



January 31, 2025

Dear High School Counselor/ Guidance Administrator/Headmaster:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the first African American Sorority, founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908. The ZNO Community Service Fund Inc. (ZNO-CSF, Inc), a 501 (c)(3) organization was incorporated in 1982, by New York State and established by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, to provide service to Westchester County residents.

Most notably, to-date over \$750,000 in scholarships has been awarded to graduating high school students who either live or are educated in Westchester County.

Annually, our scholarships are targeted, but not limited to African American students who have demonstrated a desire to pursue higher education and a commitment to serve their school and community. Our process for selecting recipients is responsive to the financial needs of the student.

This year we will be awarding scholarships to students who meet the following criteria:

- A cumulative Grade Point Average of a “B” (80.0) or higher
- Continuously participated in community service throughout their high school career
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university for the 2025-2026 school year.

This year we are excited to offer the following scholarship options:

1. *The ZNO Scholarship*

This is our traditional scholarship. Students who meet the above listed criteria can apply to this scholarship.

2. *The ZNO HBCU Scholarship*

The HBCU Scholarship (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) is open to students who will be attending an HBCU school.

3. *The ZNO Performing and Fine Arts Scholarship*

This scholarship is open to students who would like their application judged based on their artistic talent as well as their academic ability and community service history. These students will need to meet the traditional scholarship criteria (listed in the first paragraph) and demonstrate skill in the performing and fine arts. Should these applicants be selected for an interview they will be given three minutes to display their talent/skill to the committee present.

4. *The ZNO Community College Scholarship*

Community colleges afford students a flexible schedule, an opportunity to transfer to a four year college/university and programs that will prepare them for the workforce and careers. This scholarship is for students who will be attending a Community College.

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The 2025 ZNO Scholarship application will be available online at www.znoaka.org please click scholarship in the tabs listed at the top of the screen. Please note that the application and all supporting documents must be emailed to znoscholarship@znoaka.org by the scholarship deadline which is **Friday, March 28th at 11:59 p.m.**

The scholarship application is only being offered as a writable PDF document and can only be submitted via email. If you or your student have questions, please feel free to contact the scholarship committee at znoscholarship@znoaka.org.

Sincerely,

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