



Re: Academic Achievement Award Scholarship

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Dear Counselor, Parent or Student:

The Monarch Awards Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Nu Omega Chapter. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the oldest Greek-letter organization established by Black college women in America, was formed in 1908 by nine Howard University students. It soon became America's premier organization for college-educated women, focusing on academic excellence and community service. The international sorority has grown to over 900 chapters, both undergraduate and alumnae.

Chartered as a graduate chapter on July 9, 1982, Xi Nu Omega established The Monarch Awards Foundation in 1988. The Foundation is pleased to offer a scholarship of up to \$2,000 to a 2017 graduating senior currently attending a Chicago Metropolitan Area High School. To be considered, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a 2017 graduating senior attending a Chicago Metropolitan Area High School (Chicago Metropolitan Area is defined by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce as Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties) and planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the summer or fall of 2017.
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must show proof of acceptance to and enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university before the scholarship is awarded.
- Must submit the following by March 31, 2017
- Completed application form
 - Two (2) copies of typed essay on given topic
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - Official sealed high school transcript with raised seal

Both female and male students are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. All applications and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2017 and mailed to the following address:

Monarch Awards Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Chairman
8708 S. Bennett, #221
Chicago, Illinois 60617

Counselors and parents, please take time to encourage students to apply and to make additional copies of this letter and application for those interested. Applications will also be available at www.MonarchAwardsFoundation.org. If you have any questions, or need additional information, feel free to contact Mrs. Karla Johnson via email at scholarships@monarchawardsfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Kelly M Gant
President

Karla Johnson
2017 Scholarship Chairman

ESSAY GUIDELINES:

Your essay must be 1-2 pages, and typed double-spaced in 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font. Your essay should include an introductory paragraph with a clearly stated thesis, supporting paragraphs that develop the thesis, and a concluding paragraph that brings closure to the topic. ***Please include two (2) copies of your essay with your application.*** For grading anonymity, please do not include your name in the body of the essay. You should, however, place your name at the top of the page.

Essays will be evaluated on clarity, organization, development, sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation, among other features.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

You must submit **two** letters of recommendation **with** your application. List the names of the people writing the letters, and their title/relationship to the applicant.

1. _____ 2. _____

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please submit an official sealed transcript(s) of all high school work.

I do hereby certify that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I am fully aware that any intentional falsification of information contained within this application may result in the denial of this application. I also recognize that plagiarism in the essay will disqualify my entry. I further realize that this scholarship may be revoked if I fail to meet the designated requirements of application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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