

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Dr. Jack Jenkins Annual Scholarship Essay Contest  
(Administered by the Rho Pi Lambda Chapter)



*All Applications Due by Monday April 19, 2021*

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. essay contest will be administered by the Education Activities Committee of the Rho Pi Lambda Chapter with a maximum of 3 recipients from Douglas, Paulding, and Carroll Counties. There will be three (3) award levels: 1<sup>st</sup> place essay will receive **\$1,000.00**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place essay will receive **\$500.00**, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place essay will receive **\$300.00**. This packet includes the instructions, descriptions of scholarships and grading rubric.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- African American male who will be a 2021 graduating, high school senior attending high school in either Douglas, Paulding, Carroll County, Ga, or surrounding service area.
- Must be accepted and preparing to attend a community college, junior college, a four (4) year college or university in the Fall of 2021.

**How to Apply**

- Essay submissions will be accepted until April 19, 2021. **All materials must be submitted electronically as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format to [jrhughes06spr18@gmail.com](mailto:jrhughes06spr18@gmail.com).**
- Late or incomplete material will **not** be considered.
- Complete the Common Application and include it as an attachment along with your essay.
- Once your completed application is received you will receive an electronic confirmation of receipt from the scholarship committee.
- If you have any questions or need additional information, contact J.R. Hughes (770-596-3003).

## Essay Questions

- Candidates must select from one of the three essay topics provided below:

### Essay Topic Number 1:

How has the Coronavirus Pandemic impacted your senior year of high school? Describe how you have dealt with and or overcome your situation?

### Essay Topic Number 2:

The global impact of 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is unprecedented and has left countries grappling with uncertainties. Various public health measures all over the world have been implemented to reduce associated illness severity and mortality. Countries are now coming out of lockdown with cautious optimism after successfully flattening the curve with measures such as social distancing, quarantine, and closure of public places including schools. However, the challenges related to the impact on students' mental health continue beyond this phase of the pandemic. What are some of the mental health challenges that you have encountered during the pandemic? Are there any practical solutions you could offer to address the mental health of other adolescents during the pandemic?

### Essay Topic Number 3:

What are your driving motivations for attending college? How has the pandemic impacted those motivations? Describe how your decision-making process/plans for attending college have had to change.

## Essay Format Instructions

- ***Provide a title page including the essay topic of choice, your full name and high school.***
- *Use the standard margins of 1" on the top and bottom margins and 1.25" on the left and right margins.*
- Use Double spaced text
- Essay text is to be left aligned.
- Use standard font "Times New Roman" size 12.
- Paragraphs are identified by an indentation of five spaces (a tab); do not make extra spaces between paragraphs.
- Essay should not be in all Caps or in all bold letters.

## Assessment Criteria

Each essay will be reviewed by a panel of Brothers from the Rho Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Each essay will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Relevance to theme
- Plausible solution to the problem embedded in the theme
- Proper grammar and syntax
- Format of essay

# Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship Common Application

Please type or clearly print and include ONLY the information that is requested in the spaces below.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_