



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**

*Omega Phi Omega Chapter*

**and**

**Historic Coast Pearls, Incorporated**

St. Augustine, Florida



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Greetings!

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by college-educated African-American women. On January 15, 1908, this illustrious organization was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. To trace its history is to tell a remarkable story spanning more than a century in America.

The Historic Coast Pearls, Incorporated is a 501c3 foundation whose mission is to engage in programs and activities that address the community's educational, health, environmental, and social issues.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated® Omega Phi Omega Chapter and Historic Coast Pearls, Incorporated are pleased to announce the 2024 Omega Phi Omega Chapter and Historic Coast Pearls Scholarship opportunity.

Fundraising efforts of our members in the St. Johns and surrounding counties support the scholarships. Both *merit* and *need-based* scholarships, up to \$2500, will be awarded to 2024 graduating high school seniors in St. Johns or surrounding counties.

Interested applicants must complete and submit the scholarship application and supporting documentation via the attached links *on or before Friday, March 8, 2024*. Applicants can apply for both scholarships or select the one that best suits their needs.

Submissions must be on time to be accepted. The completed application will require the following supporting documents:

- Official/Unofficial High School Transcript
- Acceptance Letter from an accredited college or university
- Record of Community Service (include Reference Information) and/or Paid Work Hours (include letter from employer)
- School Official Letter of Recommendation (administrator, counselor, teacher)
- Personal Letter of Recommendation (may not be written by a relative)
- Photo
- Essay

***Merit-Based Scholarship: 2024 AKA OPO Scholarship***

GPA: Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average

**Essay:** The applicant must submit a 250-500 word essay on the below-mentioned topic.

Essays should be typed (Times New Roman 12-point font, with 1-inch margins).

**Essay Topic:** What do you think is the biggest challenge facing young people today? Why? How can one overcome the said challenge?

***Need-Based Scholarship: 2024 HCP Scholarship***

GPA: Have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average

**Essay:** The applicant must submit a 250-500 word essay on the below-mentioned topic.

Essays should be typed (Times New Roman 12-point font, with 1-inch margins).

**Essay Topic:** If given the opportunity to have one wish come true that would benefit you, your community, or the world, which would you choose, what would it be, and why?

Please note that family members of either Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Omega Phi Omega Chapter, or Historic Coast Pearls, Incorporated ***are not eligible*** to receive a scholarship. A family member is defined as biological children, stepchildren, adopted children, grandchildren (biological or through marriage), or a legal ward. In addition, previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

Upon receiving the application, the Scholarship Committee will meet to review the applicant's eligibility, application, and supporting documents. All applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision via email. Selected recipients will be provided with further steps needed to receive their scholarship award.

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