



ALPHA PHI ALPHA  
FRATERNITY, INC.  
Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter - Prince William County, VA

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**  
*Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter*  
**Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund**  
**2021 Scholarship Application**



January 2, 2021

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to offer financial assistance to deserving **male** 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 up to \$2,000.00 from the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund is an outgrowth of Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter. For nearly 30 years, the fund has awarded more than 200 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 along with the completion of the essay question on page three of this application 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: Mr. Anthony T. Walker  
P.O. Box 10371  
Alexandria, VA 22310

We pride ourselves in producing leaders who change the world through empowering the youth via investment in post-secondary education. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [xal\\_education@apaxal.com](mailto:xal_education@apaxal.com).

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Walker  
Director of Education  
Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter  
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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.

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 the "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 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 members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc include the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Rev. Andrew Young, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, Representative 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, Dr. Cornel West, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Roland Martin, Eddie Robinson, Bishop William Barber, General C.Q. Brown, Rev. Raphael Warnock, and Virginia Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax.

***Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter***

The Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded in May 1981, serving brothers residing in Prince William and southern Fairfax Counties. For the past 40 years, 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 for whom the scholarship is named, 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 more than 200 graduating seniors from the Washington DC Metropolitan area. The financial assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award of up to \$2,000.00 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." Failure to complete instructions could result in an unfavorable rating.

### I. Eligibility

This scholarship award is open to any **male** graduating high school senior who:

- 1) Lives within the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan area (Virginia, DC, Maryland)
- 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

***Sons or male dependents of members of the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.***

### II. Application Form

The application form is provided both as part of this PDF file and as a separate Excel spreadsheet. To expedite processing of all applications, we prefer that you complete the Excel file and email it to [xal\\_education@apaxal.com](mailto:xal_education@apaxal.com) at the same time that you mail the documents outlined in III through VII below. Please name your file *Last Name, First Name – 2021 IDSEF Application* to further expedite processing by the scholarship committee. Although submission via the Excel file is encouraged, if you do not have access to Excel, a hard copy submission from this PDF file is acceptable.

### III. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript from your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA. Your high school counselor or principal must certify documentation in the appropriate space. To expedite the process, we recommend that the school official send the transcript electronically to [xal\\_education@apaxal.com](mailto:xal_education@apaxal.com), but we will also accept the transcript via postal mail in a sealed envelope.

**(Unofficial Transcript or Alternate Official Proof of Grade Point Average are also acceptable) Students can access their GPAs from Naviance. Please contact your school counselors to inquire if they are able to submit transcripts for you from Naviance or their school division LMS.**

### IV. Recommendation Form

Please provide two recommendations. Give the attached recommendation forms to a Teacher/Counselor and a Community Member to complete. These recommendations are provided both as part of this PDF and as an Excel file, which may be completed and returned via email or postal mail.

### V. High Quality Photo

Please provide a high-quality photo of passport size or larger. No photo proofs will be accepted, and applicant must be alone in the photo. Senior class photos, or professional headshots are preferred.

**VI. Essay Topic:** *Dr. King's quote "Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education," first appeared in an article he wrote, entitled, "The Purpose of Education," for his college newspaper, the Maroon Tiger, in 1947. The article asserts knowledge alone was not enough; integrity and compassion should be integral parts of holistic learning.*



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*We are to be people who are well-read, critical thinkers who value others and seek their well-being. Citing the example of Georgia's former governor Eugene Talmadge, Dr. King asserts that reasoning ability is not enough. He insists that character and moral development are necessary to give the critical intellect humane purposes.*

- **How does this quote apply in the context of today's political and social environment?**
- **Is there anyone in the current political or social environment whose actions inspire you to do more as it relates to the quote? If so, who and why?**
- **As a Generation Z demographic cohort, what can you and others of your generation do, both personally and collectively, to put this quote into action to make our nation a better place for all citizens?**

Applicants are encouraged to email their essays in whatever format is most convenient, along with their application forms in Excel format (per item III above). Please name this file *Last Name, First Name – 2021 IDSEF Essay* if you submit it electronically.

