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 22, 2019

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 County being awarded $600 each. This packet includes the instructions, descriptions of scholarships and grading rubric.

Eligibility Requirements:

- African-American male who will be a 2019 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 2019.

How to Apply

- Essay submissions will be accepted until April 22, 2019. **All materials must be submitted electronically as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format to 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:

Voting rights are under attack nationwide as states pass voter suppression laws. These laws lead to significant burdens for eligible voters trying to exercise their most fundamental constitutional right. Since 2008, states across the country have passed measures to make it harder for Americans—particularly black people, the elderly, students, and people with disabilities—to exercise their fundamental right to cast a ballot.

What are some of the measures used to make it more difficult to vote? What are some solutions to combating these measures? What things can be done to have more young Americans participate in the voting process?

Essay Topic Number 2:

"The secret of our success is that we never, never give up." – Wilma Mankiller.

Describe a time when you failed at something. What were the circumstances? How did you respond to failure? What lessons did you learn?

Essay Topic Number 3:

"Among young adult males, college enrollment rates were higher in 2016 than in 2000 for Blacks (33 vs. 25 percent)" – College Enrollment Rates – National Center for Education Studies

As the rates of African-American males attending college increase, why do you want to attend college? Describe three things you want to accomplish in college? How will attending college help you achieve your life goals?

Essay Format Instructions

- ***Provide a title page including the essay topic of choice, your full name and high school.***
- *Use the sta*ndard 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_____