

TWENTY PEARLS FOUNDATION, INC. *and* XI GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER *of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

Application for Scholarship Awards 2024-2025

The Xi Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will be awarding scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, to outstanding African American high school seniors. The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and financial need. The scholarship award will be paid to the recipient upon proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university, for the 2024-2025 academic year. Complete this application to apply for any of the awards listed below. Only submit one application to be considered for the awards you designate on the application.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- Anita Baskervill Harris Scholarship
- Beverly Hill Scholarship
- Chieko Campbell Scholarship
- Dr. Jem Lee African-American Scholarship
- Gail Johnson Murphy Scholarship
- Golden/Pearl Scholarship
- HBCU Scholarship
- Nettie Chase Backstrom Scholarship
- Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner Scholarship
- Silver Stars Scholarship
- Willie Campbell Scholarship

BASIS OF AWARD:

1. The Applicant must be a graduating senior from one of the Bay Area counties listed: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Solano or the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, in Northern California.
2. The applicant will be required to participate in an interview.
3. Scholarship viability will be based on high school records showing a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or 2.5 for the Golden/Pearl, Dr. Jem Lee African-American, Chieko and Willie Campbell scholarships). If you submit an application with a GPA lower than a 3.0 you must also submit a statement that explains the mitigating circumstances that caused your GPA to fall below a 3.0. (physical education, dance, and other non-academic courses will not be included in the GPA calculation).
4. Economic need is based on family size and income.

Note: Children of Xi Gamma Omega Chapter members are excluded from applying.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. A completed application form.
2. An official copy of your high school transcript(s) as of January 2023, showing credit for each course grade and date of completion.
3. Two letters of recommendation from the following:
 - Teachers, counselors, or principal (at least one letter of recommendation from this group)
 - Church or community leaders, friends or employers
4. A recent headshot photo of you must accompany the application.
5. A personal statement describing who you are and evidence of your achievements that are not reflected in other parts of your attached application. The personal statement must also explain how and why the events described have shaped your attitude, focus, and most of all, your intellectual vitality. Essay must be 300-500 words, 1-3 pages, typed and doubled-space.

Upload completed application and ALL supporting documents in one file using this form:

<https://bit.ly/xgoscholarship2024>

Only complete applications submitted by **January 31, 2024** will be considered for the scholarship. Feel free to make additional copies of the application if needed. The Scholarship application may be downloaded from:

www.xigammaomega.com.

Finalist interviews will be held prior to February 28, 2024 and will last approximately 15 minutes.

Please email XGOScholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions, or call Gloria Harmon (510.541.7182).

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SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:

Anita Baskervill Harris Scholarship

Anita Baskervill Harris was a chartering member of Xi Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was a flight attendant for World Airways, a college instructor, and a creator of a line of ethnically diverse Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. She made valuable contributions to the community.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

Beverly Hill Scholarship

Beverly Hill is a member of Xi Gamma Omega Chapter and a retired middle school principal. She is committed to supporting higher education.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior from an Oakland Public School
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

Chieko Campbell Scholarship

Chieko Campbell was committed to assisting those who endeavored to obtain a college degree. It was her desire to provide financial support to aid students in achieving their educational goals.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited community college or 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

Dr. Jem Lee African-American Scholarship

Dr. Jem Lee, husband of Golden Member Frankie Lee, was an East Bay veterinarian and a Berkeley High School and HBCU graduate. He had a sincere commitment to supporting African-American/Black students in their journey to collegiate experiences.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

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Gail Johnson Murphy Scholarship

Gail Johnson Murphy is a Golden Member in Xi Gamma Omega Chapter and is a retired Oakland Public Schools educator. She has a deep commitment to education and funds this scholarship for a student who is graduating from an Oakland Public School.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior from an Oakland Public School
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

Golden/Pearl Scholarship

Golden Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. have 50 to 64 years of service in the sorority, and Pearl Members have 65 years or more of service in the sorority. Xi Gamma Omega Golden and Pearl Members are valued members of the chapter and have funded this scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited community college or 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Scholarship

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is dedicated to Exemplifying Excellence by supporting our HBCUs. Xi Gamma Omega is offering scholarships to students who will be attending an accredited HBCU.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited HBCU in the 2024-2025 academic year

Nettie Chase Backstrom Scholarship

Nettie Chase Backstrom, mother of Golden Member Donna Backstrom-Jones, was a dedicated Oakland Unified School District Teacher/Counselor for over 30 years and a proud HBCU Graduate. She had a sincere commitment to furthering the educational pursuits of African American students in the Oakland community.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior from an Oakland Public School
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited California 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

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SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:

Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Sensational 16 of Xi Gamma Omega to honor the memory and life of Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner. She exemplified the principles of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, including succeeding in her educational endeavors. She earned her undergraduate degree from Howard University, and her Juris Doctorate from Golden Gate University School of Law.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- African American Student
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year
- Resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, or Solano County

Silver Stars Scholarship

Silver Star Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. have 25 to 49 years of service in the sorority. Xi Gamma Omega Silver Star Members are vital and vibrant members of the chapter and have funded this scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- African American Student
- GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year
- Resident of Alameda County

Willie Campbell Scholarship

Willie Campbell was committed to assisting those who endeavored to obtain a college degree. It was his desire to provide financial support to aid students in achieving their educational goals.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduating Senior
- GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale
- Attending an accredited community college or 4-year college or university in the 2024-2025 academic year

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION:

Which scholarship award(s) are you applying for (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anita Baskervill Harris Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Gail Johnson Murphy Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Rachel Elizabeth Imani Buckner Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverly Hill Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden/Pearl Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Stars Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chieko Campbell Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> HBCU Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Willie Campbell Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jem Lee African-American Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Nettie Chase Backstrom Scholarship | |

(Please type or print clearly contact information)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: _____
(Number, Street)

(City, State, Zip)

Telephone: _____
(Home) (Cell)

Birthdate: _____ Email: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Current high school and address:

Colleges to which you have applied: _____

Intended major: _____

Extra-curricular activities and offices held: _____

Please briefly describe your Senior Project (if applicable): _____

Awards: _____

Community Activities: _____

*If additional space is needed please attach additional sheets.

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Employment History:

Employer	Dates	Hrs / Week	Salary

Ethnic Background: African Am. LatinX Asian Am./Pacific Islander European Am. Other

Parent / Guardian Information:

Married: Single Parent: Divorced:

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Annual Gross Income: Under \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$50,000
 \$50,001 - \$75,000 \$75,001 - \$100,000 Over \$100,001

Number of dependents in the family, excluding you: _____

List age(s) of dependents, excluding you: _____

How many dependents will be in college in September 2024: _____

What college / vocational school are they attending: _____

List other scholarships you have received, including the organization's name and dollar amount. _____

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If you are unable to participate in an interview, you are ineligible to apply for the scholarship(s). No exceptions.

All materials must be submitted by January 31, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered for this award. Please retain a copy for your records. Good luck!

Your signature below certifies the following: To the best of my knowledge the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Incorrect information may result in your application and/or scholarship being withdrawn. We reserve the right to verify all information provided on this application.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Xi Gamma Omega Annual Scholarship Luncheon on **April 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** If you are selected you will be expected to attend.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Date