**VII. Expected Family Contribution**

Please provide the Expected Family Contribution as determined via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The income earned from work **MUST** be visible on the document to verify expected family contribution.

**VIII. Deadline.** All application packets must be **postmarked by Saturday, May 1, 2021**. Applicants must submit **completed** application packets. Incomplete application packets will **NOT** be reviewed and will therefore eliminate you from the selection process.

**IX. Completed Applications.** Please email completed packets to [xal\\_education@apaxal.com](mailto:xal_education@apaxal.com), or send them via postal mail to:

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**X. Notification of Scholarship Recipients.** Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than **May 31, 2021**.

**XI. Questions or Concerns.** Please address all questions or concerns to the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter Director of Education, Mr. Anthony T. Walker, at [xal\\_education@apaxal.com](mailto:xal_education@apaxal.com).

The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund 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:

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## 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 (**adjusted**)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Family Contribution Worksheet
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Essay, Typed (*800 words or less, double spaced, Arial, 12-point font*)
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Teacher/Counselor and (1) Community Member Recommendation Form (**adjusted**)
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ High quality photo
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**Applicant Information**

<b>Name (Last)</b>	<b>(First)</b>	<b>(MI)</b>

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**Mailing Address**

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<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
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<b>High School</b>	<b>City, County</b>	<b>State</b>
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<b>Cumulative GPA</b>	<b>Expected Graduation Date</b>
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**Parent/Guardian Information**

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<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Occupation / Employer</b>
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<b>Mother's Name</b>	<b>Occupation / Employer</b>
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**Financial Information**

Please select the entry that corresponds to your family's gross annual household income

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$75,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$150,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$200,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$250,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 or more	

Please list any additional information that may affect your family's financial situation: (for example, medical expenses, single parent, unemployed parent, etc.)



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**College Admission Information**

List the college or university you have been accepted to, and plan to attend in the fall of 2021.

**College/University**

**Intended Major**

**School and Community Clubs/Organizations**

List the student clubs or organizations you have been involved with over the **last four years**. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information Section

Club or Organization	Years of Participation				Position(s) Held
	9	10	11	12	

**Honors and Awards**

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

**Honor/Award**

**Date Received**



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**School and Community Athletics**

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

Sport	Years of Participation				Recognition Received
	9	10	11	12	

**Employment**

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

Employer	Position	School Year	Dates
			Summer/Holiday

**Additional Information**

Please provide any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider while reviewing your application.





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**Certification**

I certify that the information provided 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, Inc.

**Signature of Applicant**

(typed name is acceptable as signature when submitting electronic form via email)

**Date**

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## ***2021 Counselor/Teacher Recommendation***

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**Student's Name**

**School Official's Name**

**Job Title/Position**

Please provide your assessment of the applicant in each category by entering "X" in the appropriate column

Category	Top 5%	Top 15%	Average	Below Average	No Basis For Assessment
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** (enter X below)

**Strongly Recommend**

**Recommend**

**Do Not Recommend**

**School Official's Signature** (typed name below is acceptable as signature when submitting via email)

**Telephone Number and/or Email**

**Date Signed**

**School Name and Mailing Address**



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## 2021 Community Member Recommendation

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**Applicant's Name**

**Recommender's Name**

**Organization/Recommender's Role**

Please provide your assessment of the applicant in each category by entering "X" in the appropriate column

Category	Top 5%	Top 15%	Average	Below Average	No Basis For Assessment
1. Enthusiasm					
2. Initiative					
3. Creativity					
4. Ability to Follow Instructions					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Oral Presentation Skills					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect for Others					
9. Ability to Assume Responsibility					
10. Emotional/Social Maturity					

How long have you known the applicant?

Relationship to Applicant?

Applicant's Greatest Strengths /  
Comments

**Recommendation** (enter X below)

**Strongly Recommend**

**Recommend**

**Do Not Recommend**

**Recommender's Signature** (typed name below is acceptable as signature when submitting via email)

**Telephone Number and/or Email**

**Date Signed**