

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

Application for Scholarship Awards 2023-2024

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 2023-2024 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
- Dr. Jem Lee African-American Scholarship
- Gail Johnson Murphy Scholarship
- Golden/Pearl Sorors Scholarship
- HBCU Scholarship
- Nettie Chase Backstrom Scholarship
- Silver Stars 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 Sorors and Dr. Jem Lee African-American 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 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/xgoscholarship2023>

Only complete applications submitted by **January 31, 2023** 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, 2023 and will last approximately 15 minutes.

Please email XGOScholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions,
or call Ora Anderson (510.507.5503) or Tonya Jones Allred (510.734.7875).

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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 2023-2024 academic year

Dr. Jem Lee African-American Scholarship

Dr. Jem Lee, husband of Golden Soror 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 2023-2024 academic year

Gail Johnson Murphy Scholarship

Gail Johnson Murphy is a Golden Soror in Xi Gamma Omega Chapter who was an 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 2023-2024 academic year

Golden/Pearl Sorors Scholarship

Golden Sorors are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. who have 50 to 64 years of service in the sorority, and Pearl Sorors have 65 years or more of service in the sorority. Xi Gamma Omega Golden and Pearl Sorors 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 academic year

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SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS:

Nettie Chase Backstrom Scholarship

Nettie Chase Backstrom, mother of Golden Soror 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 2023-2024 academic year

Silver Stars Scholarship

Silver Star Sorors are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. who have 25 to 49 years of service in the sorority. Xi Gamma Omega Silver Star Sorors 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 2023-2024 academic year
- Resident of Alameda County

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION:

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

- ☐ Anita Baskervill Harris Scholarship
- ☐ Golden/Pearl Sorors Scholarship
- ☐ Silver Stars Scholarship
- ☐ Dr. Jem Lee African-American Scholarship
- ☐ HBCU Scholarship
- ☐ Gail Johnson Murphy Scholarship
- ☐ Nettie Chase Backstrom Scholarship

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

Address: _____
(Number, Street)

(City, State, Zip)

Telephone: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Birthdate: _____ Email: _____

Graduation Date: _____ (Please type or print clearly contact information)

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:

How many dependents will be in college in September 2023:

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, 2023. 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 15, 2023 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