IMPORTANT

How to Complete & Submit Your Scholarship Application

Before you begin:

1. **Read the entire application carefully** before filling anything out.
2. **Type all responses** directly into the fillable PDF (preferred).
3. Use **blue or black ink only** if printing and handwriting.
4. Answer **every required field completely and accurately**.
5. Save your file using this format:
   LastName_FirstName_ScholarshipName_2026.pdf
6. Double-check spelling, grammar, and completeness before submission.

All applications must be submitted by Saturday, February 14, 2026, either:

- **Electronically** to: akaeooscholarships@gmail.com
- **OR mailed** (postmarked by deadline) to:
  Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
  Epsilon Omega Omega Chapter
  Scholarship Showcase Committee
  P.O. Box 4823
  Macon, GA 31208

The Pearl Community Center

in affiliation with

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc®
Epsilon Omega Omega Chapter

January 5, 2026

Dear Student,

The Pearl Community Center, Incorporated in affiliation with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Epsilon Omega Omega Chapter will award several scholarships to students graduating from high schools in the Bibb, Baldwin, Jones, Twiggs, and Wilkinson County areas. Students applying for any of the available scholarships must **reside in and attend school** in Bibb, Baldwin, Jones, Twiggs, or Wilkinson County. All scholarships are open to females and males of all races and national or ethnic origins.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	WHO SHOULD APPLY
Eddye Mae Booth Leadership Scholarship	$1,500 - $2,500	Student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to student leadership and academic success
Ruth Johnston Community Service Scholarship	$1,500 - $2,500	Student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to community service and academic success
Valeria Williams Music Scholarship	$1,500 - $2,500	Student who has demonstrated excellence in instrumental and/or vocal performance and academic success
Epsilon Omega Omega Exemplary Youth Scholarship	$1,500 - $2,500	Student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to academic success, student leadership, and community service

Scholarship Instructions

1. **The application deadline is Saturday, February 14, 2026.** Application packets must be **either** emailed to akaeooscholarships@gmail.com or received/postmarked by the deadline and remitted to (Please do not send certified mail that requires a signature.):

   Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
   Epsilon Omega Omega Chapter
   Scholarship Showcase Committee
   P.O. Box 4823
   Macon, Georgia 31208

2. An official transcript which includes Semester 1 final grades or an official transcript and an official copy of Semester 1 progress report must accompany all applications. If submitting your application electronically, transcripts must be sent directly from your school counselor or registrar to the following email address akaeooscholarships@gmail.com **If mailing your application packet, official transcripts**

must be labeled "official transcript"; the documents, signed by the counselor or registrar, and bear the school's seal. If applying for multiple scholarships, only one official transcript needs to be submitted.

3. Each applicant must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Please note that Epsilon Omega Omega Exemplary Youth Scholarship applicants must have straight A's from 9th through 12th grade.
4. Each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must bear the writer's official handwritten signature. The academic letter must be completed by an academic teacher, counselor, or administrator of the school you currently attend. The second recommendation may be from an individual familiar with your character, school activities, or community involvement. Valeria Williams Music Scholarship applicants must submit written documentation from two individuals verifying musical performance. Relatives may not write recommendations.
5. Each Valeria Williams Music Scholarship applicant will submit two (2) pieces of music representing different styles along with this application:
    - Classical Piece
    - Choice Piece (any genre)

    Judging criteria for instrumental performances include accuracy, rhythm, phrasing, and dynamics. Judging criteria for vocal performances may also include, but are not limited to, facial expressions and showmanship.

    Each applicant will be required to perform a sight-reading piece. The applicant will have two minutes to review. Judging criteria may include rhythm, phrasing, and dynamics.

    Each applicant will take a music quiz on his/her understanding of music basics and theory. Elements on the quiz will include note recognition, tempo, and dynamics.

