

The
L. Marian Poe
SCHOLARSHIP
2024

OF

*SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY,
INCORPORATED*

OMEGA SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Omega Sigma Alumnae Chapter

Newport News, VA



Statement of the Sorority

The History of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated dates from November 12, 1922, when seven young schoolteachers founded the sisterhood at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. These young ladies sought a need for unity among college-educated black women on a predominantly white campus to uphold the standards of scholarship, personality, character, purpose, self-respect, moral responsibility, and rendering unselfish service to make a better society. Collective striving for these qualities of character was necessary for consistently good scholarship. A high standard in scholarship was and is directly related to our precepts of character quality.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a predominately black nonprofit, a collegiate organization with a focus on community service. It is dedicated to encouraging and promoting high scholastic attainment and improving the quality of our lives and the society in which we live. Its slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress," expresses its purpose." These ladies proudly display their colors of **Royal Blue and Gold**. Membership in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a rewarding part of college life and continues for a lifetime.

The Omega Sigma Chapter of Newport News, VA, was chartered on May 29, 1939. In keeping with the sorority's goals, the focus of all projects is to provide service and funding to the community and local schools. The chapter also serves as the sponsoring alumnae chapter to the undergraduate chapters of the sorority at Hampton University, the College of William and Mary and Christopher Newport University.

L. Marian Poe, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Omega Sigma Chapter, was born on August 13, 1890, and grew up in Newport News, VA. Mrs. Poe enjoyed the distinction of being the first African American woman ever to be admitted to the Virginia Bar. A Howard University School of Law graduate, Mrs. Poe served as a charter member of the Old Dominion Bar Association. Mrs. Poe died on March 20, 1974; however, her legacy will live forever.

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GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP(S)

1. The applicant shall be an African American genetically born female who plans to enter college in any endeavor.
2. The applicant shall be a high school graduating senior when she submits the application and rank in the top 25 percent of her class.
3. The applicant shall submit a transcript (unofficial transcript or her high school academic record), including her grade point average (GPA) and class rank.
4. The application must be **RECEIVED** or **POSTMARKED at the address shown on the application** on or before **April 15, 2024**
5. **The applicant must include all of the following: scholarship application (completed and signed), high school transcript (including class rank), two (2) letters of recommendation, signed financial statement (page 2), and a recent picture of the applicant. Applications must include more than one or more of these items.**
6. Failure to adhere to the stated guidelines will disqualify the applicant. Only complete applications will be considered.
7. The applicants' highest score(s) shall be declared the chapter recipient(s). The ratings will be in the following categories: Financial need, Affiliations, Royalties & Honors, Communication Skills, and GPA. The finalist(s) may be further screened through an interview process.
8. The winning applicant(s) must have selected an accredited school approved by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will require verification that the student has been accepted and enrolled in an accredited school before tendering the scholarship funds. **Funds will be disbursed in August 2024.**

Additional information may be received by calling the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Smith-Thomas, (804) 712-6180 or via email, osscholarships.awards@gmail.com .

Attach Photo Here
(NO SELFIES)

Date received _____
Initials _____
(For Sorority Use Only)

SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED
Omega Sigma Chapter
“L. MARIAN POE SCHOLARSHIP”
APPLICATION FORM

Please use pen or type

A. Applicant:

1. Name in full (please print)

First Middle Last

2. Home Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Zip Code

3. Email Address: _____ 4. Telephone Number: (____) _____

5. Age: _____ 6. Date of Birth: _____

B. Education: Please list in chronological order all schools attended during the last four years:

Name of School(s): Location: Date of Attendance:

From what high school will you graduate? _____
Date of Graduation: _____

What College do you plan to attend? _____

Describe your primary career goals. _____

Describe the course of study you plan to follow in college. _____

List any honors and/or awards received while in high school: _____

C. List your church and/or community affiliations: _____

D. List activities in which you have participated:

Activities	Date of Participation	Approx. Hours	Positions/Honors
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

E. Work experiences in which you have participated. Please list jobs (including summer jobs) you have held in the last four (4) years.

Job & Type of Work	Employer	Summer/ School Year	Dates of Employment	Hours Per Week
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

F. Family Information: (Income must be given by applicant/guardian to determine need. **The financial statement below must be signed by parent/guardian.**)

Father/Guardian's name _____ Living/Deceased
Address _____
Occupation _____
Income \$ _____ (net/per year)
Signature (that financial information is correct) _____
(parent/guardian)

Mother/Guardian's name _____ Living/Deceased
Address _____
Occupation _____
Income \$ _____ (net/per year)
Signature (that financial information is correct) _____
(parent/guardian)

Names and ages of Sisters and Brothers:

_____ (name)	_____ (age)	_____ (name)	_____ (age)
_____ (name)	_____ (age)	_____ (name)	_____ (age)

How many sisters and/or brothers are supported by your parent(s)/guardian(s)? _____
How many in your family are attending college? _____

G. Academics: GPA= _____ Class Rank = _____

H. On a separate sheet of paper, **write an essay of 250 words or more**, giving an autobiographical sketch and the reason(s) you believe this scholarship award should be granted to you.

(Attach a separate sheet to the application)

I. After reading about this sorority in this application package, what part of your community involvement would meet the mission and goals of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated?

J. Attach a copy of your transcript to this form and have your teacher, pastor, coach, counselor, spiritual leader, dean, etc. (at least 2 of these) forward a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION to the committee at the address listed below or attach it to your application. (These letters must be received by the scholarship deadline.)

Please check carefully to be sure you have responded to **ALL** categories on this form. Ensure your parent/guardian's financial information/statement is included and attach a wallet-size picture of yourself to the front of this application. The Scholarship Application must be Received or Postmarked *at the address below* on or before **April 15, 2024**.

By signing this application, I hereby authorize and permit the Scholarship Committee of SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED, Omega Sigma Chapter to release my name and use my picture and/or parent(s)'s/guardian's names and hometown in any publication showing award of scholarship.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return the completed application package to:

Scholarship Committee
c/o Mrs. Tamara Smith-Thomas
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
Omega Sigma Chapter
265 Manor Dr.
Carrollton, VA 23314