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 – Larry E. Satterwhite, Sr., MBA

Vice Polemarch – Jeff Robinson

Keeper of Records – Brannon T. Jones

Keeper of Exchequer – Jhamare A. Hartsfield

Strategus – Donte Douglas

Lt. Strategus – Gregory M. Colton

Reporter – Marcus Garner

Historian – Ceaser Allen

Guide Right Chairman – Vick Martin

Reclamation Chairman – Ferro Jefferies

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 our 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 Williams Memorial Scholarship

\$1,500 Reward

(1 recipient will be awarded)

The Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship

\$1,000 Reward

(5 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 other in making their dream of attending college a reality, is the main goal of the scholarship committee. Finalist will be chosen with a single one-time award recipient selected in April 2018.

The Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship is currently being funded by the Colonel (Retired) and Mrs. Donald E. Williams, the son of Harold Williams; but eventually be funded by the Harold R. Williams Endowment through Tuskegee University. 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 2018.
- 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 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. Do not send supplemental or corrected material after the deadline date. Applications must be typed or completed with the use of a black/blue writing ink pen. The committee will not accept any application packet or portion thereof that is filled out with a pencil. Application and required documents should be neat and easy to read. Materials should be impeccable in terms of appearance and legibility. Mail the complete application packet so that it is received on or before the deadline date of March 30th. Application packet should be mailed to:

Newnan-Fairburn Alumni Chapter
ATTN: Harold R. Williams Memorial Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box 71871
Newnan, GA 30271

- Official Transcript- An official copy of the applicant's high school transcript provided by the high school staff in a sealed envelope must be included in the application packet. 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.
- <u>High School Senior Picture</u> A high school senior picture or a picture taken above the waistline and in color. The picture must be an original or printed on official photo paper. Do not submit any picture taken at an angle. Applicant is required to print his/her full name on the reverse-side of the picture.
- 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. Essay technical requirements: double space, 11 point font size, one-inch margin on all sides, submit original only, submit in English, and certify authorship/originality at the end of the essay. The essay will be evaluated on originality, content, thought provoking ideas, innovation, and concepts previously unpublished. Applicant must certify the authenticity of the writing at the end of the essay by affixing the below statement and then signing beneath it.

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• <u>Application Submission Special Instructions:</u> Do not staple or place paper-clips on any documents in the submission packet. Whiteout or line-through with an ink-pen any sensitive information such as social security numbers on any documents in the application submission packet.

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 four (3) \$1,000 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
- Male, High School Senior who will matriculate to a college during the fall of this year.
- Reside in NFAC's Service Area (Coweta, South Fulton 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%

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 students.
- For final scholarship payment, students will need to provide an enrollment verification form as proof that they have registered for courses at their chosen institution.

Required Documentation

- Application- Each candidate must submit a complete and timely 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. Application and required supporting documents
 must be received (via P.O. Box address) by the application deadline date. Application and required
 documents should be neat and easy to read.
- <u>Supporting Documentation</u>: Along with the application, students will need to submit supporting documents to complete their scholarship application file. Supporting documents include:
 - Official transcript from your high school (sealed)
 - Copy of your ACT or SAT scores
 - Copy of your acceptance letter/email from your chosen institution
 - o Documentation of community service completed
 - A headshot picture
 - o 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"

Application and supporting documents should be mailed to:

Newnan-Fairburn Kappa Alpha Psi ATTN: Scholarship Committee Post Office Box 71871 Newnan, GA 30271

- Official Transcript- An official copy of the applicant's high school transcript provided by the high school staff in a sealed envelope must be included in the application packet. Submission of an application along with the required documents for this scholarship constitutes your authorization for the Scholarship Committee to review your academic record.
- <u>Essay</u> Each candidate must provide a 500 word essay on one of three of the essay topics. Essay technical requirements: double spaced, 11 point font size, one-inch margin on all sides, submit original only, submit in English, and certify authorship/originality at the end of the essay. Applicant must certify the authenticity of the writing at the end of the essay by affixing the below statement and then signing beneath it.

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