

2012
Kenneth L. Howard Scholarship Application
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc./ Columbus, Ohio Alumni Chapter

Statement of Purpose

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is a unique organization of college-educated men dedicated to the worthy cause of achievement in all fields of human endeavor. With this purpose in mind, the Columbus Alumni Chapter has sought to identify and fiscally support either local African American male students or first generation college bound students and deserving active chapter members (college students) in need of support.

Please read the application very carefully. The information submitted will not be used for any other purpose. Make sure every question is answered completely. Items which are not applicable should be marked N/A. Please be sure to attach the necessary materials (transcripts). You may attach any other items such as recommendations at your own discretion.

Minimum Requirements

The scholarships are available to male high school seniors who will graduate in the spring of the academic year for which he is applying *or* current college students in an active chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. under the jurisdiction of the Columbus, Ohio Alumni Chapter. Current college students and high school students will compete in separate divisions for scholarships.

- The applicant should have passed all sections of the Ohio Graduation Test (high school applicants only).
- All high school candidates must possess at least a 2.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- All college applicants must possess at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Areas to be Judged

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| * Scholarship | * Social Awareness |
| * Career Preparation | * Financial Need |
| * School/Community Activities | |

Transcript Request

_____ is a candidate for the Kenneth L. Howard Scholarship. A copy of his current academic transcript is required for evaluation. Please mail transcript, completed application, and all other required materials to: Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship Committee, ATTN: P.R. West, Sr., P.O Box 151232 Columbus , Ohio 43215.

*** *Current active chapter members should request that the college registrar's office forward a copy of their current transcript to the address above.***

**** *(All materials must be postmarked by Friday, February 17, 2012)***

Parent/Guardian Approval (Required for H.S. applicants)

Date

School Counselor

Date

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(Please print or type clearly in black or blue ink)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

High School: _____ College: _____

Colleges Applied to: 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

School Activities (include offices held): _____

Honors/Recognitions: _____

Scholarships applied for to date: _____

Scholarships received to date: _____

Community Orientation

Please list all community service projects you have directly participated in during the past year.

Name of Project	Name of Project
Sponsoring Organization	Sponsoring Organization
Director Name and Phone Number	Director Name and Phone Number
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Financial Bearing

Have you completed a Financial Aid Form? Yes _____ No _____
Your estimated financial need is: High _____ Moderate _____ Low _____

Position Statement

Please write (in your own handwriting) a short paragraph about the topic of community service. Be clear in supporting your position and elaborate on what it means to you.

Applicant Essay (Attach typed essay to completed application.)

High School Students:

Many colleges across the nation have experienced an unsettling trend recently: a high percentage of entering college freshmen that nearly flunk out during their first year in college. Write a persuasive essay on why colleges should or shouldn't adopt a "freshman forgiveness" policy¹ and indicate what you will do to ensure that you will not be a negative academic statistic when you attend college in the fall.

or

The job market is extremely competitive. For every job that exists there are multiple qualified applicants. Likewise, the unemployment rate is extremely high, especially for people-of-color. Some people argue that students/future workers will be better off not accumulating debt by going to college. Please share your thoughts on this topic and detail how your college expenses will be met for the next five years.

Active Chapter Members:

Write an essay that describes what is the best way to ensure that active chapter members become participating alumni members in the future. The essay should note how the member plans to contribute or serve people in the communities in which he lives in the future. Or write about: "How a graduating college senior make a smooth transition to Kappa Alumni life?" Include your plan of action if you select the second prompt.

or

Write a persuasive essay on how you will continually pay your dues as an alumni member of this fraternity given the economic realities of the American society today and the start of your career as you leave college or continue your education in graduate/professional school. Make sure you include practical strategies for achieving these goals.

¹ Freshman forgiveness is a general academic plan to retain capable students who grossly under perform academically during their first year in college. Instead of immediately kicking students out, a college or university may place the student in a program that allows him or her to improve their grades and hence, stay at the college of his/her choice. For an idea of an academic contract for students, review North Carolina Chapel Hill's effort at: <http://studentsuccess.unc.edu/docs/updated%20contract.pdf>.

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Career Preparation Form

Please list any internship or general work experience that you have participated in during high school or college. Start with your most recent experiences.

Name of Company/Institution: _____

Title or Position: _____

Dates of Internship/Employment: _____

Describe duties performed: _____

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If this is not enough space, attach letters from supervisors on company stationary attesting to your internship experience.

Miscellaneous

Other relevant information you wish to provide for scholarship consideration:

