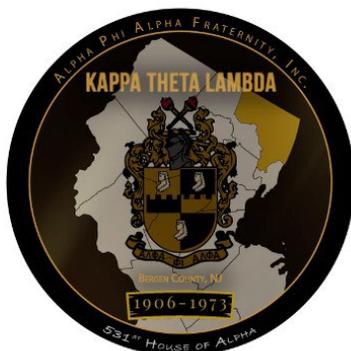
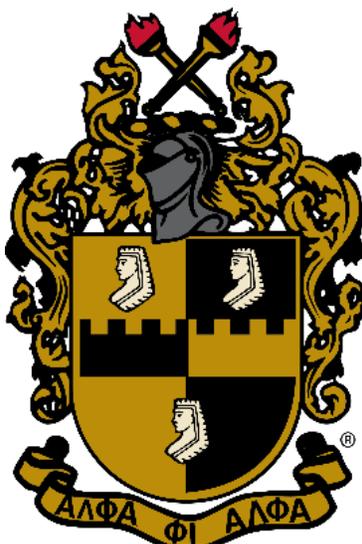




# Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter

Teaneck, New Jersey

2026 Scholarship Program



Founders

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February 8, 2026

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*The Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc. respects the privacy of all applicants. The fund does not collect, share, or sell any of the information you provide. Please direct any questions you may have to:*

*Education Fund of Kappa Theta Lambda, Inc.  
Kappa Theta Lambda Chapter  
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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

### **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 2025-2026 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 (see instructions).

### **IV. Acceptance Letter**

Please provide a copy of an Acceptance Letter or proof of Enrollment at an accredited college or university for the 2026-2027 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 17, 2026**. 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](mailto: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 30, 2026**. 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 May 15th, 2026. 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](mailto: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 17, 2026**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT**

- 1. Please provide a resume of yourself including school and Community Clubs/Organizations, Athletics, Honors and Awards, Employment and any other additional information about yourself.**
- 2. 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:**

### **Essay Topic**

- 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 Man-kind?”**

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**Applicant Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *Middle Initial*

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

○ **FAMILY INFORMATION**

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First*

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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## **RECOMMENDATION LETTER INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**Please include a copy of the transcript along with a letter of recommendation that emphasizes at least three of the student attributes listed below**

- Enthusiasm
- Initiative
- Creativity
- Ability to Follow Instructions
- Self Confidence
- Oral Presentation Skills
- Leadership
- Respect of Others
- Ability to Assume Responsibility
- Maturity Level (Emotional/Social)

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### **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 submitted with each student's application. **Applications can be scanned and emailed to [ktlscholar73@gmail.com](mailto: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 include a copy of the transcript along with a letter of recommendation that emphasizes at least three of the student attributes listed below.**

- Academic Ability
- Initiative
- Ability to Work Independently
- Ability to Work with Others
- Self Confidence
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Respect of Classmates
- Respect of Faculty

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