



ET Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship Application

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Each chapter may select one applicant whose first occupational choice is in a business-related field.

- Each applicant must be a female graduating high school senior.
- The college selected by the scholarship recipient must be an accredited institution.
- Awards are sent to the selected college or university to be applied to the recipient's tuition.
- The scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment before funds are allocated.
- The applicant must provide a business/professional photograph.

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, 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

The ET Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship applications are to be emailed to epsilon_tau@yahoo.com by **January 10.** – Open to local female High School Seniors. Local Prize amount is \$2,000. Book scholarships may be awarded for second and third place ratings. Winning Application will be sent to the National contest (\$5,000-10,000). **Alma I. Mackey Regional Scholarship (Complete separate form)** – Open to local female High School Seniors. Scholarship applications are to be emailed to epsilon_tau@yahoo.com by **January 26, 2026.** The winner applicant package from above is sent to the Region for judging. The Regional Prize is up to \$1,500/per semester.

Sponsoring Chapter: Epsilon Tau Chapter

Region: Southwestern

Chapter President: Ján Harbert

Chapter Scholarship Chair Michelle Peace

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The Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Eryn Leslee Fayson, who in June 2022, tragically passed away from brain cancer. Eryn was just 19 years old.

Eryn joined the Future Iota Leaders (FIL) of Epsilon Tau Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. in 2015. As a senior at Booker T. Washington School of Performance and Visual Arts, Eryn was preparing for her college career at Southern Methodist University (SMU). She had a 3.7 GPA and was accepted to SMU in their business program with a concentration in Accounting. She aspired to be a Certified Public Accountant. Eryn submitted her application and won Epsilon Tau's Local Scholarship and the Diego M. Jones Memorial Scholarship in January 2021. She went on to advance to the regional scholarship contest and won the Southwestern Region's Alma I. Mackey Scholarship in March 2021. Eryn had been feeling ill since late January and in early April after many hospital and doctor visits, she was diagnosed with a rare tumor called a High-Grade Glioma. Eryn's first brain surgery was April 9, 2021. She spent her 18th birthday, April 15, in the ICU. The neurosurgeon was able to remove 50% of the tumor. Eryn fought valiantly, although small in stature she powered through rounds of chemotherapy and radiation. She kept the faith and conquered cancer's fear and pain with an undying love for God, her family, and musical artist, J. Cole. Eryn's victory over cancer came before she could claim any of the scholarships she had accumulated to assist in her studies. She leaves a rich legacy of love, intelligence, and sisterhood, that is inspirational to us all.

To honor her memory, Epsilon Tau, and Epsilon Tau Outreach recommend renaming the Epsilon Tau Local Scholarship, the Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship.

Each year a \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one female high school student to assist with costs of attending the college of their choice through Epsilon Tau Outreach. To be considered for the Scholarship applicants may be attending any public, private or parochial school within or surrounding Dallas County. Well-rounded high school female seniors who demonstrate a commitment to higher learning, leadership, and a significant commitment to volunteer service in our community are encouraged to apply.

Awarding of the Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship is contingent on several criteria including acceptance to and enrollment in a four-year college, and a complete application. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely and uphold a high standard of conduct.

The Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated and engaged in a productive career they will help honor the memory of Eryn by giving future students similar financial opportunities through Epsilon Tau Outreach.

Recipients of the Eryn L. Fayson Memorial Scholarship award will also be entered as the Epsilon Tau Chapter sponsored applicant into the Alma I. Mackey Southwestern Regional Scholarship (\$3,000, separate application) and the Fredda Witherspoon National Scholarship (\$5000/10,000) for additional scholarship awards.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
FREDDA WITHERSPOON NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION SHEET

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority awards scholarships for scholastic achievement to female graduating high school seniors wishing to pursue a college degree in business related fields. The National Scholarship is held annually. Judging criteria will include academic performance/achievement, career aspirations, demonstrated leadership, and financial need. Sponsoring chapters must submit electronically applications to the National President-Elect by January 31.

These scholarships are available through submission from local chapters only. A chapter may submit the name of **only one** applicant.

