



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter
Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund
2018 Application

January 26, 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., a 501(c) 3 nonprofit foundation founded by Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter and chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia that operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. Since its founding in 1994, 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. Gerald N. Jackson III
P.O. Box 10371
Alexandria, VA 22310

Please do not hesitate to contact me at xal_education@apaxal.com for further information. We look forward to working with you as we invest in our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Gerald N. Jackson III
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 to maintain 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 "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 numerous nationally mandated programs such 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 levels.

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, and Clementa Pinckney.

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. (IDSEF) was founded in honor of our late charter brother, and second chapter president, who was the only African American graduate of the West Point class of 1960. IDSEF 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 to over one hundred high school seniors 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. To ensure your application receives full consideration, 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

The Ira Dorsey Scholarship is open to any **male** graduating high school senior who:

- 1) Lives within the Greater Washington DC Metropolitan area (VA, DC, MD)
- 2) Possesses a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.50 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. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript, certified by your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA and class ranking.

III. Recommendation Form

Please provide two recommendations from a Teacher/Counselor and a Community Member.

IV. High Quality Photo

Please provide a high quality photo of passport size or larger to be used for the Xi Alpha Lambda Black and Gold Ball program booklet. 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:

Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability in your school, work, and/or community. How have these experiences prepared you to become a leader at your college/university and beyond?

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 21, 2018**. Applicants must submit **completed** application packets. Incomplete application packets will **NOT** be reviewed and will therefore eliminate you from the selection process.

VIII. Completed Applications

Mail completed packets to: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
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IX. Scholarship Recognition

Applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than **May 12, 2018**. Each recipient is expected to attend our Dress for Success Day on or about **June 2, 2018**. Additionally, each recipient is expected to attend **Xi Alpha Lambda's Annual Black and Gold Ball on Saturday, June 16, 2018 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. Gerald N. Jackson III at 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 (*800 words or less, double spaced, 12-point font*)
5. (1) Teacher/Counselor and (1) Community Member Recommendation Form
6. High quality photo (minimum 2x2 inches)



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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 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	Position(s) Held

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	Recognition Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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 21, 2018**. Please return to student in sealed envelope with your signature on the back of the envelope.

Student's Name

Teacher's/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:

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended

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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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? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths / Comments _____

Recommendation:

Strongly Recommended	Recommended	Not Recommended

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone _____