



A WISH, INC. ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®

GAMMA MU OMEGA CHAPTER

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General Scholarship Application Information

The members of A WISH, INC., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Gamma Mu Omega Chapter believe that young people of today are an important part of our future. As an outward expression of this belief, we are proud to announce the 2026 Scholarship Award Program. The program is geared towards high school seniors attending an East Volusia County public high school.

A WISH, INC., is the 501© (3) public charity (tax-exempt) entity of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated®, Gamma Mu Omega Chapter. The purpose of A WISH, INC. is to provide life-enhancing programs and opportunities, as well as monetary assistance to women, children and families to acquire and sustain essential life skills.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African American college-educated, women.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is comprised of more than 390,000 initiated members in more than 1,105 graduate and undergraduate chapters located in 14 nations and territories including the United States, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, South Korea, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Its membership is composed of distinguished women who exemplify excellent academic records, possess proven leadership skills, and are involved in the global community through advocacy and service. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has dedicated itself to improving the quality of life for citizens worldwide and promoting peace.

Tangela D. Boyd
A WISH, INC. Chairman

Vana Noel
President, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority
Incorporated®
Gamma Mu Omega Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM CRITERIA

- I. Eligibility Criteria for Scholarship Applicants - Students must:
 - A. Be a graduating high school student from an east Volusia County Public High School (i.e., Mainland, Seabreeze, Atlantic, Spruce Creek, or New Smyrna) who will attend an accredited college or university. Those who participate in A WISH, INC. and Gamma Mu Omega Chapter sponsored programs are eligible to apply.
 - B. Submit an official school sealed transcript documenting your cumulative grade point average and class rank. The eligible student must, on the date of the application deadline date, and throughout your senior year, have maintained at least a 2.80 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent if other scale). *Failure to submit completed materials by the deadline date will result in disqualification.*
 - C. Submit at least two (2) letters of recommendation, preferably documenting active community service, through at least two different affiliations (i.e., church, school, organizations etc.). Relatives of the applicant may not submit recommendation letters. *Failure to submit completed materials by the deadline date will result in disqualification.*
 - D. Submit a completed Verification of Community Service form with your application package demonstrating a total of hours. Incomplete documentation including telephone numbers of a contact person to confirm community service will reduce scoring. Community service is a critical part of the ratings process. Therefore, *failure to submit completed materials by the deadline date will also result in disqualification.*
 - E. Submit a completed Scholarship Application along with supporting materials and a 350-word essay on the theme by the deadline date/time. The 2026 theme: **“Why is freedom of speech important in a democracy?”** *Failure to submit completed materials by the deadline date will result in disqualification.*
 - F. Attend and participate in the activity honoring our scholarship recipients either virtually or in-person is mandatory.
- II. The completed AKA GMO Scholarship Application, essay, and all other required materials must be received on or before **Friday, March 27, 2026**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to avoid obstacles that might hinder timely submission of all data. Applicant shall submit all materials to:

**Yoder Milton, Chairman
Scholarship Committee
gmoscholarship@gmail.com**

Please provide your first and last name in the email subject area.
- III. Scholarships will be awarded during the student's designated honors/awards ceremony.

IV. Scholarship Award disbursements will be made to recipients upon receipt of supporting documentation, which is proof of enrollment in a college or university from the registrar's office and an acceptance letter. Failure to enroll or submit proper documentation the scholarship award is grounds for forfeiture of award.

V. **Essay Guidelines for 2026**

- A. Submit a typed and double-spaced 350-word essay on 8 1/2 x 11-inch un-ruled paper using 1 1/2-inch margins and indented paragraphs. Footnotes, definitions, and bibliographies are not counted as a part of the essay word count.
- B. Include a cover page listing the title of the student's essay, date prepared, and the name of the high school along with the student's name, address, and telephone number. The first page of the essay shall have the title as its heading followed by the theme. For example:

2026 Scholarship Essay Theme/Title:

“Why is freedom of speech important in a democracy?”
Support your point of view with research.

- C. The essay should:

1. Be relevant to the theme.
2. Have a clear purpose and support the conclusions reached.
3. Be logical in its organization and development.
4. Use accurate grammar, punctuation, spelling, quotations, etc.
5. List the complete bibliography of books and other reference materials used to develop the essay at the end of the essay. When the use of terms, quotes, or factual information is used, a bibliography must be submitted. *Failure to submit completed materials by the deadline date will result in disqualification. Use of AI generated text is prohibited. All essays must be authentic and are subject to online verification.*

NOTE: Failure to Adhere to the Above Essay Guidelines Will Result in Reduce Scoring or Disqualification.

For any questions: Please Contact Mrs. Yoder Milton at gmoscholarship@gmail.com



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GAMMA MU OMEGA CHAPTER
2026 General Scholarship Application**

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Due Date: Friday, March 27, 2026

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Current Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EDUCATION

Name of High School Attending _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email : _____

ACADEMICS

Cumulative GPA: _____

Highest SAT Score: _____

Highest ACT
Score: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Directions: List any school related activities in which you have participated. (Please attach additional pages if necessary).

Activity	Description

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Inc. Gamma Mu Omega Chapter

Directions: List any Programs or activities that are sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Gamma Mu Omega Chapter that you have participated in (i.e., Debutante Program, Men of Tomorrow, AOY or YLI).

Activity	

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Directions: List any activities in which you have participated. These should be activities outside of the school setting i.e., church groups, volunteer organizations, etc. (Please attach the community service verification form provided).

Activity	Description

HONORS AND AWARDS

Directions: List any academic honors/recognition received:

Award/Recognition	Year Received

WORK EXPERIENCE

Place of Employment	Job Description	Date of Employment

HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS

Directions: List College/University that you plan to attend.

Name	Admission Status

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

By submitting this application, I affirm that the information contained is true and complete. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship by A WISH, Inc, the scholarship award will be paid upon receipt of supporting documentation which is proof of **enrollment** in a college or University from the registrar's office and an acceptance letter. If I fail to enroll or submit documentation the scholarship award is **forfeited**.

Name (Printed):	
Signature:	
Date:	

VERIFICATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

NOTE: Form must be filled out completely and legibly, and submitted with your application and essay to be eligible for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Mu Omega Chapter Scholarship. If you require additional space, please attach supplementary sheets in the same format.

Example: ABC Nursing Home 1515 Main Street 555-5555
 Dr. Joe Smith Read to Elderly 10 Hours

1.	<hr/>	Organization	Address	Phone Number
		Contact Person	Service Provided	Hours Logged
2.	<hr/>	Organization	Address	Phone Number
		Contact Person	Service Provided	Hours Logged
3.	<hr/>	Organization	Address	Phone Number
		Contact Person	Service Provided	Hours Logged
4.	<hr/>	Organization	Address	Phone Number
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		Contact Person	Service Provided	Hours Logged
6.	<hr/>	Organization	Address	Phone Number
		Contact Person	Service Provided	Hours Logged