



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc
Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter
Teaneck, New Jersey

2025 Scholarship Program



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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

In keeping with our fraternal aims of “*Scholarship, Manly Deeds, and Love for All Mankind*”, The Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is offering financial assistance to deserving graduating high school African-American male seniors to encourage and support them to excel academically and pursue a four year college degree. This assistance is in the form of a one-time non-renewable scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc., a 501(c) 3 non-profit foundation founded by Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter and chartered by the state of New Jersey that operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. Since its founding, the fund has annually awarded scholarships to deserving students in the Bergen County area.

Attached you will find a scholarship application, eligibility criteria and detailed instructions for completing the application package. Please note that testaments of character, financial need, and participation in extracurricular activities along with an essay submitted as part of this application, will all be considered in conjunction with the applicant’s academic performance. Students must complete all requirements outlined in this guide to be considered for scholarships awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year.

All completed applications should be scanned and emailed to ktlscholar73@gmail.com

Or Mailed

**Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
ATTN: KTL Scholarship
P.O. Box 1059
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666**

Please contact me at ktlscholar73@gmail.com if you require further information. We look forward to working with you as we invest in our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Peter Langston
KTL Scholarship Committee
Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc

The Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc. was established to provide scholarships to prospective male African American college bound students from the Bergen County New Jersey area who meet specific academic and extra-curricular eligibility requirements. This continues the high ideals of scholarship our Fraternity Founders held close to their hearts through merit-based and need-based scholarships. Over the years, the Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc. has provided financial assistance to a number of graduating high school seniors in the Bergen County New Jersey area. The financial assistance is in the form of a one-time non-renewable scholarship award of \$1,000.00 to as many as four students from the education fund.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for black students, was organized at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, December 4, 1906. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was born out of the desire to maintain close association and unified support for members of this small minority group.

Our fraternity's vision of academic excellence and social achievement resulted in an organization which encompasses the ideals of scholarship, manly deeds, and love for all mankind. The seven founders, whom we respectfully call "Jewels," aspired to create a fraternity dedicated to social purpose and social action. Currently, Alpha Phi Alpha continues to grow and promote these ideals through numerous nationally mandated programs such as "Project Alpha," "Go To High School, Go To College," "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People," and others, which are maintained on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The fraternity has grown steadily in influence throughout the years. It has been interracial since 1945 and has expanded tremendously to the extent that there are now approximately 800 chapters located throughout the United States, Caribbean Islands, Africa, West Indies, Europe, and Asia. Some of the more prominent sons of Alpha include the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey, John H. Johnson, Duke Ellington, Jesse Owens, Hill Harper, Omari Hardwick, Stuart Scott, Stan Verrett, and Dr. Cornel West.

Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter

Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter was founded in 1973 as a result of several Alpha Phi Alpha brothers living in the Northern New Jersey area, in Bergen County. These brothers were not affiliated with any Alpha chapter. Most of the founders were executives, professionals, and businessmen. After several meetings in 1970, it was decided to contact Brother Elbert C. Wisner, past president of the New Jersey State Association of Alpha Phi Alpha Chapters. With the assistance of Brother Wisner, the founders were issued a Charter in 1973. The chapter was named Kappa Theta Lambda.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before completing this application. To ensure your application receives full consideration, provide answers to all requests for information. Do not leave any request blank. If the request does not apply to you, please indicate by filling the space with “NA.”

I. Eligibility

The Kappa Theta Lambda Scholarship is open to African-American male graduating high school seniors who:

- 1) Live within Bergen County New Jersey
- 2) Possess a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.50 on 4.0 scale
- 3) Plans to attend a four-year college or university
- 4) Only complete applications will be considered
- 5) The recipients of the awards will be required to provide proof of acceptance or enrollment for the 2024-2025 academic year at an accredited college or university within the United States. If an award recipient becomes ineligible, the award will be rescinded, and another candidate will be chosen.

II. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript, certified by your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA and class ranking.

