

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®
ZETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER, AND
THE IVY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, INCORPORATED

January 20, 2026

Dear Scholarship Coordinator:

It is with great pleasure that we invite high school seniors attending Arlington and Alexandria, VA, high schools to apply for the annual Cooley-Moore Scholarship sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Zeta Chi Omega Chapter, and the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Incorporated (IFNV). Please find attached a copy of this year's application.

Based on funding availability, winners will receive:

- a four-year scholarship, to be disbursed in the amount of \$4,000 per year (\$2,000 each semester); or
- a one-time \$4,000 stipend-scholarship for an applicant who will attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU); or
- other award(s).

The top finalists will be required to participate in an interview with the scholarship committee in April 2026. Recipients will be notified of their awards no later than June 2026. In addition, if one of your students is the recipient of this prestigious award, we would like to attend and participate in your awards program to make the presentation. The awards will be disbursed directly to the college or university in the name of the award recipient beginning no later than September 15, 2026.

We request that you make available to students an electronic file of the application, as it is in fillable file format. Please feel free to make additional copies of the application as needed. Typewritten or clearly handwritten applications also will be accepted. Applications and other materials may be submitted via email to scholarship@aka-zco.org. If e-mailed, official transcripts must be sent from the school's official email address by the counselor or transcript officer. Alternatively, applications and documentation may be mailed to the address indicated on the application.

Thank you so much for your timely dissemination of the application package.

Applications are due by **March 16, 2026**. **Applications received via e-mail or postmarked after this date will not be considered.**

We look forward to receiving applications from a strong pool of candidates. If you have any questions, please contact Diann Burns at 703-447-1916.

Sincerely,



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President
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Zeta Chi Omega Chapter



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COOLEY-MOORE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Zeta Chi Omega Chapter, and the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Incorporated (IFNV), announce the annual Cooley-Moore Scholarship Award. This award is for high school seniors attending high schools in Arlington and Alexandria, VA, and may be used at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

The recipient will be selected based upon a combination of the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement
2. Financial need
3. Contribution to school and community
4. Acceptance to an accredited two- or four-year college or university
5. Letters of recommendation

To apply for the scholarship, the applicant must submit the following:

- Completed copy of the attached application, and:
- Official school transcript – Must be original, with the official seal, and enclosed by a school official in the school's sealed envelope and mailed, **or** official transcripts may be emailed **from the school's official email address by the guidance counselor or the transcript officer**.
- Two letters of recommendation from any of the following:
 - Teacher
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Religious Leader
 - Employer
 - Community Leader

Recommendation letters must be signed (an electronic signature is acceptable), include the writer's organization/affiliation, and reference how the writer knows the applicant. The writer's contact information must be included in the letter.

- Double-spaced, typewritten essay (must be a maximum of **200** words) with one of the following titles:
 - *Barriers and Enhancements to My Educational Experience*, or
 - *My Career Goal and How I Will Achieve It*

The title of the essay must be typed at the top of the essay. Failure to include, verbatim, one of the aforementioned titles on your essay will lead to its disqualification.

- Proof of financial need: A copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and the FAFSA Summary, to include the Student Aid Index. If the reports do not clearly reflect income, you must also submit the first page of each parent's or guardian's most recent IRS Form 1040. **Please redact or conceal social security numbers.**

There must be official documentation of the income of the parent(s) or guardian(s). If income cannot be verified, the financial need score will be zero.

Selection Process:

The Scholarship Committee will review applications and select finalists. Top finalists are expected to participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship winner(s) and their high school(s) will be notified by letter and/or electronic mail by June 2026. A representative from the committee may be available to present the scholarship award to the recipient at the school's awards program. All information must be received or postmarked by **March 15, 2026**, via email to scholarship@aka-zco.org, or

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ANNUAL COOLEY-MOORE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION**

This form is fillable. Please print and remember to include all required signatures.
Typewritten or neatly printed applications also will be accepted.

NAME: _____
 Last **First** **Middle**

ADDRESS: _____
 Street **City** **State** **Zip**

TELEPHONE: (Home) _____ **(Cell)** _____

EMAIL: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ **DATE OF GRADUATION:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
 Street **City** **State** **Zip**

MOTHER: _____ **OCCUPATION:** _____ **SALARY:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
 Street **City** **State** **Zip**

FATHER: _____ **OCCUPATION:** _____ **SALARY:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
 Street **City** **State** **Zip**

OR

GUARDIAN: _____ **OCCUPATION:** _____ **SALARY:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
 Street **City** **State** **Zip**

NUMBER OF SIBLING(S): _____ **AGE(S):** _____

COLLEGE(S) OR UNIVERSITY(IES) ATTENDED BY SIBLINGS:

ARE YOUR SIBLINGS SELF-SUPPORTING? (Yes) _____ (No) _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Indicate year(s) of participation and, if applicable, offices held):

Applicant's Last Name _____ First Name _____

CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES (Indicate year(s) of participation and offices held):

EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIPS (List and describe duties of jobs held. Indicate dates of employment):

SPECIAL HONORS, AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, ETC. (Scholastic and Community):

I HAVE APPLIED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES:

I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES:

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WHICH I HAVE APPLIED:

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED AND DOLLAR AMOUNTS IF KNOWN:

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

The application package will not be considered if information is missing or instructions are not followed.

CHECKLIST:

- Did you include the essay and is its title at the top of the essay?
- Did you include the financial information, including details of your parents' or guardians' income?
- Did you include the official transcript?
- Did you include three letters of recommendation?