



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter
Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund
2010 Application

February 20, 2010

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to offer financial assistance to deserving high school seniors in celebration of their academic excellence and contributions to their school and community. This assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund is an outgrowth of Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter. Over the past sixteen years, the fund has awarded over one hundred individual scholarships to deserving students.

Attached you will find a scholarship application, including eligibility criteria and detailed instructions for completing the application package. Please note that testaments of character, financial need, and participation in extracurricular activities will all be considered in conjunction with the applicant's academic performance. All completed applications should be mailed to:

Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
ATTN: Steven L. Riddick, M.Ed.
P.O. Box 10371
Alexandria, VA 22310

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (240) 463-2529 or xal_education@apaxal.com. We look forward to working with you as we invest in our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Riddick, M.Ed.
Director of Education
Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



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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 for maintaining close association and unified support for members of this small minority group.

With an infinite vision of an organization encompassing the ideals of scholarship, manly deeds, and love for all mankind, our seven founders, whom we respectfully call the "Jewels," aspired to bring forth a fraternity dedicated to social purpose and social action. Currently, Alpha Phi Alpha continues to grow and push for these ideals with such nationally mandated programs 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 level.

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, Dick Gregory, John Hope Franklin, Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey, John H. Johnson, Duke Ellington, and Jesse Owens.

Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter

The Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded in the late summer of 1980, serving brothers residing in the Prince William and southern Fairfax Counties. Since that day, the brothers of Xi Alpha Lambda have become widely respected throughout Northern Virginia for making a difference in the community while maintaining a steadfast commitment to manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc.

The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. founded in honor of our late brother, provides scholarships to prospective college students who meet specific academic and extra-curricular eligibility requirements. Over the years, the Ira Dorsey Scholarship has provided financial assistance scholarships to over one hundred young men and women in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. The financial assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award of \$1,500.00 from the endowment fund.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before completing this application. 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

This scholarship award is open to any graduating high school Senior that:

- 1) Lives within the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan area (VA, DC, MD)
- 2) Possesses a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on 4.0 scale
- 3) Plans to attend a four year college or university

II. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript from your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA and class ranking. Your high school counselor or principal must certify documentation in the appropriate space.

III. Recommendation Form

Please provide two recommendations. Give the attached recommendation forms to a Teacher and a School Counselor to complete.

IV. Essay Topic:

The President of the United States faces some of the most challenging and difficult questions a person can face. His answers to those questions impact people both nationally and internationally. The issues are as varied and complex as national security, global warming, world peace, world hunger, and poverty. One of the more contemporary challenges the United States President faces is how to address the growing unemployment rates for the people in his trust—the citizens of the United States. In your own words define the unemployment challenge the President faces. List at least three major elements of this issue and how those elements influence or shape the unemployment challenge itself. Explain what steps you think the President should take to address the unemployment challenge and what would be the social ramifications for taking or not taking those steps.

V. Deadline

All application packets must be **postmarked by Thursday, April 15, 2010**. 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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VI. Completed Applications

Mail completed packets to: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
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VII. Scholarship Recipients

Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than May 15, 2010. Each recipient is expected to attend Xi Alpha Lambda's Annual Black and Gold Ball on **Saturday, June 19, 2010** at the **McLean Hilton Hotel in Tyson Corner, VA**. Complimentary tickets to this event will be provided for the recipients and their parents/guardians.

VIII. Questions or Concerns

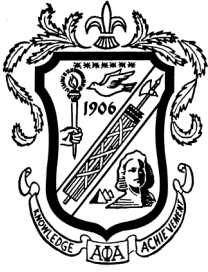
Please address all questions or concerns to the Director of Education: Steven L. Riddick, M.Ed.
at
(240) 463-2529 or sriddick1906@gmail.com

Application Packet Checklist

Please take your time and complete all forms necessary. This checklist is to help students and parents organize the forms needed to apply to the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. Please submit completed forms below.

Check off the following forms when completed.

1. _____ Application. *(Be sure it is complete and signed)*
2. _____ Official Transcript
3. _____ Essay. *(500 words, double spaced, 12 point font)*
4. _____ (1) Teacher and (1) Counselor Recommendation Form
5. _____ Photo *(be sure applicant is alone in photo)*



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General Information

(Name)Last, First, MI

Mailing Address

Apt #

City/State/Zip

Telephone #

E-mail

Date of Birth

High School

County

Cumulative GPA

Class Rank

Graduation Date

Parent/Guardian Information

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Father's Occupation

Mother's Occupation

Financial Information

Please place a check on the line that best indicates your family's gross household income:

\$0 - \$19,999

\$20,000 - \$39,999

\$40,000 - \$59,999

\$60,000 - \$79,999

\$80,000 - \$99,999

\$100,000 +

Please list any additional information that may impact your family's financial situation:

(For example: medical expenses, single parent, unemployed parent, etc.)



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Standardized Test Information

Have you taken the ACT or SAT? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, what was your score? _____ SAT _____ ACT
If not, what date do you plan to take either? _____

College Admission Information

List colleges or universities where you have been **accepted** for admission.

_____	_____	_____
College/University	City	State
_____	_____	_____
College/University	City	State
_____	_____	_____
College/University	City	State

List colleges or universities where your application for admission is **still pending**.

_____	_____	_____
College/University	City	State
_____	_____	_____
College/University	City	State
_____	_____	_____
College/University	City	State



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School and Community Clubs/Organizations

List the student clubs or organizations you have been involved with over the last four years.

Club or Organization	Years of Participation	Office Held
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Honors and Awards

List any honors or awards you have received within the last four years.

Honor/Award	Date Received
Honor/Award	Date Received
Honor/Award	Date Received

School and Community Athletics

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

Sport	Years Participated	Awards Received
Sport	Years Participated	Awards Received



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Sport

Years Participated

Awards Received

Employment

List any jobs you have held within the last four years.

Employer

Position

Employer

Position

Additional Information

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

Certification

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not attended any educational institutions other than those listed. I understand that I am responsible for 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 Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date ___/___/___

COUNSELOR'S RECOMMENDATION

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
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Application Deadline: **April 15, 2010** Please return to student in sealed envelope with your signature on the back.

Student's Name

Counselor's Name (please print)

Phone

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Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Ira Dorsey Scholarship.

Category	Top 5%	Top 15%	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
1. Academic Ability					
2. Initiative					
3. Ability to work independently					
4. Ability to work with others					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Originality and Creativity					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect of classmates					
9. Respect of faculty					
10. Other (Specify)					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths / Comments _____

Recommendation (Please Circle one):

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Counselor's Signature _____

Date _____

School _____

Telephone _____

TEACHER'S RECOMMENDATION

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Student's Name

Teacher's Name (please print)

School

Phone

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1. Academic Ability					
2. Initiative					
3. Ability to work independently					
4. Ability to work with others					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Originality and Creativity					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect of classmates					
9. Respect of faculty					
10. Other (Specify)					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Course in which you taught/teach the applicant? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths / Comments _____

Recommendation (Please Circle one):

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Recommender's Signature _____

Date _____

School _____

Telephone _____