

Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Scholarship Application Overview



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. History

Kappa Alpha Psi®, a college Fraternity, now comprised of functioning Undergraduate and Alumni Chapters on major campuses and in cities throughout the country, is the crystallization of a dream. It is the beautiful realization of a vision shared commonly by the late Revered Founders Elder Watson Diggs; John Milton Lee; Byron Kenneth Armstrong; Guy Levis Grant; Ezra Dee Alexander; Henry Turner Asher; Marcus Peter Blakemore; Paul Waymond Caine; Edward Giles Irvin and George Wesley Edmonds.

It was the vision of these astute men that enabled them in the school year 1910 - 11, more specifically the night of January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, to sow the seed of a fraternal tree whose fruit is available to, and now enjoyed by, college men everywhere, regardless of their color, religion or national origin. It is a fact of which KAPPA ALPHA PSI® is justly proud that the Constitution has never contained any clause which either excluded or suggested the exclusion of a man from membership merely because of his color, creed, or national origin. The Constitution of KAPPA ALPHA PSI® is predicated upon, and dedicated to, the principles of achievement through a truly democratic Fraternity.

Chartered and incorporated originally under the laws of the State of Indiana as Kappa Alpha Nu on May 15, 1911, the name was changed to KAPPA ALPHA PSI® on a resolution offered and adopted at the Grand Chapter in December 1914. This change became effective April 15, 1915, on a proclamation by the then Grand Polemarch, Elder Watson Diggs. Thus, the name acquired a distinctive Greek letter symbol and KAPPA ALPHA PSI® thereby became a Greek letter Fraternity in every sense of the designation.

From its inception, and for the next six years, Brother Diggs served as the Grand Polemarch of KAPPA ALPHA PSI® Fraternity. Through his leadership and indefatigable application, augmented by the efforts of B.K. Armstrong, and John M. Lee, who comprised the remainder of the original Grand Board of Directors, the infant Fraternity was guided through the most perilous years of its life. Accordingly, much of the credit for the organization's survival through this period is shared by these three men.

The founders sought a formula that would immediately raise the sights of black collegians stimulating them to reach accomplishments higher than they had imagined. With achievement as its purpose, Kappa Alpha Psi began uniting college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity.

Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter Officers

Polemarch – Jeff Robinson

Vice Polemarch/Scholarship Chairman – Brannon Jones

Keeper of Records – Paul Larkin

Keeper of Exchequer – Jhamare A. Hartsfield

Strategus – Marvin Cox

Reporter – Marcus Garner

Historian – Ceasar Allen

Guide Right Chairman – Tawain Perry

Reclamation Chairman – Teferro Jeffries

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Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter Board of Directors

Ceasar L. Allen

Guy P. Fallen

Donald E. Williams

Martise R. Troup

Overview of Scholarships

The Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. offers two scholarship opportunities for high school seniors in the Newnan-Fairburn service area:

Coweta County
South-Fulton County
Fayette County

These scholarships will assist students with funding expenses for their college education. Each scholarship will be awarded during the student's award ceremony at their high school or a private ceremony hosted by the members of the Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter.

The Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship

\$1500 Reward

(1 recipient will be awarded)

The Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship

Two \$2,500 Rewards

Two \$1,500 Rewards

Two \$1,000 Rewards

(Several recipients will be awarded)

Please direct all questions in reference to the scholarships offered by the Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter by emailing us at nfac.kapsi@gmail.com.

Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship

The Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship was established in Fall of 2016 to honor the life of Harold Ronald Williams and to continue his legacy of excellence, generosity and service. The Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship is an annual, merit-based competition, which focuses on reward ambitious, driven, goal-oriented individuals with a background of athletic participation, civic involvement, community service and a desire to attend a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), preferably Tuskegee University. This is a one-time award of \$1500. Financial need is considered, however, all high school seniors are encouraged to apply. Assisting others in making their dream of attending college a reality, is the main goal of the scholarship committee.

The Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship is currently being funded by the Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. Donald E. Williams, the son of Harold Williams. The committee, in making scholarships available, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or national/ethnic origin. All eligible high school seniors are encouraged to apply.

Funding Priorities

- Recognize outstanding athletic participation, civic involvement, and community service in young individuals who are dedicated to the betterment of their communities and who seek to continue their education beyond high school.
- Recognize those who display academic effort through commitment, work ethic and consistency.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident of United States
- 3.0 GPA or higher (4.0 Scale)
- High school senior who will matriculate full-time at a U.S. accredited Historically Black College or University beginning in the Fall of the award year.
- Has demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in athletic completion, community services and other extra-curricular activities.

Application Packet Judging

- Academic – 40%
- Community Service – 40%
- Essay – 20%

Required Documentation

- Application- Each candidate must submit a complete and timely online application. An application will be considered incomplete and not processed if all instructions have not been followed or the material presented is insufficient to permit an adequate review.
- Official Transcript- An copy of the applicant's high school transcript provided by the high school staff, must be uploaded to the application. Submission of an application along with the required documents for this scholarship constitutes your authorization for the Scholarship Selection Committee to review your academic record.
- High School Senior Picture - A high school senior picture or a picture taken above the waistline and in color must be uploaded to the application.
- Essay – Each candidate must provide a 500-1000-word essay focusing on “Describing his or her planned undergraduate study and how he or she plans to apply it upon graduation” or “Who is your role-model and how he or she has influenced/impacted your life”. The individual cannot be a relative. The essay will be evaluated on originality, content, thought provoking ideas, innovation, and concepts previously unpublished. It will need to be uploaded to the application.

Scholarship Payment Information

- Members of the Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter will attend a public high school awards ceremony, or host a private awards ceremony for the scholarship recipients.
- The Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship check will be written out to student.
- For final scholarship payment, students will need to provide an enrollment verification form as proof that they have registered for courses at chosen institution.

Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship

The Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship was established in Spring of 2017 as a philanthropic educational component of the chapter. As a fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, has historically supported and funded the higher educational goals of the youth. The Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter is honored to continue the tradition set forth by the fraternity.

The Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter offers scholarships to high school senior students in our service area.

Consideration will be given to those students who have financial need.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of United States
- High School Senior who will matriculate to a college during the fall of this year.
- Reside in NFAC's Service Area (Coweta, South Fulton, and Fayette Counties)
- 2.75 GPA or higher (4.0 Scale)
- Demonstrate leadership and community activities

Application Packet Judging

- Academic Profile – 40%
- Community, Leadership, & Social Profile – 40%
- Scholarship Essay – 20%

Required Documentation

- Application- Each candidate must submit a complete and timely online application. An application will be considered incomplete and not processed if all instructions have not been followed or the material presented is insufficient to permit an adequate review.
- Supporting Documentation: Along with the application, students will need to submit supporting documents to complete their scholarship application file. Supporting documents will need to be uploaded to the application. They include:
 - Transcripts from your high school
 - Copy of your ACT or SAT scores
 - Copy of your acceptance letter/email from your chosen institution
 - Documentation of community service completed
 - Letter of recommendation from teacher, administrator, civic or religious leader
 - 500 Word Essay on the one of the following topics: *"My plans for college"*, *"How I will represent Kappa Alpha Psi's motto"*, or *"Why you should consider me for the Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship"*

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