

# 2026 HBCU SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

2026 Scholarship Award: \$1,000.00

Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) were first established in the 19th century to provide higher educational opportunities for black Americans.

Due to slavery (and later segregation), black Americans were denied admission to traditionally white institutions.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 defines HBCUs as an accredited higher education institution established prior to 1964, whose “principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans.”

Currently, the 107 HBCUs (both public and private entities) serve more than 289,000 students throughout the country.

The members of Lambda Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® are thrilled to offer this scholarship opportunity to our local graduating high school seniors on O’ahu planning to attend a Historically Black College or University in 2026.

Be certain to review the Requirements & Guidelines Chart in Section VI (page 4), to ensure all eligibility requirements are met.

Best of Luck!

*Dr. Chelsea Sherrod*

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*IMPORTANT NOTE: pg. 2 & pg. 3 must be completed and submitted with your application packet.*

## SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION II: SCHOOL INFORMATION

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CUM. HIGH SCHOOL G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_ ANTICIPATED MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION III: PARENT INFORMATION

### FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET (if different from applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET (if different from applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **SECTION IV: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List extra-curricular activities and offices held throughout your high school years to the present.

## SECTION V: COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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## SECTION VI: SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY	High School senior (on Oahu) planning to attend a Historically Black College/University in the 2026 academic year
MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GPA	2.5
(MIN.) COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	10 completed hours (must provide documentation upon request)
WRITTEN REQUIREMENT	<p><b>Full Two-Page Essay (Font: Arial 12pt., Double-spaced)</b></p> <p><b>Essay Question: Do HBCUs better prepare African American students for post graduate life? Explain in detail.</b></p>
INTERVIEW	Applicant must be available for a phone interview in April 2026
COLLEGE ADMISSION	Selected Scholarship recipient must provide proof of enrollment into his/her upcoming HBCU (upon request)

➡ A COMPLETE application packet must include the following:

1. Pages 2 & 3 (of this application) completed.
2. Unofficial High School Transcripts may be submitted during the application process. Scholarship awardees will be required to submit official transcripts, upon request.
3. TWO Letters of Recommendation (accepted from applicant's teachers, counselors, principal or community members). Letters may be mailed separately OR mailed with your application packet.
4. Essay (requirements listed above in Section VI).

**Application packets must be POSTMARKED no later than MARCH 25, 2026**

Mail packet to:  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®  
Lambda Chi Omega Chapter  
Attn: 2026 HBCU SCHOLARSHIP  
P.O. BOX 1792  
Aiea, HI 96701

Questions?? Contact the Scholarship Committee at: AKAscholarships.hi@gmail.com