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. Our scholarships are aligned with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. International Programs, following the theme **Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service**.

To date, The Ivy Enrichment Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships and supports financially and through service, charities in our local community.

In 2022, the Ivy Enrichment Foundation, will offer SIX (6) scholarships, through six specific categories. An applicant may apply to multiple scholarships by meeting the criteria and submitting a specific essay, BUT an applicant is only eligible receive one scholarship award, to be determined by the IEF Scholarship Committee.

IEF SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS The applicant MUST...

- Be an African-American, male or female, 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 2022 (excludes proprietary and on-line programs)
- Demonstrate leadership excellence
- Provide proof of college or university enrollment for Fall 2022 before funds are disbursed (if awarded scholarship)

IEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

The applicant MUST submit the following materials:

- Complete Scholarship Application incomplete applications will not be considered
- An official stamped high school transcript with ACT scores; in a high school sealed envelope
- Two completed, signed and dated Recommendation Forms in individual sealed envelopes
- One typed essay (300-500 words) for each category you are applying
- School Counselor Recommendation Form completed and signed
- One recent photograph for use in Ivy Enrichment Foundation and/or Pi Nu Omega Chapter publications and announcements (Senior picture or similar preferred)

For questions, please send an email to: IEF@PiNuOmegaAKA.org. Applications MUST be postmarked on or before April 15, 2022.

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

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.

Criteria: Cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or greater | ACT score of 26 or greater

Essay Prompt: Name a former or current U.S. President or Vice President that you admire. What do you believe his/her best leadership qualities are and which of those qualities do you best exhibit? Explain your response.

III. <u>Women's Healthcare and Wellness – STEM Scholarship -</u> 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.

Criteria: Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater | ACT score of 21 or greater | Majoring in a STEM related area

Essay Prompt: The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has brought about a complete change in how we live and engage in our communities. In your opinion, how can medical professionals, scientists, law enforcement, and citizens join forces to end or slow down the spread of this virus? Please be specific and detailed.

V. <u>The Arts Scholarship</u> – 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 greater | Participating in school or community performing arts program (dance, drama, choir, art, writing, band,

Essay Prompt: 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.

II. <u>HBCU for Life Scholarship</u> - 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 2022 Academic year.

Criteria: Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater | ACT score of 21 or greater | Attending a HBCU

Essay Prompt: 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?

IV. <u>Global Impact Scholarship</u> - 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 greater | Community service and involvement | Extracurricular activities

Essay Prompt: It has been a reported that the US is divided over how illegal immigration should be addressed. There have been various agendas proposed by current administrations on how to control illegal immigration within the United States. What is your perspective on illegal immigration in the United States? Focus specifically on areas of economic security, criminal activity and gaining American citizenship.

VI. <u>Building Your Economic Legacy Scholarship</u> – 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 3.5 or greater | ACT score of 26 or greater

Essay Prompt: 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?

Applicant Information Last Name First Name Middle Initial Date Address (including apartment/unit #) City State **Zip Code Date of Birth Phone Number Email Address Gender** □ **Female** □ **Male** US Citizen ☐ Yes ☐ No **Parent/Guardian Information Parent/Guardian Name** Relationship **Email Address Phone Number** Parent/Guardian Name Relationship **Phone Number Email Address High School Information High School Name Overall GPA Address** City State Zip

College/University Information College/University you have applied to and **Accepted** City/State are planning to attend Yes/No **Intended Major: Extra-Curricular/Community Activities** Grade Name of Group/Activity (Check boxes that apply) Positions Held (if applicable) 9th 10th 12th 11th Are you currently or were you a member of any mentoring programs If yes, please list the program and sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Nu Omega date(s) of participation: Chapter or the Ivy Enrichment Foundation? ☐ Yes □ No

Honors/Awards/Recognitions

Title of Honor/Award/Recognition	Grade (Check boxes that apply) 9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th			Source/Reason for Award	

Scholarship Selection

Scholarship Categories	Check the box if applying and submitting essay
The Mary C. Scales Academic Excellence Scholarship	
II. HBCU for Life Scholarship	
III. Women's Healthcare and Wellness – STEM Scholarship	
IV. Global Impact Scholarship	
V. The Arts Scholarship	
VI. Building Your Economic Legacy Scholarship	

Required Rules for Applicants to Participate in the Scholarship Selection Process

Applicants for all Ivy Enrichment Foundation Scholarships 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 Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
DO NOT WRITE BELOW TO	HIS LINE
Date Received by Committee	
(Month) (Day) (Year)
Application Deadline: April 15, 2022	
Comments	
Action Taken Accepted () Denied ()	Committee Member Initials

SCHOOL COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Must Be Completed by High School Counselor)

School Counselor N	lame:						
Email Ad	dress:						
Phone Nui	mber:						
Student's N	lame:						
Highest ACT Composite S	Score:						_
Current	GPA:						
Class Rank:	Out of				Stud	ents	
Category	Exce	llent	Good	Fair		Poor	Do Not Know
Scholastic Achievement]					
Community Service]					
Leadership Skills]					
Commitment to obtaining a college degre	e []					
Goal Setting]					
Character and Personality]					
Initiative and Drive]					
Additional Comments:							
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Counselor Signature				Date			

NOTE: Ivy Enrichment Foundation provides African-American students with a monetary award for use toward college tuition and fees.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2022** to be considered eligible.

Ivy Enrichment Foundation will announce scholarship recipients on Saturday, May 15, 2022.

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 yo					ollege student?
Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Know
Category Scholastic Achievement	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Know
Scholastic Achievement					
Scholastic Achievement Community Service					
Scholastic Achievement Community Service Leadership Skills					
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Date

Signature

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 2022

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:		
Applicant Signature and Printed Name	Date	
Parent/Guardian Name	Date	

*Please attach recent headshot photo to this form.

(Formal senior picture or similar photo preferred)