



*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®,  
Xi Sigma Omega Chapter*

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November 1, 2017

Dear Graduating Senior:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Xi Sigma Omega Chapter, in collaboration with the Pearls of Hope Community Foundation, Incorporated (POHCF), is pleased to provide the enclosed application for the Xi Sigma Omega Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Scholarship (\$4,500), which will be distributed in the amount of \$1,500 for the first year and then \$1,000 for the next three years; the Golden Soror Scholarship, Ola Carter Berry Scholarship, Bernadine M. Pindell Scholarship (each \$1,500) and Partica Moore-Batten Scholarship (\$1,000). Additionally, we will award the Beatrice Crutchfield and Ola Carter Berry Book Scholarships in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) each from the group of finalists. All applications and additional documents **must be received by Friday, February 16, 2018**.

Below is a brief description of our scholarships:

- The Xi Sigma Omega HBCU Scholarship is presented in support of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated national programs and our commitment to sustaining HBCU's for many years to come.
- The Ola Carter Berry Scholarship is presented in honor of our first deceased charter member of the Xi Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It is awarded to students that demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments and financial need. The student may matriculate at any college or university.
- The Golden Soror Scholarship is presented in honor of Xi Sigma Omega Chapter members who have been members of the sorority for more than 50 years and awarded to students with outstanding community service. Students must matriculate at an HBCU.
- The Bernadine M. Pindell Scholarship is presented in honor of Xi Sigma Omega's first chapter President. This scholarship is awarded to students majoring in mathematics or engineering that demonstrates outstanding academic achievement.
- The Partica Moore-Batten Scholarship is presented in her honor to a student who is pursuing a career in education attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).
- Ola Carter Berry and Beatrice Crutchfield Book Scholarships are presented in memory of these specific sorority members or family members who have passed away.
- Delegate Pamela E. Queen Scholarship is presented in honor of Pamela E. Queen a member of

the House of Delegates. This scholarship is awarded to students that demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments, community service and financial need. The student may matriculate at any two or four-year college in the State of Maryland.

In our 34 years of existence as a chapter, Xi Sigma Omega has awarded more than \$163,500 in scholarships. In these times of economic need, we are proud to continue our tradition of making a difference in Upper Montgomery County, Maryland. To be eligible for these scholarships, you must be a senior in high school and reside in Montgomery County, MD.

### **Scholarship Interviews**

The Scholarship Committee will select and interview finalists from the pool of eligible applicants. Finalists will be notified, and interviews will be held **March 3-4, 2018** at the North-Bethesda Marriott. The scholarships will be awarded publicly at our 2018 Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on **April 7, 2018**.

Please feel free to contact me at [akaxisigmaomegascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:akaxisigmaomegascholarships@gmail.com) or 301-802-1804 if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

*Krystal Gutierrez*

Krystal Gutierrez, Scholarship Committee Chair  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Xi Sigma Omega Chapter

*Stacey G. Mangham*

Stacey G. Mangham, President  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Xi Sigma Omega Chapter

*LaNay B. Coleman*

LaNay B. Coleman, President  
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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Please indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying to and remember to include the checklist with your application.**

- The Xi Sigma Omega HBCU Scholarship (\$4,500):** For students who **plan to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)**. Desired applicants must be able to document an extraordinary number of service learning hours with outstanding community service; demonstrated leadership, e.g., Student Government Association officer, class president, captain of a sports team, etc. Applicant must have and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 out of 4.0 or 4.0 out of a 5.0 scale. The HBCU scholarship is a renewable scholarship paid in \$1,500 for the first year and then \$1,000 for the next three years annually provided the student meets the stated renewal criteria. *ESSAY TOPICS:* 1) What can you contribute to a HBCU community? 2) What current event will affect the world in the next four years and why?
- The Golden Soror Scholarship (\$1,500):** For students who **plan to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)**. *ESSAY TOPIC:* Discuss your attraction, motivation, or significance for pursuing a higher education and graduating from an HBCU institution.
- The Ola Carter Berry Scholarship (\$1,500):** **For students with financial need.** Students may attend any college or university. *ESSAY TOPIC:* College is expensive for all, why do you think you deserve this scholarship and why is college important to you? Please **remember to include a description of your financial need within your essay.**
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- The Partica Moore-Batten Scholarship (\$1,000):** For students **who plan to major in education** attending a **Historically Black College or University (HBCU)**. *ESSAY TOPIC:* Discuss the importance of education in our society.
- Delegate Pamela E. Queen Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to students that demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments, community service and financial need. The student may matriculate at any two or four-year college or university in the State of Maryland. *ESSAY TOPIC:* Which community service project are you most proud of and why? Please see page 4 for criteria.

**Delegate Pamela E. Queen Scholarship**  
District 14, Montgomery County  
House Office Building, [Room 224](#)  
[6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401](#)

Pamela E. Queen has been a member of the House of Delegates since February 26, 2016; Judiciary Committee, 2016 (Criminal Justice subcommittee, 2017); Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, 2016 (Financial Secretary, 2016); and Women Legislators of Maryland, 2016.