- Each chapter may select one applicant whose first occupational choice is in a business-related field.
- Each applicant must be a female graduating high school senior.
- The college selected by the scholarship recipient must be an accredited institution.
- **Four** \$5,000 regional scholarships and **one** \$10,000 national scholarship will be awarded annually. Awards are sent to the selected college or university to be applied to the recipient's tuition.
- The scholarship recipients will be officially notified in May by the National President-Elect.
- The scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment before funds are allocated.
- The applicant must provide a business/professional photograph.
- A chapter must use Iota's rating sheet to select their final applicant. Chapters should consider students with excellent scholastic ability as well as those in need of financial assistance.
- Each chapter must electronically submit the completed **Application Packet** to the National President Elect by **January 31**.

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.
- A current official/certified academic transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 300-500 word autobiographical essay that includes career aspirations, leadership experiences, 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

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
FREDDA WITHERSPOON NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP
CONSENT FORM

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School 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 a college or university and major in a related field of business.
- If I am the selected scholarship recipient, all awarded funds are sent to the selected college or university and applied directly to my tuition after I have submitted the official document 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 _____

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
FREDDA WITHERSPOON NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENT APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Check box if deceased

Father's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Check box if deceased

Mother's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Non-Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Check box if deceased

Non-Parent/Guardian's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FAMILY SIZE

Number of people in your home (including yourself) _____

FAMILY INCOME

Annual Household Income: less than \$10,000 \$10,000 - \$20,000 \$21,000 - \$35,000
 \$36,000 - \$50,000 \$51,000 - \$65,000 more than \$65,000

SCHOOL DATA & TEST SCORES

High School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cumulative GPA include scale _____ Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

Dates of High School Attendance _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

SAT Total Score _____ SAT Reading _____ SAT Math _____ SAT Writing _____

Date Taken _____

ACT Score _____ Date Taken _____

Planned College/University _____

Planned College Major _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List all extracurricular activities in which you have been involved (academic clubs, student council, band/arts, athletics) within the past four years. Submit documentation (photos, clippings, letters, certificates, etc.) for all activities. **NOTE: Only include 4-5 sources of documentation.**

HONORS & ACADEMIC AWARDS

List all honors (academic and extracurricular) and other distinctions received and submit documentation (photos, clippings, letters, certificates, etc.) for all activities. **NOTE: Only include 4-5 sources of documentation.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List all community service activities in which you have been involved (food pantry, Girl or Boy Scouts, church ministry, youth organizations, etc.) within the past four years. Submit documentation (photos, clippings, letters, certificates, etc.) for all activities. **NOTE: Only include 4-5 sources of documentation.**

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

List your work/volunteer experience (any job you have held). List type of work, employer, dates of employment, and hours/week. **NOTE: Only include 4-5 sources of documentation.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

List the name, title, address, and telephone number of the **teacher, counselor, or school staff** who will submit a letter of recommendation for you. The letter can be submitted to you by email or by paper copy.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

List the name, title, address, and telephone number of the **personal** reference (clergy, community leader, or employer) who will submit a letter of recommendation for you. The letter can be submitted to you by email or by paper copy.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY

Attach a double-spaced typed essay (300-500 words) autobiographical essay addressing the following:

- Your career aspirations.
- Your most significant leadership experiences.
- Your most significant achievements.

The decisions of the judges are final.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Scholarship Consent Form, signed
- Student Application, signed
- Current official/certified transcript
- Letters (2) of recommendation
- Personal statement/essay
- Family income documentation (redact Social Security Number)
- Documentation that supports activities and accomplishments
- 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 _____

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
FREDDA WITHERSPOON NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENT RATING SHEET

Applicant's Name _____

Sponsoring Chapter _____ Region _____

CRITERIA AND RATING SCALE

Category	Possible Points	Applicant's Score
Family Size	40	
Family Income	60	
Grade Point Average	50	
Test Scores	120	
School Activities*	25	
Honors and Awards*	25	
Community Service*	25	
Work/Volunteer Experience*	25	
Essay	80	
Packet Presentation**	50	
Total Possible Score	500	
Applicant's Score		

*NOTE: Only include 4-5 sources of documentation.

