

HELEN RAVENEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



APPLICATION FORM 2025



"Soar to Greater Heights"

Helen S. Ravenel
June 17, 1940 – March 20, 2022



Helen S. Ravenel became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on June 19, 1987. She served as the first President of Sigma Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Helen Ravenel was a trailblazer. She used her life to encourage and inspire others to pursue their goals and strive for success.

Mrs. Ravenel was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina. During her formative years she received her education in the public schools where she graduated valedictorian from Pine Forest High School in 1959. She went on to attend Morris College where she graduated with honors and received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Later, she earned a master's degree in Reading and a master's degree in administration from the Citadel.

Mrs. Ravenel worked as a classroom teacher in various school districts in South Carolina for 13 years before becoming the Assistant Principal of Newington Elementary School in Dorchester School District Two in Summerville. After three years in that role, she became the first Reading Supervisor for the district. Another first for Mrs. Ravenel, was becoming the first African American to serve as Director of Personnel for Dorchester school District Two and she remained in that position until she retired in 1994.

She was also a devoted church member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Ladson where she served in many roles.

Helen S. Ravenel believed in our youth and wanted everyone to help secure their future. She wanted her many 'firsts' to be the start for others to strive. She utilized her talents and her sisters of Sigma Upsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to do just that.

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations! It is with great pride and admiration that I commend you on furthering your education. We are delighted that you are considering the Helen Ravenel Memorial Scholarship to assist you with this endeavor.

All eligibility requirements for this scholarship must be met prior to the submission of your application. If you are interested in applying, please complete the enclosed application and return it to the following email address suoscholar24@gmail.com. All applications along with supporting documents must be received no later than **May 1, 2025**, to be considered. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. Therefore, please ensure you have completed your application in its entirety and email it along with all supporting documents by the above referenced deadline.

The Helen Ravenel Memorial Scholarship provides three scholarships in the amount of \$3000, \$2000, and \$1000. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college/university of your choice to go directly toward your tuition, room, board, and academic fees. Half of the scholarship will be sent prior to the Fall semester of 2025. The remaining half will be sent once you provide evidence of academic enrollment in Spring 2026. You are only eligible to receive the Helen Ravenel Memorial Scholarship for your freshman year. The scholarship recipient will be selected by an independent panel and notified via email with a letter to follow.

Should you need additional information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact the scholarship committee at suoscholar24@gmail.com. On behalf of Sigma Upsilon Omega's Scholarship Committee, we would like to wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Respectfully,

Anetra Beaufort, President
Nikki Williams-Calhoun, Vice President
Terry B. Stinson, Scholarship Chairman
Rhonda Robinson, Scholarship Co-Chair
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Sigma Upsilon Omega Chapter

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Eligibility To Apply:

- 2025 High School Graduate from a school within the Tri-County (Berkeley, Dorchester, or Charleston County)
- Minority Student in Marginalized Communities
- Grade Point Average of 2.5 or higher
- Accepted or Applying to an Accredited 4-year college/university in Fall 2025

Requirements for Application Process

- High School Transcript (Spring 2025)
- Extracurricular and/or Community Activities participated in from grades 9 - 12
- 300-word (minimum) essay on the application topic
(MLA format, Times New Roman, 12-pt font, double-spaced, one-inch margin)
- Two letters of recommendation: One from an educator at current high school & one from a non-family member, church or civic leader
- Headshot photo which will only be used to promote the winners on social media. Photos will be removed from the application during the judging process.
- Submit Application and Supporting Documents by **May 1, 2025** to **suoscholar24@gmail.com**.

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APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

High School Name: _____

High School Counselor: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Anticipated College/University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

What major will you pursue: _____

Career Goal: _____

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List all school extracurricular activities and church or community involvement activities participated in from grades 9 – 12.

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My signature below acknowledges that the information provided in this application is accurate to my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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ESSAY:

Provide a 300-word (minimum) essay regarding what would make you a more productive member of society. (MLA format, Times New Roman, 12-pt font, double-spaced, one-inch margin)

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SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST

Attach the following additional information to your application before sending.

_____ Essay (300-word minimum)

_____ Transcript (Spring 2025)

_____ Extracurricular Activities and Community/Civic Involvement

_____ Two Recommendation Letters

_____ Headshot Photo