

# Ivy Enrichment Foundation - 2020 Scholarship Application

Founded in 2006 by the members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Pi Nu Omega Chapter; the Ivy Enrichment Foundation (IEF) a non-profit 501©3 charitable entity, is fully committed to making an educational, cultural, and societal difference in the Rutherford County, Tennessee community. In addition to engaging in global and community service, education, health & wellness and economic development programs, we feel it is important to aid in developing talented young African Americans in pursuit of higher education. Through gifts provided by our community donors and the contributions from members of Pi Nu Omega, we annually award several financial scholarships to advance the education of African American males and females who are graduating seniors of Rutherford County high schools.

To date, The Ivy Enrichment Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships; and supports financially and through service, charities in our local community. Our scholarships are aligned with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. International Programs, following the theme ***Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service***. We are dedicated to awarding scholarships focused in areas that enhance the social, economic, and educational well-being of local, national and international communities.

In 2020 the Ivy Enrichment Foundation, will offer **SIX (6)** scholarships, through six specific categories. Multiple awards will be given, **BUT** an applicant is only eligible to apply for and receive one scholarship award, to be determined by the IEF Scholarship Committee.

## **IEF SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The applicant MUST...

- Be an African-American student, male or female
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Be enrolled as a full-time high school senior in a Rutherford County High School
- Plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university Fall 2020 (excludes proprietary and on-line programs)
- Must provide proof of college or university enrollment for Fall 2020 (if awarded scholarship)
- Submit a recent photo with application for use in IEF publications and announcements (Formal senior picture or similar photo preferred)

## **IEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

**The applicant MUST submit the following materials for all scholarship categories:**

- Complete Scholarship Application – incomplete applications will not be considered
- An official stamped high school transcript with ACT scores; in a high school sealed enveloped
- Two completed, signed and dated Recommendation Forms in individual sealed envelopes:
  - Recommendations must be from non-relative high school teacher, coach, community leader(s), or employer (see attached)
- One typed essay (**300-500 words maximum**) addressing one of the 2020 essay topics (See attached)
- School Counselor Recommendation Form – completed and signed (see attached)
- One recent photograph for use in Pi Nu Omega publications and announcements (Senior picture or similar preferred)

**For questions please send email to: [IEF@PiNuOmegaAKA.org](mailto:IEF@PiNuOmegaAKA.org). Applications MUST be postmarked on or before March 25, 2020.**

*Please mail all material to the following address:  
Ivy Enrichment Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee  
P. O. Box 331211  
Murfreesboro, TN 37133*

***Award recipients or their representatives are strongly encouraged to attend the Ivy Enrichment Foundation in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Nu Omega Chapter Scholarship Reception on June 14, 2020.***

***\*Scholarship recipients are required to provide proof of enrollment for Fall 2020 semester before funds are disbursed\****

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## Scholarship Categories

- I. **The Mary C. Scales Academic Excellence Scholarship** – Awarded in honor of the late Mrs. Mary C. Scales, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Nu Omega Chapter. Mrs. Scales was an educator, civic leader and community icon. She was the first African American faculty member at Middle Tennessee State University and the first African American female member of the Murfreesboro City Council. The Murfreesboro City School - Scales Elementary is named after Mrs. Scales and her late husband. This scholarship recipient is the highest Academic Achievement Scholar.

❖ Criteria:

- Cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better
- ACT score of 26 or better
- Demonstration of leadership excellence
- Awards & Recognitions
- 300 to 500-word essay (double-spaced in MLA format) on topic A or B below
  - A. Colin Kaepernick took a knee to bring attention to the abuse by police officers toward African Americans, and the racial oppression of African Americans in the United States. In doing so, it can be argued that he sacrificed his NFL career for what he believed. Is there a cause that you are willing to make such a sacrifice for? Why? How would you motivate others to support your cause?
  - B. If you could combine the best qualities of President Barack Obama with those of President Donald Trump, describe this new leader and how he or she would impact America. Which of their leadership qualities do you best exhibit? Explain your response.

- II. **HBCU for Life Scholarship** - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC – a historically black university. Support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) remains a priority as Alpha Kappa Alpha continues its focus on education with an emphasis on HBCUs. The scholarship recipient will attend a Historically Black College or University in the Fall 2020 Academic year.

❖ Criteria:

- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better
- ACT score of 21 or better
- Must be attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- Demonstration of leadership excellence
- 300 to 500-word essay (double-spaced in MLA format) on topic A or B below
  - A. HBCUs were established in the 1800's to serve the educational needs of black Americans. Today black students can attend any college or university they choose. Why have you chosen to attend a HBCU? What do you hope to gain from a HBCU college experience?
  - B. As the numbers of non-African American students at HBCUs grow, do you think that the unique mission of HBCUs will be changed? Is so, what can be done to preserve the mission?

- III. **Women's Healthcare and Wellness – STEM Scholarship** - Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue to raise community awareness of critical health issues. The primary focuses will be breast cancer awareness and prevention, heart health, nutrition and wellness, and care for the caregivers. The scholarship recipient aspires to earn a STEM degree.

❖ Criteria:

- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better
- ACT score of 21 or better
- Plan to major in a Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) related area
- Demonstration of leadership excellence
- 300 to 500-word essay (double-spaced in MLA format) on topic A or B below
  - A. The current opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug crisis in American history. In your opinion, how can medical professionals, government officials, law enforcement, and citizens join forces to end this heinous attack on Americans? Please be specific and detailed.
  - B. Describe a personal experience where a chronic illness or disease has impacted you and your family. What strategies did you and your family use to accommodate for the illness or disease? Describe the outcome of your response.