**Packet Presentation score includes the organized appearance of the packet and all the items listed under Application Checklist.

Evaluator _____

Date _____

Comments _____



IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
ALMA I. MACKEY REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION SHEET

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority awards scholarships for scholastic achievement to female graduating high school seniors ((2.5 GPA or higher) wishing to pursue a college degree in business related fields. This Regional Scholarship is held annually. Judging criteria will include academic performance/achievement, career aspirations, demonstrated leadership, and financial need. Contestants with the supervision of sponsoring chapters must mail their applications to the Southwest Region's Scholarship Chair postmarked by February 14.

This scholarship is available through local chapters only. A chapter may submit the name of only one contestant.

1. Each chapter may select one candidate whose first occupational choice is in a business-related field.
2. Each candidate must be a female graduating high school senior.
3. The college selected by the winner must be an accredited institution.
4. **One** regional scholarship for \$1500 per semester or a total of \$3000 will be awarded annually. Awards are sent to the selected college or university to be applied to the recipient's tuition.
5. The scholarship recipient will be officially notified in May by the Southwestern Region Scholarship Chair.
6. The scholarship recipient must provide proof of enrollment before funds are allocated.
7. A chapter must use Iota's rating sheet in selecting a contestant. Chapters should consider students with excellent scholastic ability as well as those in need of financial assistance.
8. Each chapter must submit the completed **Application Packet** to the Southwestern Region Scholarship Chair postmarked by **February 14**.

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

- a. Student Application Form
- b. Student Rating Sheet
- c. A Copy of Scholarship Contest Registration Form signed by student. ***Be certain she reads and understands what she is signing.***
- d. A current official/certified academic transcript with SAT or ACT scores
- e. Two letters of recommendations
- f. A 300-500-word autobiographical essay that includes career aspirations, leadership experiences, and significant achievements.
- g. Family income documentation (Copy of the first page of the most recent IRS 1040, please redact SS number)

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.
ALMA I. MACKEY REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC SCHOLARSHIP
REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Contestant _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address of Contestant _____
Street City State Zip Code

High School Attending _____ Location _____

Sponsoring Chapter _____ Region _____

Sponsoring Chapter President _____ Telephone _____

Chapter Scholarship Chairperson _____ Telephone _____

Address of Chairperson _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email Address _____ Telephone _____

PROSPECTIVE SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE SHOULD READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

I understand that:

1. I must attend a college or university and major in a related field of business.
2. If I am a winner, all funds will be sent directly to the school of my choice to assist with my tuition after I have submitted the official document of my enrollment along with a schedule of my classes.
3. The scholarship is a one-time award.
4. Any questions I have regarding the contest may be answered by the Chapter sponsoring me.
5. I have read the above items and understand my rights.

Signature of Contestant

Date

ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

List all extracurricular activities in which you have been involved (church, school, community) within the past four years. Submit documentation (clippings, letters, certificates, etc., for all activities).

List all honors (academic and extracurricular) and other distinctions received and submit documentation (clippings, letters, certificates, etc., for all activities).

List all community service activities in which you have been involved (food pantry, animal shelter, homeless shelter etc.) within the past four years. Submit documentation (clippings, letters, certificates, etc., for all activities).

List your work experience (any jobs you have held) (List job, kind of work, employer, dates of employment, and hours/week).

Who has been most influential in your school life? In what way?

RECOMMENDATIONS

List the name, title, address and telephone number of the **teacher, counselor, or school staff** who will submit a letter of recommendation for you. The letter should be returned to you, in a sealed envelope for inclusion with your application.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

List the name, title, address and telephone number of the **personal** reference (clergy, community leader, or employer) who will submit a letter of recommendation for you. The letter should be returned to you in a sealed envelope for inclusion with your application.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

ESSAY

Please provide a 300-500 word double-spaced typewritten autobiographical essay. Please include your career aspirations, most significant leadership experiences, and your most significant achievements.

The decisions of the judges are final.

DISCLOSURE

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

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE