

Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation,
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- Annual -
High School Senior Academic Scholarship
Instructions

Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation, Incorporated

P.O. Box 28461
Seattle, WA 98118

Dear Applicant:

The Delta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated set up the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation, Incorporated (DUOF) in 2007 as an independent nonprofit organization. Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation's mission is to serve the community by enriching and improving the lives of under-represented people living in the region through focused programs in education, economics, the family, health, and the arts and to advance education among members of our diverse communities by providing scholarships, cultural, health, and educational activities, which address and support issues that impact families.

With the escalating costs of higher education and limited family resources in underrepresented communities, we have identified a persistent need to support women of color in the Puget Sound region, who seek to attend institutions of higher education. Accordingly, on an annual basis, DUOF provides scholarships to outstanding women of color who are graduating high school seniors from King and Snohomish Counties.

DUOF continues to expand its community presence by partnering with other philanthropic organizations to provide health education, lead initiatives that support families with limited financial resources, promote environmental awareness and improve the overall development of communities within the Puget Sound region. DUOF focuses on delivering "service to all mankind," therefore, many DUOF members are active participants and leaders within prominent local and national non-profit organizations which directly impact our community.

DUOF is a wide-reaching, nonprofit organization, which secures additional resources from individuals, corporations, community organizations and other like-minded foundations to support its mission. Individual contributions enable DUOF to serve the Puget Sound community and regularly deliver programs and initiatives. Donations made to DUOF are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS.

The Delta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. endorses the work of DUOF by providing support for its continued growth and development, and to carry out its mission. The members of Delta Upsilon Omega Sorority contribute financially to DUOF on an annual basis.

All scholarship application packages should be electronically submitted or post-marked no later than **May 1**. Please note that late applications will not be considered for the scholarship.

For further information, please contact Brenda D. Vasser, Scholarship Chair at DUOFIncCom@gmail.com .

Truly Yours,

Brenda D. Vasser

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Scholarship Chair0

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Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation Inc.
President

Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship Details

The Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship consists of at least two \$2,500 non-renewable scholarships for female high school graduating seniors with academic achievement and community service. The purpose of the scholarship program is to encourage and enable female students of Black/African descent to attend college to achieve their future goals. Scholarship recipients should have a powerful desire to succeed, as well as meet all the requirements outlined below.

The complete application packet must be submitted for consideration.

Scholarship Requirements

To be eligible for the Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship, each applicant must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Must be a Black/African descent female student.
- ✓ Must be currently enrolled and attending as a full-time high school senior in King or Snohomish County with an expected graduation date no later than June 30 of the current year.
- ✓ Demonstrate academic achievement by having a minimum 2.7 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) upon high school graduation.
- ✓ Must be accepted and enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university for the upcoming academic year, beginning in September after June graduations.
- ✓ Must be involved in at least one extracurricular, civic, community activity and /or employed while in high school,
- ✓ Possess leadership qualities.
- ✓ Show financial need.

Award Disbursements

The scholarship award will be paid to the recipients' college or university upon receipt of enrollment verification (student must provide address where funds should be sent as well as enrollment verification).

Application Process Timeline

All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1. Scholarship awardees will be notified by e-mail by May 25, with additional information and further instructions for processing school payment.

Pending Washington state guidance of group gatherings, awardees of the scholarships are expected to attend an award ceremony in June and will be notified of the date, time and location as the event is finalized for publication and ticket availability.

Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation High School Academic Scholarship Application Packet Guidelines

Each application packet must include the following information:

1. Completed Application Form

Applications must be typed or handwritten clearly. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

2. Transcript

Applicants must send an **official transcript** from their high school with cumulative GPA listed (mailed transcripts must be **sealed and unopened**). You may have in lieu of mailing an official sealed transcript have your administrator email your transcript to DUOFIncCom@gmail.com to the attention of the Scholarship Committee and it must be received for review by **May 1**.

3. Enrollment Verification

Applicants must provide proof of enrollment as a full-time student to an accredited four-year college or university for the upcoming fall academic year for payment to be issued (in all cases it must be provided prior to issuance of scholarship funds).

4. Recommendations

Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation describing their character and potential from the following individuals:

High School Counselor, Current Teacher, Former Teacher or Counselor, Minister, Coach, Community Activity Director, Employer, etc.

These letters should be from individuals who can attest to your character, interpersonal relationships, and academic achievements and should not come from family members or peers. *(The electronic link and form is available on the DUOF website and must be completed by May 1).*

5. Essay

Applicants must submit a personal statement essay responding to the question in the application form.

6. US MAIL – We would prefer to receive the online submission form; however, we will accept complete paper applications postmarked by May 1. Send completed application packets by mail (postmarked no later than May 1) to:

Dynamic Urban Opportunities Foundation

Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 28461, Seattle, Washington 98118

*Submit ONLY the required and requested documents. Additional materials will not enhance your standing and will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

Post Application Submissions

To receive the full disbursement of the scholarship award, recipients will be required to submit the following information no later than **October 31 this year**.

- **Enrollment Verification:** for the academic year including student ID number for payment assignment.
- **College/University Mailing Address:** for the school recipient will attend.