

# 2021 Kenneth L. Howard Scholarship Application Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc./ Columbus, Ohio Alumni Chapter

## Statement of Purpose

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is a unique organization of college-educated men dedicated to the worthy cause of achievement in all fields of human endeavor. With this purpose in mind, the Columbus Alumni Chapter has sought to identify and fiscally support either local African American male high school students (graduating seniors) or deserving active chapter members (college students) in need of support.

Please read the application very carefully. The information submitted will not be used for any other purpose. Make sure every question is answered completely. Items which are not applicable should be marked N/A. Please be sure to attach the necessary materials (transcripts and essays). You may attach any other items such as recommendations at your own discretion.

## Minimum Requirements

The scholarships are available to male high school seniors who will graduate in the spring of the academic year for which he is applying or current college students in an active chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. under the jurisdiction of the Columbus, Ohio Alumni Chapter. Current college students and high school students will compete in separate divisions for scholarships.

- The applicant should have passed all sections of the Ohio Graduation Test or secure the required number of points (18) on the seven state end-of-course exams required [high school applicants only].
- High school candidates must possess at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- All college applicants must possess at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

## Areas to be Judged

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| * Scholarship                 | * Social Awareness           |
| * Career Preparation          | * Poise during the interview |
| * School/Community Activities | * Financial Need             |

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## **Transcript Request**

\_\_\_\_\_ is a candidate for the Kenneth L. Howard Scholarship. A copy of his current academic transcript is required for evaluation. Please mail paper transcript, completed application, and all other required materials to: Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship Committee, ATTN: P.R. West, Sr., 1461 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43203. **Official Electronic transcripts are welcomed.** Please forward electronically to [Mr.P.R.West@gmail.com](mailto:Mr.P.R.West@gmail.com).

**\* Current active chapter members should request that the college registrar's office forward a copy of their current transcript to the address above.**

**\*\* (All materials must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 20, 2021)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Approval (Required for H.S. applicants)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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(Please print or type clearly in black or blue ink)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Applied to: 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ 2.) \_\_\_\_\_  
3.) \_\_\_\_\_ 4.) \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities (include offices held): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Honors/Recognitions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships applied for to date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships received to date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Orientation**

Please list all community service projects you have directly participated in during the past year.

**Name of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Name/Phone Number (below) Director Name/Phone Number (below)

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Director's e-mail address: Director's e-mail address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a separate sheet listing other experiences if needed.

### **Financial Bearing**

Have you completed a Financial Aid Form? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Your estimated financial need is: High \_\_\_\_\_ Moderate \_\_\_\_\_ Low \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy to verify your status. Highest financial need is the tie-breaker between equally ranked candidates.

### **Position Statement**

Please write a short paragraph about the topic of community service. Be clear in supporting your position and elaborate on what it means to you.

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# **Applicant Essay**

Attach a word processed essay to your completed paper application. If you are submitting electronically, make sure your essay is written in either Microsoft Word or placed in PDF format and email to [Mr.P.R.West@gmail.com](mailto:Mr.P.R.West@gmail.com).

#### **High School Students:**

##### **Option 1**

The Black Lives Matter movement (#BLM) and citizen use of cell phone cameras has brought to the forefront the unnecessary deaths of African American men and women at the hands of law enforcement officials nationwide. Protest have erupted, demands to defund the police have been made, and seemingly, a slim majority of Americans are fed up with the unfair treatment of their fellow citizens of color. What should BLM leaders, BLM allies and/or the American citizenry collectively do to ensure that the changes advocated for come to fruition? Explain how each group should move forward to make America a more just society.

##### **Option 2**

The 2019 college admissions scandal Operation Varsity Blues shows how top academic universities were duped by white collar criminals to guarantee that the privileged, powerful and wealthy were consistently admitted to the nations best colleges. In light of this, should affirmative action still be used in admissions decisions to equal the playing field in admissions for African American, Hispanic and other ethnic people of color at top tier colleges and universities? Do your research on the scandal and on the current Harvard Affirmative Action case and write an argumentative essay on this topic.

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## College Applicants/Active Chapter Members:

### Option 1

Project into the future. Write either a reflective (from personal experience and involvement) or informational (research based) essay describing the challenges your fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. faces in the next quarter of a century. Issues addressed can include relevance of fraternal organizations for the common college student, intake challenges, and more committed membership among other factors.

### Option 2

The unemployment rate for African Americans (even college educated workers) are traditionally higher than for similarly situated Caucasian workers. Explain what you plan to do to make sure you are gainfully employed despite the statistics that indicate your employability factors are lower than your mainstream peers.

**College applicants: If your active chapter is under investigation for hazing, your application will be tabled. Upon receipt of a clean bill of health on your college/university's Office of Greek Affairs or Office of Student Life indicating the chapter has been cleared will serve as proof that your application can proceed. If such a determination is not made within the timeline for receipt and for judging of your application then the questionable status will render your application as ineligible for consideration.**

**Note: KLHESF scholarships are generally held for each recipient for one academic semester. Any scholar that is awarded a KLHESF scholarship must secure it within the first semesters after graduating from high school; or within two semesters if awarded as a college student. If an award is not claimed within the immediate semester of the award (unless an awardee has delayed entering school -- i.e., as in a "gap year") the awardee is subject to forfeit the award.**

**During the last five years, scholarships have ranged from a minimum of \$1,000.00 to a high of \$2,500.00 for each student.**

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**Career Preparation Form**

Please list any internship or general work experience that you have participated in during high school or college. Start with your most recent experiences.

Name of Company/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor name, phone & email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Internship/Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe duties performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**If this is not enough space, attach letters from supervisors on company stationary attesting to your internship experience and make sure a phone number and valid email address is included.**

**Miscellaneous**

Other relevant information you wish to provide for scholarship consideration:

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