



## ET Empowering Excellence HBCU Scholarship Application

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements to apply for the Dorethea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship.

- Undergraduate (full-time) student or graduating high school student transitioning to college.
- Pursuing a degree in Business, Business Administration, Science or Engineering
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent
- Attending or planning to attend a post-secondary, accredited institution.
- Community service involvement within past 12 months with certified documentation

### DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Please submit the following with your completed application:

- Scholarship Registration Form signed by applicant and parent/legal guardian if under the age of 18.
- Student Application signed by applicant and parent/legal guardian if under the age of 18.
- A current official/certified academic transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 300-500 word autobiographical essay that includes career aspirations, leadership experiences, community service involvement, and significant achievements.
  - Family income documentation (Copy of first page of the most recent IRS 1040 or IRS Tax Return Transcript, please redact Social Security Number)
  - Supporting Documentation
  - Business/professional photograph

**Empowering Excellence HBCU Scholarship** applications are to be emailed to [epsilon\\_tau@yahoo.com](mailto:epsilon_tau@yahoo.com) by **February 7**. Applicants can be male or female. This scholarship is open to College Students enrolled in an HBCU with a DFW permanent address or at a DFW HBCU. Local Prize is \$500. Local winner is forwarded to the National Contest where the winner will compete for the Regional Scholarship award. The National Prize is up to \$2,000. Use the information below to complete the consent form in this application.

Sponsoring Chapter: Epsilon Tau Chapter

Region: Southwestern

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**IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.**  
**“EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE” HBCU SCHOLARSHIP**  
**INFORMATION SHEET**

**OVERVIEW**

The “Empowering Excellence” Scholarship, sponsored by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., is established to support and encourage promising African American students who are pursuing higher education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This scholarship seeks to recognize students who demonstrate a strong commitment to academic achievement, leadership, community service, and personal growth.

A \$2,000 award will be granted to five recipients annually, one from each of the Sorority’s regions, total \$10,000. All scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient’s accredited HBCU to be applied toward tuition, fees, or other educational expenses, in accordance with institutional policies.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

This scholarship is available through submission from local chapters only. A chapter may submit **only one** applicant for this scholarship. Sponsoring chapters must submit electronically applications to the National President-Elect by **February 14**. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements to apply for the “Empowering Excellence” HBCU Scholarship.

- Be a **current** college student enrolled full-time at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- Have completed a minimum of 16 credit hours of study at the time of application.
- Hold a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 2.0 on a 3.0 scale.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

The Application Packet **must** include the following:

- Scholarship Consent Form signed by applicant and parent/legal guardian **if under the age of 18**.
- Student Application signed by applicant and parent/legal guardian **if under the age of 18**.
- Provide an official current/certified transcript of academic program.
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 500-650 word essay using one of the two prompts provided.
- Supporting Documentation
- Provide a business/professional photograph.

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**CONSENT FORM**

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Scholarship Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT SHOULD READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING: I understand that:**

- I must attend an HBCU.
- If I am the selected scholarship recipient, all awarded funds are sent to the HBCU I am attending and applied directly to my tuition after I have submitted the official documents of my enrollment, along with a schedule of my classes.
- The scholarship is a one-time award.
- I must provide a business/professional photograph.
- Any questions I have regarding the contest may be answered by the Chapter sponsoring me.
- I have read the above items and understand the requirements.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL DATA**

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant’s Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

HBCU Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major/Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_  
 Classification (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_

**LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND ACTIVITIES**

Submit documentation (photos, clippings, letters, certificates, etc.) for all activities. **NOTE: Only include 4-5 sources of documentation.**

Organization	Role/Title	Dates of Participation	Key Contributions/Projects

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Honor/Award	Year/Organization

**ESSAY**

Submit one essay (500–650 words). Choose one prompt below. (Typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins; include your full name and essay prompt in the header. Submit as PDF or Word.)

- What does attending an HBCU mean to you, and how will you use this opportunity to uplift your community?
- How have your leadership or community service experiences shaped your goals?

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation from a **professor, coach, or mentor**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation from personal reference (community leader, religious leader, or employer).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

Submit all required documents in a single folder using Dropbox or Google Docs/Drive.

- Folder Name: Empowering Excellence Scholarship – [Your Full Name]
- Share settings: Set to “Anyone with the link can view.”
- Send the shared folder link by email by the deadline to the email provided by the sponsoring chapter.

## **SELECTION & NOTIFICATION**

Applications are evaluated for academic merit, leadership, service, essay quality, and alignment with Iota Phi Lambda Sorority’s mission. Finalists **may be** invited to a brief virtual interview. The scholarship recipients will be officially notified in May by the National President-Elect.

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Scholarship Consent Form, signed
- Student Application, signed
- Current official/certified transcript
- Letters (2) of recommendation
- Essay
- Documentation that supports activities, honors, and awards
- Business/professional photograph

## **DISCLOSURE**

The information provided in this form will be disclosed only to Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. as required to determine your eligibility for an award. All the information will be properly disposed of according to the Record Retention/Disposition Policy of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. after award of the scholarship has been made.

I hereby certify that all information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may disqualify me from consideration. I grant Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. permission to publish my name, picture, and image in connection with the promotion of scholarship.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCORING RUBRIC**

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Category	High Points	Medium Points	Low Points	Applicant’s Score
GPA	20	15	0	
Leadership, Service & Activities	25	15	5	
Honors & Awards	10	5	0	
Essay (Choose 1 Prompt)	35	20	0–10	
Recommenders’ Input	10	5	0	
Bonus – Iota Phi Lambda Affiliation (Member or Former Future Iota Leader)	25	N/A	0	
<b>Total Possible Score</b>	<b>125</b>			
<b>Applicant’s Score</b>				

\*See Reviewer’s Guide for category and point details.