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THE BOSTON PEARL FOUNDATION INC.

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and  
Psi Omega Chapter of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Application for  
2011 Scholarship Award

**Deadline: March 26, 2011**

Scholarship provided by the Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc. of the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Please visit <http://www.akaeaf.org> for additional scholarship opportunities offered by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority became America's first Greek-letter organization established by and for Black women. Her roots date back to Howard University, Washington, DC, where Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of St. Louis, Missouri, conceived the idea for formation. She viewed the Sorority as an instrument for enriching the social and intellectual aspects of college life by providing mental stimulation through interaction with friends and associates.

Through the years, however, Alpha Kappa Alpha's function has become more complex. After her incorporation as a perpetual body in 1913, Alpha Kappa Alpha gradually branched out and became the channel through which selected college-trained women improved the social and economic conditions in their city, state, nation and the world.

Today, that tradition has continued--- internationally, nationally and locally through a nucleus of more than 260,000 members in graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, the U. S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, Korea and the continent of Africa. Our 2010- 2014 great mission is *Global Leadership through Timeless Service*, which has 6 Signature Program Initiatives: I. Emerging Young Leaders, II. Health, III. Global Poverty, IV. Economic Security, V. Social Justice and Humans Rights, and VI. Internal Leadership Training for External Service.

### Scholarship Awards sponsored by the Psi Omega Chapter of

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. &  
The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.**

For over 84 years, the Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has dedicated herself to

servicing the Greater Boston community. In 1932, the Psi Omega presented its first scholarship award of \$75. Since then, more than \$90,000 has been awarded to deserving college students from the Greater Boston area.

### The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.

was founded in 2005 in order to continue the legacy of the Psi Omega scholarship program and to ensure that such scholarships may continue to be provided to qualified candidates in perpetuity.

The monetary amount of the 2011 Scholarship Award ranges from \$1000 to \$2000. Awards are not renewable.

### Eligibility

An applicant for the 2011 Scholarship Award must be an African American female or male Massachusetts resident, who is a **high school senior** applying for Fall 2011 admission into an accredited four-year college/university.

An applicant's grade point average must not be lower than "B" for the cumulative period Grade 9 through the most recent grading period/semester.

### Online Application Form

An applicant may complete the on-line application form by clicking on the "Scholarship" link from the <http://www.akaboston.org> website.

Application forms submitted via email must be received by **11:59 P.M. EST on March 26, 2011**. All other supporting credentials must be postmarked as instructed below.

### Deadline

All application materials must be postmarked by **March 26, 2011**. Applications with incomplete or

missing documentation will not be considered.

Mail completed application form and required supporting credentials to:

**Scholarship Chairman  
The Boston Pearl Foundation, Inc.  
15 Adams Street  
Hyde Park, MA 02136**

## REQUIRED SUPPORTING CREDENTIALS

### High School Transcript

All applicants must submit official sealed copies of their secondary school transcripts, which include the results of all grading periods completed at the time of application.

### Recommendations

Applicants must submit three (3) sealed letters of recommendations. At least one recommendation must be from either a teacher or guidance counselor.

### Essays

All applicants are required to submit a 400-word typewritten essay.

## INTERVIEWS

Interviews with the Scholarship Committee will be required for those applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are chosen as finalists. A Scholarship Committee member will notify finalists regarding interviews, which will be held on **Saturday, April 30, 2011**.

## AWARD DECISIONS

The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants of a decision by **May 7, 2011**. If you are selected as an award recipient, your presence will be required at a recognition event on **Sunday, June 5, 2011**.





# Application for 2011 Scholarship Award

## VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name colleges or universities to which you applied: \_\_\_\_\_

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What will be your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would you benefit from a college education? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently employed? If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

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List the names of three (3) people who are writing letters of recommendation. Indicate how you know the recommender.

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_____	3)

**CHECK LIST**

**Be sure you have included the following in your packet:**

- Completed application
- Official Sealed High School Transcript
- Three (3) Sealed Letters of Recommendation
- 400-word Typewritten Essay