III. Recommendations

Please provide three recommendations from a Teacher/Counselor, employer, clergy member, Community organization member, or family friend.

IV. Acceptance Letter

Please provide a copy of an Acceptance Letter or proof of Enrollment at an accredited college or university for the 2025-2026 academic year.

V. Essay Topic

Submit an essay from one of the three topics listed below (Minimum 500 words, maximum 600 words, double-spaced 12 point font on a separate sheet of paper:

- 1) “What it means to be a Servant today to All of Mankind?”
- 2) “How did you overcome any past academic deficiencies and how will you sustain success in college?”
- 3) “Upon completion of your academic requirements at college, how do you plan to show Love for All of Mankind?”

VI. Deadline

All application packets must be received by **April 4, 2025**. Applicants must submit completed application packets. Incomplete application packets will NOT be reviewed and will therefore eliminate you from the selection process.

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VII. Completed Applications

Email completed packets to ktlscholar73@gmail.com

or

Mail completed packets to:

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Theta Chapter
Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda
ATTN: Scholarship Chairperson
Post Office Box 1059
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666**

VIII. Scholarship Selection and Recognition

Applicants will be notified and may be invited to attend our virtual educational Alpha Seminar and Interview Session. This session will be scheduled for one evening on or about **April 23, 2025**. Scholarship recipients will be selected following this session and all scholarship applicants will be notified whether they are one of the awardees or not no later than April 26th, 2024. In the event an initially-selected scholarship recipient can no longer accept an award or fails to be eligible, an alternate recipient will be selected.

IX. Questions or Concerns

Please address questions or concerns to the ktlscholar73@gmail.com

Application Packet Checklist

Please take your time and complete all the forms. Each one is necessary. This checklist is to help students, parents, and counselors organize the forms needed to apply to the Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda. Please submit your packet containing each of the completed forms below.

Check off the following forms when completed.

- Application (Be sure it is complete and signed)
- Official Transcript
- Essay (typed 500 word minimum, 600 word maximum, double spaced, 12-point font)
- Recommendations
- College Acceptance Letter or Proof of Enrollment if you already have it.
- Return your completed application packet by **April 4, 2025**

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Application Tips

1. Read Instructions

- Review instructions and the information in the application carefully.

2. Plan Ahead

- Carefully review the requirements in advance.
- Gather all information you will need to complete the application.
- Allow plenty of time to gather the required information and make sure your References' recommendation forms and your application are submitted before the deadline, March 15th, 2024. Alpha Phi Alpha does not accept late applications or recommendation forms.

3. Contact References Early

- You are responsible for ensuring your References submit complete recommendation forms by the application deadline, April 4, 2025. Submitted applications without completed recommendation forms from References will not be considered.

4. Consult with Alpha Phi Alpha

- If you have any questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Scholarship Chairperson at ktlscholar73@gmail.com.

5. Proofread

- You are responsible for editing your application for accuracy prior to submission.
- Make sure your essays are well-written and free of errors; poorly written essays will negatively affect your application score and incorrect or incomplete answers may result in ineligibility.

6. Submit On Time

- Alpha Phi Alpha will not accept late materials for any reason. Applications must be postmarked by March 28, 2025 and received by no later than April 4, 2025. Complete and review your application and submit it early! There will be no exceptions to this requirement!

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Application Deadline: Friday April 4, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

The student whose name appears below is applying for a scholarship from the **Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc., Teaneck, NJ Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.** We ask that you complete the following information which will be held confidential and submit with each student's application. **Applications can scanned and emailed to ktlscholar73@gmail.com or maybe sent to the address listed on the letterhead.**

Applicant's Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle Initial*

Applicant's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student ID #: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

○ **Please attach Copy of transcript**

High School: _____ Month/Year of Graduation: _____

Address: _____ Guidance Counselor: _____

Telephone: _____ G.P.A. based on 4.0 unweighted scale: _____

○ **Please provide SAT information:**

Month/Year SAT I taken: _____ Score: _____ Month/Year SAT II taken: _____ Score: _____

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COUNSELOR/TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter
Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc.**

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<u>Student's Name (Please Print)</u>	<u>Counselor's Name (Please Print)</u>

Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Kappa Theta Lambda Scholarship.

