



## AKA- HBCU FIRST GENERATION ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Description

Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, a 501 (c)3, charitable organization, was founded in 1980 by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, an organization with a rich and distinguished history of service that spans over a century. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has awarded scholarships to students since 1914.

With a generous donation of \$50,000 to establish the AKA - HBCU First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship students at SUSLA will benefit into perpetuity. The fund is matched by \$40,000 from the Title 3 Fund for endowments, and will be leveraged with \$40,000 in public grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents. The first-generation fund was established by the Board of Regents for the purpose of increasing college access and success for low-income and first-generation students. The objectives of this fund are:

- To provide scholarships that will increase the access of first-generation students with unmet financial need to higher education opportunities in Louisiana
- To provide eligible students with structured support through active and engaged advising; and
- To provide eligible students with meaningful employment during their education

**Type: Endowed Benefactor:** Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.

**Department:** SUSLA first time, first-generation student

**Due Date:** May 19 (This award not available until Fall 2021 – spring 2022)

**Average Award:** \$1,000 (\$500/semester based on available funds)

**ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA & SELECTION PROCESS:** Student recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a Louisiana resident;
2. Must qualify as first-generation college students (i.e., neither custodial parent(s) nor legal guardian(s) have earned a college degree) with remaining financial need after deducting Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid (“gift aid”) from student’s Cost of Attendance (COA) and/or students, whether first-generation or not, awarded federal Pell grant;
3. Must have been accepted and enrolled in SUSLA as a full-time student at the undergraduate level;
4. Must have a min. 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Additional Requirements:

5. In addition to scholarship aid and to help students be successful in navigating the college experience, recipients must agree to accept structured support through active and engaged advising.
6. Students must be willing to accept employment (campus or off-campus) for at least 10 hours per week. (Off-campus employment must be directly or indirectly relevant to and supportive of the student’s post-degree career plans and/or field of study.).
7. Students must meet other requirements consistent with the SUSLA Scholarship guidelines and SU System policies.
8. Students must sign Scholarship Acceptance Letter agreeing to all terms of award
9. Retention of this award is contingent upon student maintaining all eligibility standards (1-9) listed above.

**How to Apply:**

1. Download the AKA – HBCU Scholarship Application at: [www.susla.edu/page/scholarships](http://www.susla.edu/page/scholarships)
2. Submit completed application and uploaded documents online by clicking the “submit” button by the deadline date (May 19). Review application carefully before submitting. All submissions final.
3. Selection: The Scholarship Review Committee will make all recommendations regarding awards and the student will be notified via email listed on the application

Applications may also be mailed to:

SUSLA Office of Financial Aid  
Scholarships Coordinator  
3050 MLK Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107

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# APPLICATION

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<b>NAME:</b>		<b>STUDENT ID</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>		Phone #: Cell	
<b>SEMESTER:</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>MAJOR:</b>		<b>GPA:</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
Financial Aid - List ALL awards Currently Receiving			
Amount Needed this semester?		\$	

### Student Statement of Need Required:

(In 100 words or less, please describe your need and how the award will assist you in achieving your goals.)

(STUDENT- Do not write below this line):

**SUBMIT:** EMAIL completed form to [stalbert@susla.edu](mailto:stalbert@susla.edu) OR mail to: SUSLA Financial Aid Department located at 3050 MLK Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107. Annual Deadline May 19.

### (For Fin. Aid Office Use): Confirmation of 1<sup>st</sup> Gen. Criteria Required

**NOTE TO FINANCE OFFICE:** Invoice SUBR for Endowment funds

### For Scholarship Review Committee Use Only

Max Amount Allowable this Fund: \$500 min. \$1,000 max. (if funds available)		
Amount Recommended:		
Amount Approved:		
Vote (Approved or Not Approved)	Date	Committee Member Comments