



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®  
Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter  
2023 Elrea Snellings-Gibbs Memorial Scholarship  
Eligibility Criteria**

**Application Deadline: April 17, 2023**

**Scholarship Award:** \$6,000 (The grand prize winner will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship each year beginning with the 2023- 2024 school year for four consecutive years totaling \$6,000 if all scholarship terms are met.)

**Book Stipend:** The first runner-up will receive a one-time \$500 textbook stipend for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Be an African-American female senior in her last semester at a local area high school with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale – unweighted.
2. Will attend an accredited four-year Historically Black (HBCU) or United Negro College Fund-supported college or university.  
*The recipient must forward a letter of acceptance and verification of full-time enrollment in the attending institution.*

**Scholarship Terms:** An initial award letter will be sent to the recipients at the close of the application review period. Prior to award issuance, the recipients must submit proof of full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 hours) in a four-year accredited HBCU. The recipient of the \$6,000 award must maintain full-time (minimum of 12 hours) enrollment status at an HBCU; sustain a cumulative average of 2.75; and evidence of continued enrollment. If at any time during the four-year award period the scholarship recipient fails to meet any of the criteria stated above or provides false information, the recognition, monetary award and consideration of all future awards will be forfeited.

**Application Checklist:** All items listed must be submitted no later than April 17, 2023. The application packet must include each item listed in the checklist below:

- ❖ A completed application form signed and dated by the applicant and the applicant's parent or guardian to include a minimum of 75 verified volunteer service hours completed in 9th -12<sup>th</sup> grades. Provide any supporting documentation.

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- ❖ A copy of the applicant’s high school transcript; including first-semester senior year grades. Blackout sensitive information, such as social security numbers prior to submission.

**Application Checklist Continued:**

- ❖ Two letters of recommendation from the following: one from an educator (i.e. teachers, school counselor, administrator, etc.) and the second from a member of the community (i.e. religious/community leaders, employers, etc.) who can attest to the applicant’s character, scholastic achievement and potential to be a leader in the community.
- ❖ A copy of a current photograph
- ❖ A typed essay (300-500 words) answering the question below. All essays will be judged on content, organization, grammar, and spelling.  
**What impact have your extracurricular activities (i.e., volunteering, organizations, sports, employment, etc.) had on your character and aspirations? Describe and discuss specific elements which have motivated the change(s) in your character and/or aspirations.**
- ❖ Application Packet Submission by April 17, 2023.
- ❖ Email questions to [xyqscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:xyqscholarship@gmail.com)

**Submit the application and supporting documents by one or more of the following methods:**

QR Scan for Application	Online Application Link
	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/230486626360154">https://form.jotform.com/230486626360154</a>

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