



The Pi Kappa Alpha – Alpha Omicron Centennial Scholarship was established and endowed by the generous contributions of the members of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, their families and friends. This fund was established in 2010 to commemorate and celebrate the centennial year of the Alpha Omicron Chapter and its legacy at Southwestern University.

Instructions:

Please complete the attached application and submit it to the Financial Aid Office by **May 1, 2020**. So that the scholarship selection committee may have access to your transcript, be sure to sign your application before you submit it. You may answer questions using a separate sheet of paper.

Who may apply for this scholarship?

Any member of the Alpha Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha may apply if he:

- (1) is an active member in good standing with the fraternity,
- (2) has filed a FAFSA for the 2020-21 academic year and has demonstrated financial need as determined through the FAFSA,
- (3) plans to enroll at the university during the 2020-21 academic year on a full-time basis and,
- (4) is making satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes (i.e., 2.0 cumulative GPA, completed at least 80% of all credit hours attempted, and earned no more than 175 credit hours.)

If I am currently a pledge, may I apply for this scholarship?

Yes. You may apply for the scholarship as a pledge. Scholarship recipients must be active members in good standing with the fraternity during the period in which the award is granted.

If I meet the criteria above, does this mean I will automatically receive the scholarship?

No. This is a competitive scholarship and the recipients will be selected from the pool of applicants for the scholarship.

How are the recipients selected?

Scholarship candidates will identify themselves by completing a scholarship application, which must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by May 1, 2020. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee of PKA-AO alumni, who determine the recipient(s) of the award. An applicant's demonstrated need **and** academic record are important factors in the selection process. All applicants will be notified of their final status in writing by June 30, 2020.

What is the amount of the scholarship and how many are available?

The amount available for the PKA-AO Centennial Scholarship program varies annually, based upon the available funds produced by the scholarship endowment. For the 2019-20 school year the total amount awarded was \$7,463. The available amount for 2020-21 will be determined in late spring of 2020. The number and amount of individual awards will be influenced by the number and quality of applications received, along with the level of demonstrated need of the applicants. The selection committee will determine who will receive the scholarship, and in what amount.

What is the duration of the scholarship?

The PKA-AO Centennial Scholarship is awarded annually and is good for one year. The scholarship must be used during the regular academic year. The scholarship may not be used for summer school or for any type of program where SU funds may not be used, such as non-SU study abroad programs or the GLCA New York Semester.

Is the scholarship renewable?

The PKA-AO Centennial Scholarship is awarded for one year only and is not renewable. However, recipients may re-apply each year to be considered along with all other applicants for that year.

What if I have more questions about this scholarship?

You may contact James Gaeta, AO '84, Associate Dean of Enrollment Services at gaetaj@southwestern.edu



Application Deadline: May 1, 2020

Name _____
Last First MI

Current Classification: ___First-year ___Sophomore ___Junior ___Senior Pledge Class: AO _____

Local Address _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____ Current number of hours earned: _____

Current Major: _____ Minor: _____

If you are an undecided major, please indicate your potential area(s) of academic interest:

In addition to this application, please provide the following:

1. A detailed listing of any student activities, leadership roles, committees, employment experiences, community service, or any other significant activities in which you have been involved while attending Southwestern University. Also, indicate any honors, recognitions, or awards you have received while attending Southwestern University. Be sure to include details of your involvement with the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. In lieu of such a listing, you may attach a resume that contains this information.
2. A personal statement that explains why you believe that you are a good candidate for the Pi Kappa Alpha – Alpha Omicron Centennial Scholarship. Include information regarding any adverse family financial circumstances that you would like the committee to consider. Statements that reflect a positive self-evaluation are strongly encouraged.
3. Be sure that your 2020-21 FAFSA is on file with the Financial Aid Office. Your FAFSA must be cleared of any rejects. If your FAFSA has been selected for verification, all verification documents must be signed and on file. You may check your FAFSA status at www.studentaid.gov or contact the Financial Aid Office at (512) 863-1259 or at finaid@southwestern.edu. **Applicants without a FAFSA on file, with a rejected FAFSA, or with incomplete verification documents will not be considered.**

Signature Section:

With my signature below, I certify that the information provided above is true and correct, and represents my own work. I authorize the release of my grades and any additional pertinent information to the scholarship committee for the purpose of evaluating my scholarship eligibility. I understand that providing this information is subject to Southwestern's Honor Code and that any misrepresentation of my information will subject me to possible disciplinary action and disqualify me from this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Submit the completed application to the Financial Aid Office, in the Cullen Building, Suite 220, or via email to finaid@southwestern.edu.