ROTC programs. Did you know a full four-year ROTC scholarship that could pay between \$100,000.00 and \$225,000.00 of your tuition expenses exists?

- Research companies and businesses for scholarship opportunities.
 - Are you familiar with the **Gates Millennium Undergraduate Scholars Program**? It covers tuition, fees, books, and living expenses for low-income minority students graduating from high school or a college student continuing college courses.
- Request a copy of your 2015 or 2016 high school awards program containing a listing of the organizations, families, businesses, companies, etc., that have awarded scholarships at your high school.
- Research **FastWEB** – a free online scholarship matching service and college search service that lists over 1.5 million scholarships. FastWEB is an acronym for (F)inancial (A)id (S)earch (T)hrough the (WEB).
- Use the **Naviance Program** to assist with college application process, financial aid and available scholarships.
- Attend College Fairs and Financial Aid Workshops to gain additional information.

High school graduating seniors are our future educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, community and world leaders, and the women of OCO are committed to helping them succeed.

****The Committee will begin distributing the
OCO scholarship applications on
Monday, January 23, 2017.**

**Applications must be postmarked on or before
Friday, March 17, 2017.**

**Late or incomplete packets will not
be considered. ****

From: The 2017 Scholarship Committee

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Omicron Chi Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 1905
Woodbridge, Virginia 22195**

**Mary G. Porter, Kimberly R. Davis, Roslyn C. Dunn,
Mary F. Williams and Mildred C. Brown Scholarships**

The members of Omicron Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® are pleased to announce the availability of five (5) \$2,000.00 scholarships for the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Academic School Year.

To qualify for the **Mary G. Porter, Kimberly R. Davis, Roslyn C. Dunn, or Mary F. Williams Scholarships**, the applicant must:

1. Be an African American **male or female** graduating from a high school in Prince William County, Manassas, or Manassas Park, Virginia. If the applicant resides outside the Prince William County Virginia area, the applicant must receive a recommendation from an Omicron Chi Omega Chapter member.
(Daughters and/or sons of Omicron Chi Omega members are eligible to apply and must meet all of the requirements).
2. Have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
3. Attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) within one (1) year of high school graduation.

To qualify for the **Mildred C. Brown Scholarship**, the applicant must:

1. Be an African American **male or female** graduating from a high school in Prince William County, Manassas, or Manassas Park, Virginia. If the applicant resides outside the Prince William County Virginia area, the applicant must receive a recommendation from an Omicron Chi Omega Chapter member.
(Daughters and/or sons of Omicron Chi Omega Chapter members are eligible to apply and must meet all of the requirements).
2. Have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Attend a non-HBCU, a community college, a trade and/or business school within one (1) year of high school graduation.
4. Participate in a selection panel interview.

All completed applications must include:

1. An official, sealed high school transcript.
2. Two (2) character references from any combination of school, community, civic and religious leaders. Please use the attached reference forms.
3. A 100-300 word essay stating any financial need and why you should receive one of the scholarships.

Please type or print legibly and complete the attached application. Selection is based upon GPA, academic potential, school and community involvement, references, an interview, and the timely return of completed application forms.

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*Please forward all completed packets on or
before Friday, March 17, 2017 to:*

**Mrs. Glorine Gholson
3202 Shoreview Road
Triangle, VA 22172**

**If you have questions, please contact
Mrs. Glorine Gholson at 703.221.1524 or
[Scholarship@omicronchiomega-aka.com.](mailto:Scholarship@omicronchiomega-aka.com)**

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Scholarship Application

(Please type or print in **Black** ink. Thank you.)

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| Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: |
| Address: | | |
| Phone Number: | | |
| Birthdate: | | |
| Name of Parents or Guardians/Phone Number: | | |
| Are you employed? Place of employment: | | |
| Position: | | |
| High School Attended: | | |
| School Address and Phone Number: | | |
| Dates Attended: | | |
| Membership in School Clubs and Organizations: | | |
| Positions Held: | | |
| Honors/Awards: | | |
| Other Activities/Hobbies: | | |
| List all colleges to which you have applied or will apply (Name of college, city and state): | | |
| List all other grants or scholarships to which you have applied or will apply: | | |
| List all scholarships or grants awarded: | | |

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| Are you planning to attend a HBCU? Yes: No: |
| <i>(*If yes, you will be considered for the Porter, Davis, Dunn, or Williams Scholarship only*)</i> |
| <i>(*If no, you will be considered for the Brown Scholarship only*)</i> |
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| What are your goals and plans for the future? |
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| Signature of Applicant: | Date: |
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| Signature of Parent/Guardian: | Date: |
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Scholarship Reference Form
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| Name of Applicant: |
| High School: |
| Date: |

| Ratings Chart: | |
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| 5 | Exceptional or invariably exceeds peers in this area. |
| 4 | Very Good or exceeds peers in this area. |
| 3 | Good and is consistent with those of peers in this area. |
| 2 | Fair and occasionally falls below peers in this area. |
| 1 | Consistently falls below peers in this area. |
| 0 | Not applicable or Not Observed in this area. |

Instructions: Please circle the corresponding number on the row that best expresses your opinion of the applicant.

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| Character | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Dependability | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Reliability | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Industriousness | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Cooperativeness | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Motivation | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Initiative | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Communication Skills | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Relationship with Peers | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Relationship with Teachers/Adults | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Ability to Pursue College Work | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Community Activities | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

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| Additional Comments: |
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| Name of Rater: | Signature: |
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