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- IV. **Global Impact** - Alpha Kappa Alpha engages in programming designed to enhance the international foot print of the sorority. Focus is on community service projects that have an international impact, as well as partnerships with organizations that make a difference worldwide.
- ❖ Criteria:
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better
  - Community Service and Involvement
  - Demonstration of leadership excellence
  - Extra-curricular activities
  - 300 to 500-word essay (double-spaced in MLA format) on topic A or B below
    - A. Describe a community event that you organized. Discuss vision, goals and accomplishments. Provide full event details including the final outcome of your event i.e. How many people participated, which persons or organizations benefited or how much money was raised or donated, etc.
    - B. It has been reported that the US is divided over how illegal immigration should be addressed. One recommendation is to build a wall at the southern border to control illegal immigrants entering the U.S. What is your perspective on illegal immigration in the United States? Focus specifically on areas of economic security, criminal activity and gaining American citizenship.
- V. **The Arts** – Alpha Kappa Alpha will expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through exploration of writers, entertainers and various other artists.
- ❖ Criteria:
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better
  - Must participate in school or community performing arts program (dance, drama, choir, art, creating writing, band, poetry and spoken word)
  - Demonstration of leadership excellence
  - Awards and Recognitions
  - 300 to 500-word essay (double-spaced in MLA format) on topic A or B below
    - A. Many school districts across the U.S. discontinue creative and performing arts programs when faced with budget constraints. Explain why you believe that Performing Arts programs are as essential to a students' high school tenure as their academics.
    - B. What is your chosen art? Describe your passion for this art and what led you to select the particular art. Explain how it has been beneficial to your life and your plans to continue pursuing it after high school.
- VI. **Building Your Economic Legacy** – Alpha Kappa Alpha emphasizes financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investments, managing debt and improving credit.
- ❖ Criteria:
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better
  - Must exhibit an unwavering commitment to your family (ex. Caring for younger siblings, working a part-time job to help financially)
  - Demonstration of leadership excellence
  - Entrepreneur or currently work a part-time job
  - 300 to 500-word essay (double-spaced in MLA format) on topic A or B below
    - A. Nearly one-third of Americans live at, below, or near the poverty line. Although America is the richest country in the world, some people never realize living without financial worries. What do you believe are some leading causes of poverty? What can be done to reduce poverty in America? How can students begin their lives after high school to avoid the possibility of poverty?
    - B. TV shows such as ABC's Shark Tank are becoming increasingly popular to entrepreneurial hopefuls. In your opinion, why are millions of Americans exploring the idea of starting their own business vs having a traditional career? Be sure to compare and contrast the two paths.

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## Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

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City State ZIP Code

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Parent/Guardian Information

1) Parent/Guardian Name	Relationship
Phone Number	Email Address
2) Parent/Guardian Name	Relationship
Phone Number	Email Address

## High School Information

High School Name			Overall GPA
Address	City	State	Zip

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## College Information

College/University you have applied or plan to apply to	City/State	Accepted Yes/No	If planning to attend? Check the box
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>

**Intended Major:**

## Extra-Curricular/Community Activities

Name of Group/Activity	Grade (Check boxes that apply)				Positions Held (if applicable)
	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	

<p>Are you currently or were you a member of any mentoring programs sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Nu Omega Chapter or the Ivy Enrichment Foundation?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>If yes, please list the program and date(s) of participation:</p>
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Does your family benefit from the Free or Reduce Meal Program?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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## Honors/Awards/Recognitions

Award	Grade (Check boxes that apply)				Source/Reason for Award
	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	

## Scholarship of Interest

(Select the one scholarship you are applying )

Scholarship Categories	Check the box if applying
Mary C. Scales	<input type="checkbox"/>
HBCU for Life	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEM/Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Legacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your selection is for The Arts Scholarship, please describe your Performing Arts Talent:

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## Required Rules for Applicants to Participate in the Scholarship Selection Process

Applicants for the Ivy Enrichment Foundation Scholarship must meet all Eligibility Requirements as defined in the scholarship application.

Selection tools, selection criteria, transcripts, GPAs, rankings, essays or other data used in evaluating candidates will not be shared with applicants, their parents or any other persons who are not members of the interview selection process.

Relatives or guardians of applicants will not be allowed to participate in the application review, or selection process.

Applicants and parents agree to respect the integrity of the process and the members of the Selection Committee.

All candidates will be evaluated fairly and equitably.

The decisions of the Selection Committee shall be final and binding. Explanations or rationale for decisions made will not be provided to any applicant or parent.

I certify that I have read, understood, and will abide by these required rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

Date Received by Committee \_\_\_\_\_

(Month)

(Day)

(Year)

Application Deadline: March 25, 2020

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken

Accepted ( )

Denied ( )

Committee Member Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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## SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Must Be Completed by High School Counselor)

School Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest ACT Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Out of \_\_\_\_\_ Students

Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Know
Scholastic Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment to obtaining a college degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goal Setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character and Personality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative and Drive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Comments:					

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Community Representative/Employer Recommendation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What are the characteristics that make you believe this applicant will be a successful college student?

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Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Know
Scholastic Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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## PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Ivy Enrichment Foundation  
P O Box 131211  
Murfreesboro, TN 37133

Permission to Use Photograph

Purpose of Photograph: **Publicity Related to Ivy Enrichment Foundation Scholarship 2020**

I grant to **Ivy Enrichment Foundation** and its members and/or representatives the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with the above-identified subject. I authorize **Ivy Enrichment Foundation**, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that **Ivy Enrichment Foundation** may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature:  
(If under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please attach recent headshot photo to this form. (Formal senior picture or similar photo preferred).**