Applicants Name: _____

Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Scholarship 2026

Who is Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc?

Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. is a Chicana/Latina based sorority that was founded in 1996 at the University of California, Berkeley. We are a sorority that emphasizes campus involvement, community service and sisterhood. Within these three components, we stress academics, the promotion of higher education, and the enhancement of our Chicana/Latina heritage. Our Greek letters were selected by our founding mothers to symbolize our Chicana/Latina heritage by spelling (*ELLA*), meaning she/her in the Spanish language.

Currently, Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. has ten chapters: Founding: Alpha Chapter at UC Berkeley, Beta Chapter at UC Riverside, Gamma Chapter at UC Santa Cruz, Delta Chapter at San Francisco State, Epsilon Chapter at Cal State San Bernardino, Zeta Chapter at UC Davis, Eta Chapter at Sacramento State, Theta Chapter at Sonoma State, Iota Chapter at UC San Diego, Kappa Chapter at Cal State Los Angeles, Lambda Chapter at San Jose State University, Mu Chapter at Humboldt State University, Nu Chapter at UC Irvine, and our eternal Sigma Chapter.

What is The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship?

The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship was created to award women with the same dedication to academics and our community as the sisters of Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. will provide the top one (1) applicant with a scholarship of $600 and the next nine (9) runner-up applicants will receive a scholarship of $400.

Eligibility

- Female **High School Senior** with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Will attend a **community college or a four-year institution** in the fall semester of 2026.
- U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residency **is not a requirement** for this scholarship and **will not** be considered during the application review.

Selection – Applications are evaluated on the following:

- Academic Achievement (including GPA, Awards, Honors)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (from a teacher, supervisor, advisor, etc.) but not from a family member or friend **(REQUIRED)**
- Personal Statement

Your Application Packet Must Include:

1. **One Official Transcript including all academic grades through Fall Semester of 2025.**
2. **A Letter of Recommendation addressing the following:**
    a. Current academic status.
    b. Academic and extracurricular achievements.
    c. Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and commitment.
    d. Potential for future success
3. **A Letter of Recommendation addressing the following:**
    a. Community service involvement within your community.
    b. Any volunteer participation throughout high school.
    c. Contributions to your community.
    d. Any organization or community based internship involvement.

4. **A typed three-pages double-spaced Personal Statement in which you address:**
    a. Heritage (family background, parentage, etc.)
    b. Personal and academic achievements, giving specific examples.
    c. Academic plans and career goals, giving specific examples.
    d. Past and current efforts, as well as future plans, toward making a difference in your community.
    e. Financial needs to pursue a higher education.

Important Dates

1. Applications are due: **May 31, 2026 AT 11:59PM**
2. Winning recipients' notifications will be sent out: **July 12, 2026**
3. Winning recipients will receive a letter and email.

Notes

- This application may be photocopied for distribution
- Provide the director's email to the individual (teacher, counselor, community member, etc) who will write your letter of recommendation. Email subject must state "applicants first and last name, letter of recommendation."
- Completed applications must be **turned no later than May 31, 2026** to the following email address:

nationalcouncilphilanthropy@gmail.com
Email Subject Line: "applicants first and last name"

Feel free to contact Giovanna Verdin, Director of Philanthropy Interest with further questions and/or concerns via email at **nationalcouncilphilanthropy@gmail.com.**

Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship

Important Information and Instructions

- Please email all items in one package to ensure that your application materials are **received by May 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM.**
- Make sure to have your full name on **EVERY** document you submit.
- You will be notified on or before **July 12, 2026**, if you are a recipient of the Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship. You shall receive the scholarship award once Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. receives proof of college registration.
- The number of applications received greatly exceeds the number of available scholarships.
- Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

Certification

Students must read and sign below to be eligible for consideration:

- I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I will be enrolled as a full-time college student in Fall 2026.
- Give my high school consent to release to the Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship any and all information pertaining to this application including GPA and contact information.
- I understand that I must notify the Director of Philanthropy Interest of Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. of any changes in my enrollment status; changes in full-time status may result in the cancellation of any award provided.
    - I hereby acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund informed of any address changes.
    - I understand that application materials become property of The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund and cannot be returned.
    - I hereby certify that I have read this application, and this Certification, and **I accept all conditions specified.**

Signature Date _____

Thank you for applying to the
Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship

We wish you success!

Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Scholarship 2026

Personal Information

Full Name : _____

Address : _____

Racial or Ethnic Background: _____

Date of Birth : _____

Phone No : _____ *Email :* _____

Educational Background

Current High School: _____ *GPA:* _____

High School Address: _____

Intended School for Fall 2025 (Full Name): _____

Intended Major and/or Minor: _____

Parents Information

Parents Highest Level of Education: Elementary | High School | College | No Education

Parent(s) You Live With: Mother/Step-Mother | Father/Step-Father | Both | Other

Parents Marital Status: _____

Guardian #1's Full Name: _____ *Occupation:* _____

Guardian #2's Full Name: _____ *Occupation:* _____

Family's Annual Income: _____ *Number of Family/Your Dependent:* _____

Other Information

Check any that apply to you or your family:

Free or Reduced Lunch | Run Away | Youth Foster | Youth Homeless |

Number of siblings in college and schools they attend: _____

Short Answer Questions (attach additional documents with answers)

Has your household had a significant change of income in the last year? (Specify and explain)

Extracurricular Activities and Awards?

Unusual Expenses (specify and explain)?