    An audition will be scheduled in February/March 2026. Eligible applicants will be notified of the performance date and time. Scoring for the entire performance:

Traditional Selection	40%	Sight-reading	20%
Choice Selection	30%	Music Theory	10%

6. Each applicant must submit one Community/Leadership Involvement Verification form.
7. Each applicant must complete a typed 500-word essay based on the scholarship applied.
8. Scholarship award is contingent upon submission of an enrollment verification form from the college or university for the Fall 2026 Semester and a completed scholarship information form. The verification submission deadline is September 15, 2026. After this date, funds will no longer be available.
9. The Scholarship Showcase is scheduled for spring 2026. Details are forthcoming.
10. For additional information, please contact Shandra Yarbrough at 478-335-6643 or Johnta Shaheer at (478) 960-4487.

All scholarship applicants will be judged on scholarship, character, school and community activities, and essay. Valeria Williams Music Scholarship applicants will also be judged on musical performance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Shandra Yarbrough and Johnta Shaheer

Scholarship Showcase Co-Chairmen

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Scholarship Application

Directions: Please type or write in blue/ black ink all requested information.

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address	
Date of Birth	Gender ☐ Female ☐ Male		

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
1) Parent / Guardian Name	Relationship
Phone Number	Email Address
2) Parent / Guardian Name	Relationship
Phone Number	Email Address

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION			
High School Currently Attending	Overall GPA		
Address	City	State	Zip

COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS
College / University You Applied or Have Been Accepted
Intended Major / Field of Study

SCHOLARSHIPS – check scholarship(s) for which you are applying
☐ Eddye Mae Booth Leadership Scholarship ☐
☐ Ruth Johnston Community Service Scholarship ☐
☐ Valeria Williams Music Scholarship ☐
☐ Epsilon Omega Omega Exemplary Youth Scholarship ☐

EXTRA-CURRICULAR / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Name of Group / Activity	Grade (Check boxes that apply)				Leadership Positions Held (if applicable)
	9th	10th	11th	12th	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
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10.					

HONORS / AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

Name of Group / Activity	Grade (Check boxes that apply)				Source / Reason for Award
	9th	10th	11th	12th	
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SIGNATURES

Applicant's Signature	Date
Parent / Guardian's Signature	Date

COMMUNITY/LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT VERIFICATION (CLIV) FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Please record information below regarding your involvement in community/campus/leadership activities or programs that have occurred within the last three (3) years. All applicants must submit at least one (1) but cannot exceed three (3) CLIV forms for the Eddye Mae Booth Leadership Scholarship and Ruth Johnston Community Service Scholarship. This form should be completed in its entirety, and any information or documents without signatures will not be accepted.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Title of Activity or Program	Start Date	End Date
Location of Activity or Program	# of hours completed	
Goal of Activity/Program:		
Population Served (check all that apply): ☐Youth ☐Peers ☐Adults ☐Other (specify):		
Describe your specific involvement:		
1. How did the program positively impact the population served?		
2. Did you meet the goal of the activity/program? Explain.		
3. How did your involvement in the program affect you?		

By signing this form, I verify that all information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that at any time, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Omega Omega Chapter can rescind any rights or privileges to an applicant based on the submission of false information or documents.

Applicant's Signature	Date
Name of Advisor (Please Print)	Advisor's Email Address
Location	Phone
Signature of Advisor	Date

ESSAY
In 500 words or less, answer the question or respond to the statement for the application(s) for which you are applying. If you are applying for more than one scholarship, you must submit an essay for each scholarship. Responses must be typed.

Scholarship	Essay Question
Eddye Mae Booth Leadership Scholarship	Discuss a leadership experience you have had in any area of your life: school, work, athletics, family, church, community, etc. How and why did you become a leader in this area? How did this experience influence your goals?
Ruth Johnston Community Service Scholarship	Discuss your involvement and contributions to a community near your home, school, or elsewhere. What did you accomplish? How did this experience influence your goals?
Valeria Williams Music Scholarship	Explain your contribution to the community using musical talent.
Epsilon Omega Omega Exemplary Youth Scholarship	Explain how you will use your college education to better your community.