Founded in 1908 at Howard University, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the oldest Greek-letter

organization established in America by African American college women. Since its founding, the sorority

has flourished into a globally impactful organization of over 270,000 college trained members, bounded

by the bonds of sisterhood and empowered by a commitment to servant-leadership that is both domestic and international in its scope. Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter is an alumnae chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority serving Southern Illinois since 1941.

**Thelma Gibbs Walker Scholarship Criteria**

\* Full-time African American male or female high school senior

\* Resides in Southern Illinois (Jackson/Williamson) counties

\* Minimum GPA of 2.5 of 4.0

\* Demonstrates community service involvement

\* Identify honors and awards

**APPLICATIONS MUST CONTAIN ALL OF THE ITEMS BELOW. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

1. Completed application form including a **typed** Personal Essay (See Section D)

2. **Two (2) letters of recommendation**. **One (1) academic and one (1) professional or personal (non**

**relative/family member). Letters must include the recommender’s contact information.**

3. Official transcript from high school and **MUST** include cumulative GPA.

4. Certification of Admissibility or acceptance letter for the next academic school year **must** accompany this application.

**How to Apply**

Complete the official Thelma Walker Gibbs Scholarship Application Form (attached). **Applications must be signed by a parent/guardian.**

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Completed applications must be postmarked by the application due date and mailed to:

AKA/GKO

P.O. Box 519

Carbondale, IL 62903

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

**Section A: Contact Information**

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School Attendance (High School)

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**Section B: Leadership, Volunteer/Academic Service Activities**

1. List high school extra-curricular activities

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2. List school sponsored clubs/activities (student council, chorus, etc.)

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3. List community activities (CAPS, church, volunteer organizations, etc.)

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4. Work Experience

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**Section C: Awards/Honors**

List recognition/awards/memberships

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**Section D: Personal Essay**

In a separate document, write a **200-250** word, **typed** double spaced essay on the following topic:

*One of the five tenets of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated’s mission is to be of “Service*

*to All Mankind”. Discuss the importance and impacts of community service and your personal contributions and experiences with community service.*

**Section E: University/College Acceptance**

List university/college to which you have been accepted to attend:

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***Note: Certification of Admissibility or acceptance letter for the next academic school year must accompany this application.***

**Certification**

**I hereby certify that all information in this packet is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I**

**understand that submitting false or inaccurate information/claims may result in forfeiture of scholarship.**

**In the event my son/daughter is selected as a recipient, I hereby grant permission to the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter to publish his/her name and photo in the media (including social media)**

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Student Signature/ Date Parent/Guardian Signature /Date

***Applications should be submitted no later than May 5, 2021. Based upon submissions, Alpha Kappa Alpha reserves the right to extend application deadline***.

*For direct inquiries related to this scholarship or more information about Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Gamma Kappa Omega Chapter, please visit* [*www.akagko41.com*](http://www.akagko41.com)*. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request personal interviews if necessary. Scholarship recipients shall be notified by letter and may be asked to attend a formal award ceremony.* ***Recipient will receive award in two separate allotments for the academic year for each semester enrolled.***

*All information will be kept confidential.*

***Marilyn Haywood, President***