



**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.**  
**Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter**  
**Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund**  
**2019 Application**

December 31, 2018

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. would like to offer financial assistance to deserving high school **male** 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 \$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 eighteen 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 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

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). We look forward to working with you as we invest in our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Walker  
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 Afro-American 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 sons of Alpha include the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, 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, Clementa Pinckney, Roland Martin, Eddie Robinson, and Virginia Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax.

#### ***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 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 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 up to \$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." Failure to complete instructions could result in an unfavorable rating.

**I. Eligibility**

This scholarship award is open to any male 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

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

**II. 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.

**III. Recommendation Form**

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

**IV. 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.

**V. Essay Topic:**

What is the importance of the college major you plan to pursue and how will it serve you as a leader in your community? Explain how a college education will empower you and/or others of your generation, both personally and collectively, to affect meaningful change in your community and society.

**VI. Expected Family Contribution**

Please provide the Expected Family Contribution as determined via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**VII. Deadline**

All application packets must be **postmarked by Saturday, April 6, 2019**. 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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**VIII. Completed Applications**

Mail completed packets to:

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Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund  
ATTN: Anthony T. Walker  
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Alexandria, VA 22310

**IX. Scholarship Recipients**

Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than **May 20, 2019**. Each recipient is expected to attend our Dress for Success Day on or about **June 8, 2019**. Additionally, each recipient is expected to attend **Xi Alpha Lambda's Annual Black and Gold Ball on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, VA**. Complimentary tickets to this event will be provided for the recipients and their parents/guardians (approximate value: \$375.00).

**X. Questions or Concerns**

Please address all questions or concerns to the Director of Education: Mr. Anthony T. Walker at [xal\\_education@apaxal.com](mailto:xal_education@apaxal.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. \_\_\_\_ 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
6. \_\_\_\_ High quality photo



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## General Information

(Name) Last, First, MI

Mailing Address

Apt #

City/State/Zip

Telephone #

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E-mail

Date of Birth

High School

County

Cumulative GPA

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 the college or university you have been accepted to, and plan to attend in the fall of 2018.

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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 (Include Dates) _____	Position Held _____
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**Honors and Awards**

List any honors or awards you have received within the last **four years**. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information section.

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 Participated (Include Dates)	Recognition Received
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**Employment**

List any jobs you have held within the last four years. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information section.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position & Dates

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position & Dates

**Additional Information**

Below please indicate 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 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## COUNSELOR/TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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Application Deadline: **April 6, 2019**. Please return to student in sealed envelope with your signature on the back of the envelope.

*Student's Name*

*Teacher/Counselor's Name (please print)*

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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):**

<b>Strongly Recommend</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Not Recommended</b>
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Teacher/Counselor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

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*Student's Name*

*Community Member's Name (please print)*

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

Category	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	No Basis for Judgment
1. Enthusiasm					
2. Initiative					
3. Creativity					
4. Ability to follow instructions					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Oral Presentation Skills					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect of others					
9. Ability to assume responsibility					
10. Maturity Level (emotional/social)					

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's greatest strengths / Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation (Please Circle one):**

<b>Strongly Recommend</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Not Recommended</b>
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Recommender's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_