

Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation

Providing scholarships and mentoring program for minority and disadvantaged youth



Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship Packet

Empowering Youth to Achieve

Deadline to receive applications: March 1

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Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

A Chapter for Today ... A Chapter for the Future

Led by the vision of Joseph F. Harris, a chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity was chartered in Montgomery County, MD on October 28, 1972. The [Silver Spring \(MD\) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated](#) held meetings and occasional social functions at the available space within the Colesville Elementary School facility. Eventually, the chapter moved its meetings to the Colesville Health Center on New Hampshire Avenue where it is located to this day. In 1973, the chapter introduced its first scholarship program by starting the process of establishing a chapter at the University of Maryland, College Park, and made contributions of \$250.00 and \$50.00 to the NAACP and Suburban Maryland Fair Housing, respectively. Beginning in 1975, and every year thereafter, the chapter has awarded scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 to one or two deserving high school seniors. The chapter has sponsored a dynamic Guide Right Program with recreational, educational, and social programs. For the last four years, the Chapter has concentrated on a teen leadership program in conjunction with the Toast Masters of America. The Chapter's Book Award Program, wherein an outstanding book by a Black Author is presented to selected students in Montgomery County Schools, has been in place since 1992 and has met with a lot of success. Some school librarians are ordering these selections for their general purposes. Through the Chapter's SAT Preparation Program, in sponsorship with the Montgomery County Board of Education, community youth are prepared for SAT examinations and represent a very useful Guide Right program. The Chapter holds two NAACP Life Memberships and has been the recipient of numerous commendations from the Montgomery County Government for the effectiveness of its Social Action Programs. Through the years, the Chapter has initiated various programs for fun, recreation, education, and/or profit. Among these programs have been golf tournaments, award achievement dinner dance, a Kappa college student retention program and a Black College Tour.

Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation, Incorporated

Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation, Incorporated (MKYF) exists as the philanthropic arm of the [Silver Spring \(MD\) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.](#) The Foundation was incorporated July 23, 1999 and granted its 501(c)3 status on May 30, 2000. The Foundation is a full-functioning non-profit, public benefit charitable foundation, and is located in Montgomery County, Maryland. Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation, Inc.'s mission is to provide scholarships and mentoring programs for minority and disadvantaged youth in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area. The Foundation supports and conducts activities with the implicit purpose of helping youth "Achieve." Activities of the MKYF include scholarships, mentoring, and an urban golf initiative. Through its activities with youth, the MKYF seeks to develop leadership skills, personal enhancement and career achievement of the next generation.

Lawrence Hamm, Sr.

Lawrence Hamm, Sr. graduated from Good Counsel High School and later became a proud alumnus of [Lincoln University](#) in Pennsylvania. He also earned a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from [George Washington University](#) in Washington, DC. While at Lincoln, he was initiated into the Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, where he was President. Mr. Hamm later was President of the Silver Spring (MD) Alumni chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Lawrence was instrumental in securing the initial funding for the [Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation](#) (MKYF), and was a strong proponent of encouraging young people to achieve academically. Lawrence had a distinguished career in sales, marketing, and strategic planning. At the time of his passing, he was as a Principal of The Resource Group, a management and consulting firm in Silver Spring. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of several information technology firms. To honor his memory and contributions, the Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation named their scholarship to youth in Lawrence Hamm's honor.

Criteria

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In order to be considered for the any of the scholarship awards, all applicants must submit the following information:

From Applicant:

1. Completed application – **typed** and signed, include the 7 pages of the application with student data. An electronic signature is acceptable.
2. Four (4) completed application essays – **typed** and in the space provided. Essays are limited to 500 words. Essays over the word limit will not be considered.
3. Student resume (1-2 pgs) – outlines leadership, extracurricular activities, work experience, awards
4. College information section – includes list of schools applied to, intended major, career interests
5. Proof of US citizenship and residency in Montgomery County, MD with copy of photo ID¹
6. A copy of your most recent transcript or grade report card must be forwarded separately or included with your application
7. Signed media release and authorization – Page 1 of Submitted Application form

Applicant should send Word or PDF materials to MKYF Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@MKYF.org or MKYF Scholarship Committee, PO Box 10848, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

From School:

1. Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope * or transmitted electronically from school
2. An academic letter of recommendation² * Letter from a teacher, school counselor, or school administrator addressing the applicant's academic achievement, character and potential for success in college and beyond.

From Other Recommender such as Church, Community, Service or Related Activity:

1. A service letter of recommendation² * verifying applicant's participation in school-based or community-based service organization(s) with generalized dates of participation in volunteer activities, activities performed by the applicant.