Born in New York, New York Delegate Pamela Queen graduated from Tuskegee University with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics. She also attended The Johns Hopkins University and earned her Master of Science in computer science and Master of Science in management. Lastly she attended George Washington University and earned a Ph.D. in finance. She is an Assistant Professor (accounting and finance) at Morgan State University. She is a member of the following organizations: Western Finance Association, 2010; American Accounting Association, 2012; Financial Management Association; American Association of Blacks in Higher Education; Women in Maryland Higher Education; Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, 2010-16 (forum member); District 14 Democratic Club; African-American Democratic Club of Montgomery County; Women's Democratic Club of Montgomery County. Member, League of Women Voters of Montgomery County; Patuxent River Chapter, The Links, Inc.; Montgomery County Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She is also a member of Xi Sigma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority International®; Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society; and Golden Key International Honour Society.

**WHO MAY APPLY:** Current Montgomery County high school seniors in District 14, that attend Blake, Sherwood, Paint Branch, and Damascus High Schools. The Pamela E. Queen Delegate Scholarship is awarded to students that demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments community service and financial need. The student may matriculate at any two or four-year college or university in the State of Maryland.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Complete and file the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 , 2018.

**ESSAY TOPIC:** Which community service project are you most proud of and why?

**ELIGIBLE MAJORS:** All majors are eligible.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** You and your parents (if you are a dependent student) must be Maryland residents. You must enroll at a two or four-year Maryland college or university as a full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester), degree-seeking undergraduate.

**FINANCIAL NEED:** If the Office of Financial Assistance (OSFA) makes the awards for your delegate, you must demonstrate financial need.

**AWARD AMOUNT:**

The maximum annual award is \$2,500. You may hold the Pamela E. Queen Delegate Scholarship in addition to all State awards. The total dollar amount of all State scholarship awards may not exceed your cost of attendance as determined by your college's financial aid office or \$19,000, whichever is less. Funds may not be available to award all eligible students.

**RENEWING AN AWARD:**

Awards are not renewable. You must re-apply each year to your delegate. If required, you must complete and file the FAFSA by March 1, 2018.

**CONDITIONS OF AWARD:** If awarded, the student must register with MDCAPS -Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) MDCAPS is MHEC's comprehensive financial aid system that processes State scholarship applications and allocate funds to students. To use MDCAPS, you must first create a student login profile. To get started with a profile, click this link <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us>.



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must be a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland and a high school senior to apply.
2. You must submit an essay. The topic of the essay varies depending on the scholarship you are applying. Topics are provided in the Scholarship Application Checklist. You must submit a scholarship application checklist indicating which scholarship(s) you are applying for or your application will not be considered. Each essay must be a minimum of 2-full pages (typed), 12pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1- inch margins. **Please Note:** Students applying for the **Ola Carter Berry Scholarship must** also provide information describing your financial need which should be in the form of an essay. Students applying for the four-year scholarship must submit two essays.
3. You must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your academic achievements, community involvement, and character.
4. You must submit an **OFFICIAL** transcript (first quarter or semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade) which should come from your school Registrar in a sealed envelope. You must provide your SAT or ACT scores from the CollegeBoard website [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).
5. All application materials must be received by **Friday, February 16, 2018, no later than midnight EST. We will not accept applications postmarked after the deadline.** All required application materials should be sent via email to [AKAXiSigmaOmegaScholarships@gmail.com](mailto:AKAXiSigmaOmegaScholarships@gmail.com) or sent via Dropbox:

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or mailed to:

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6. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for review.**
7. A complete application consists of Scholarship Application Checklist, Application, Official transcript, three (3) letters of recommendation and Essay(s). Electronic letters of recommendation must include a signature and submitted in a pdf file format. **Please Note:** Documentation of

community service hours is required for the Xi Sigma Omega HBCU scholarship and a description within your essay of financial need is required for the Ola Carter Berry Scholarship.

8. Scholarship award finalists will be notified via phone or email to schedule in-person interviews with the Scholarship Committee that will be held on **March 3-4, 2018**. **Please ensure that your contact information (cell phone number and emails address) is accurate and complete.**
9. Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the school indicated by the award recipient.

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CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT or GUARDIAN’S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION:  
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<u>NAME:</u>	<u>AGE:</u>	<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>SCHOOL:</u>
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CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_



**Must also submit official transcripts from Registrar in sealed envelope:**

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: WEIGHTED: \_\_\_\_\_ UNWEIGHTED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must also submit SAT/ACT scores from CollegeBoard website:**

SAT SCORES: Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT SCORES: English: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Science: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL COLLEGES AT WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED (Please indicate which college you are planning to attend): \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST HONORS, AWARDS OR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST YOUR EXTRA CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST ANY OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST YOUR CHURCH AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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LIST YOUR EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (AFTER SCHOOL, SUMMER OR INTERNSHIPS): \_\_\_\_

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LIST YOUR HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT IS YOUR FUTURE PROFESSION OR INTEREST? \_\_\_\_\_

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Method of Delivery: Email \_\_\_ Dropbox \_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_ Time of submission: \_\_\_\_\_



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