Alpha Pi Omega Foundation Scholarship Program
Freshman Scholarship

Scholarship Overview

The Alpha Pi Omega Foundation provides assistance to eligible high school seniors who desire to attend a two- or four-year accredited institution of higher learning through the Freshman Scholarship.

Freshman Scholarships are awarded at a minimum of $1,500. All awards are paid directly to the institution and applied towards the recipient's tuition, books, academic fees, and/or room and board.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on several factors, with emphasis on academic performance, character, leadership, personal merit, and background. Please note, there are no restrictions on the number of scholarship applicants per family.

The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.

** Scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2026. **

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Freshman Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.
- Be a high school senior graduating by June 30, 2026.
- Be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited two- or four-year college in the U.S. at the time of the scholarship award.
- Be a resident of Knox County *(Where you are from and where your parent(s) resides)*
- Submit a completed Freshman Scholarship application *(application, official transcript, two letters of recommendation, essay, and professional headshot photo).*

Alpha Pi Omega Foundation members and their immediate family are not eligible to participate.

Guidelines

The evaluation and selection process for all applicants will be based upon the submission of a completed application. All completed applications must include the following documents:

- A Freshman Scholarship application
- Two (2) typed letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your academic and leadership abilities. **One letter must come from a teacher who is familiar with your academic work.**
- An official high school transcript. **Transcripts must reflect grades from freshman year through the fall semester of senior year.**
- A typed essay of 500 words entitled "Why College Is Important to Me".
- A professional headshot photo.

Submission Requirements:

Submit your completed application using the following method.

EMAIL your completed application, letters of recommendation, and essay in **one PDF file** to alphapiomegafoundation@gmail.com. Please attach your professional headshot photo as a separate jpg image. The file name should be your first and last name.

- **Request** from your school an official **transcript or e-transcript to be sent via email to** alphapiomegafoundation@gmail.com by the application deadline. **Transcripts must come directly from the school, not the applicant.**

- **No hand delivered documents will be accepted.**

- **Ensure all requested documents are submitted with your completed application.**

- **All completed applications must be received by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**

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Freshman Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
Applicant Name:		
Applicant Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Applicant Cell Number:		
Applicant Email Address:		
Are you a Knox County resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Parent/Guardian Name(s):		
Parent/Guardian Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Parent/Guardian Contact Number:		
Parent/Guardian Email Address:		

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:	
Name of High School:	GPA (Cumulative):
List any academic honors and recognitions received while in high school:	
List any extra-curricular activities and leadership positions held while in high school:	
List any community involvement *(i.e., volunteer service)* while in high school:	

TEST SCORES:				
ACT	Composite:	English:	Math:	Reading:	Science:
SAT	Total:		Verbal:	Math:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Are you currently employed?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Position Held:		Start Date:
Employer:		
Employer Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

Name of Institution:	
City:	State:
Date of Enrollment (Start Date):	Major:

RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION: *(Required)*

All completed applications must include the following documents:

- Two typed letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your academic and leadership abilities. **One letter must come from a teacher who is familiar with your academic work.**
- An official high school transcript. **Transcripts must reflect grades from freshman year through the fall semester of senior year.**
- A typed essay of 500 words entitled "Why College Is Important to Me".
- A professional headshot photo. Photos will be used during the Alfredda C. Delaney Scholarship Brunch to acknowledge scholarship recipients. (Photos will not be used for applicants not receiving scholarships.)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

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- **Request** from your school an official **transcript or e-transcript to be sent via email to** alphapiomegafoundation@gmail.com by the application deadline. **Transcripts must come directly from the school, not the applicant.**

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- **Ensure all requested documents are submitted with your completion application.**

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Scholarship Application Best Practices

Use the best practices below as a checklist to ensure your scholarship application is complete, professional, and competitive.

☐ **Confirm Your Eligibility** – Double-check that you meet all requirements.

☐ **Start Early and Stay Organized** – Don't wait until the last minute. Create a checklist and timeline for gathering references, transcripts, essay drafts, and your headshot photo.

☐ **Request References in Advance** – Choose educators, advisors, employers, or community leaders who know you well. Ask at least 2 weeks before the deadline and provide them with your resume or accomplishments to help them write strong letters.

☐ **Follow Transcript Instructions Exactly** – Make sure your official transcript is sent directly from your high school electronically to the correct email address. Applications with missing or unofficial transcripts will not be considered.

☐ **Type a Thoughtful, Polished Essay** – Take time to draft your essay to ensure that it fully addresses the essay topic. Be authentic and share your personal journey, challenges, and goals. Revise and proofread for clarity, grammar, and flow.

☐ **Use a Professional Headshot** – Your photo should have good lighting, a plain background, and professional or business casual attire. Avoid selfies, filters, or casual snapshots.

☐ **Complete Every Section of the Application** – Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Double-check that you've included your essay, two reference letters, professional headshot, and requested your official transcript before submission.

☐ **Submit Electronically the Right Way** – Send all application materials by email before the deadline. Name your files clearly (e.g., Firstname Lastname_Application). Ensure all attachments are in the accepted format (e.g., PDF, JPG).

☐ **Proofread Everything Before Sending** – Always review your application and reference letters for spelling, grammar, and accuracy. Ask a mentor, professor, or career center staff to review your materials before you submit (i.e., Verify that your essay and reference letters are written to the correct organization).

☐ **Meet the Deadline Without Exception** – Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted. Plan to submit at least 2–3 days early to avoid technical issues or last-minute stress.