CATEGORY	TOP 5%	TOP 15%	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT
Academic Ability					
Initiative					
Ability to Work Independently					
Ability to Work With Others					
Self Confidence					
Creativity					
Leadership					
Respect of Classmates					
Respect of Faculty					
Other (Specify)					

How long have you known the applicant?

Applicant's greatest strengths (comments).

Recommendation:

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended

Teacher/Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____



COMMUNITY MEMBER/FAMILY MEMBER/OTHER RECOMMENDATION

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<u>Student's Name (Please Print)</u>	<u>COMMUNITY Member's Name (Please Print)</u>

Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Kappa Theta Lambda Scholarship.

CATEGORY	OUTSTANDING	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT
Enthusiasm					
Initiative					
Creativity					
Ability to Follow Instructions					
Self Confidence					
Oral Presentation Skills					
Leadership					
Respect of Others					
Ability to Assume Responsibility					
Maturity Level (Emotional/Social)					

How long have you known the applicant?

Applicant's greatest strengths (comments).

Recommendation:

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended

Recommender's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



○ **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT**

To be completed by student and parents/legal guardian. We ask that you supply the following information, which will be held confidential. ***Please return to the Counselor/Advisor.***

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Principal Date

Counselor Date

○ **School and Community Clubs/Organizations**

List the student clubs or organizations you have been involved with over the last four years. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information section.

<u>Club or Organization</u>	<u>Years of Participation</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

○ **Honors and Awards**

List any honors or awards you have received within the last four years. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information section.

<u>Honor/Award</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

○ **School and Community Athletics**

List any sports you have participated in within the last four years.

<u><i>Sport</i></u>	<u><i>Years Participated</i></u>	<u><i>Recognition Received</i></u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

○ **Employment**

List any jobs you have held within the last four years. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information section.

<u><i>Employer</i></u>	<u><i>Position & Dates</i></u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

○ **Additional Information**

Please indicate below any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider while reviewing your application.



○ **FAMILY INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND**

Father/Guardian's Name: _____
Last *First*

Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Occupation: _____ Living/Deceased: _____ Retired: _____

Employer: _____ Telephone: _____

Attended College?: **Yes/No:** _____ If Yes the College/University: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____
Last *First*

Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Occupation: _____ Living/Deceased: _____ Retired: _____

Attended College?: **Yes/No:** _____ If Yes the College/University: _____

Employer: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Number of Dependents: _____ Number of Siblings of the Applicant: _____

Number of siblings currently attending College: _____

Primary Contact:

Name: _____
Last *First*

Telephone Number: _____ Email (optional): _____



Certification:

A. Applicant's Statement:

If I am granted a *Kappa Theta Lambda Scholarship*, I hereby certify that:

1. I am in need of financial assistance in order to enter an accredited college or university of my choice.
2. I will be attending an accredited college or university as a full time student, as defined by the Office of the Registrar.
3. I will use the proceeds of the scholarship only for payment of tuition and required fees, room and board, and similar living expenses, or for institutional equipment, materials and/or books.
4. I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted herewith is true and accurate, and I fully understand the requirements of this scholarship. I am responsible for submitting with this application or forwarding my official transcript from the high school I currently attend. I understand that all materials submitted in my application package will become the property of the Kappa Theta Lambda Scholarship Fund.

Student's Name (Printed)

Student's Signature

Date: _____

B. Statement of Parent or Guardian (for applicant under 18 years of age).

I have read the foregoing application in full and hereby state that my son is applying for the *KAPPA THETA LAMBDA SCHOLARSHIP* to further his education at:

○ **Name of College/University:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Intended Major:

○ **Parent/Guardian Signature:**

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Attention: Scholarship Chairperson
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