The MKYF Scholarships are intended to benefit students in Montgomery County, MD.

Deadline

In order to be eligible for review, all Materials **MUST** be received by **March 1** to MKYF Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@MKYF.org or the mailing address above. You will receive an email acknowledgment once MKYF has received your completed application.

¹ Acceptable forms of identification include federal, state, county issued, (passport, driver's license, school identification card with picture). If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, proof of his/her status as a legal permanent resident or other lawful status.

² Letter must be on letterhead, signed and dated, and include the representative's contact information (i.e., email address and phone number).

Materials marked with (*) should be sent directly to MKYF Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@MKYF.org or MKYF Scholarship Committee, PO Box 10848, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Materials may be included in application submission by mail if received in a sealed envelope.

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There are several scholarships offered by MKYF. Review the criteria below, and indicate the scholarship(s) for which you would like to be considered.

Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Focus: General scholarship open to males and females

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship, students must:

1. Attend a high school in Montgomery County, MD and be classified as a high school senior
2. Demonstrate volunteer and community service involvement
3. Apply and receive acceptance to a college or university.

Bishop Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend Hampton University

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the Bishop Scholarship, students must:

1. Be an African American or Hispanic male high school senior with confirmed enrollment at Hampton University.
2. Demonstrate a high school GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale requirement with transcript.

COL (Ret) Vandy L. Miller Senior Kappa Scholarship Guidelines

(supported by KAPsi National Foundation)

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend a historically Black college or university (HBCU)

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the COL (Ret) Vandy L. Miller Senior Kappa Scholarship, students must:

1. Be a male high school senior with a record and history of academic and/or sports achievement who is accepted to and plans to attend an HBCU.
2. Demonstrate a high school GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale requirement with transcript.

Edwin Chavous HBCU Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend a historically Black college or university (HBCU)

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the Edwin Chavous HBCU Scholarship, students must:

1. Be a first-generation student attending historically Black college or university (HBCU).
2. Students must complete the application and essays for this competitive scholarship.
3. Demonstrate a high school GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale requirement with transcript.
4. Open to males and females.

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Kevin Chavous HBCU Scholarship Guideline

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend a historically Black college or university (HBCU)

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the Kevin Chavous HBCU Scholarship, students must:

1. Be a first-generation student attending historically Black college or university (HBCU).
2. Students must complete the application and essays for this competitive scholarship.
3. Demonstrate a high school GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale requirement with transcript.

Lorenza Cooper School of Business Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend any college or university (HBCU preferred)

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the Lorenza Cooper School of Business Scholarship, students must:

1. Intend to enroll in school of business at the college or university of their choice, or declare a business-related major.
2. Demonstrate a high school GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale requirement with transcript.

Revlon Williams, PhD. STEM Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend any college or university

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the Revlon Williams, PhD. STEM Scholarship, students must:

1. Intend to pursue academic studies in the STEM field and major in one the science or engineering fields.
2. Demonstrate a high school GPA of at least a 3.4 on a 4.0 scale requirement with transcript.

General Dennis L. Via JROTC Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Focus: Recipient will attend a Military Academy or any college/university and enter ROTC

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

Established in 2022, in order to be eligible for the General Dennis L. Via JROTC Scholarship, students must:

1. Be a high school senior currently enrolled in a JROTC program at the time of application.
2. Intend to enroll in a college or university ROTC program, or intend to enroll in a military academy to obtain a commission as a military officer.
3. Open to all service components.
4. Student must have demonstrated military academic excellence.
5. Required letter of recommendation from the HS JROTC Program Military Professor(s).

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(Applicant, this letter should be provided to your Recommender.)

TO: Teacher / Counselor / Principal / Mentor / Volunteer Activity Leader

RE: Applicant Name: _____

The student listed above is applying for a scholarship from the Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation (MKYF), a non-profit affiliated with the Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. The student has selected you to provide a recommendation in support of his/her application. We ask that you provide a candid assessment of the student's academic performance, personal development and maturity, oral and written communication skills, leadership ability among peers, and anything else you believe is relevant to evaluate the student.

Please note the length of time you have known the student, in what capacity (classes taught or activity/club supervised). The letter of recommendation should be written on official stationary, and include your signature and phone number.

The letter of recommendation should be submitted by **March 1** in one of the three ways:

1. Email to Scholarship@MKYF.org (preferred)
2. Mailed to MKYF Scholarship Committee, PO Box 10848, Silver Spring, MD 20914
3. Given to student in a sealed envelope to be included in the applicant packet

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Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Current High School _____

Primary Language _____ Secondary Language _____

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No If not, how long have you lived in the USA _____

Name, Title and Phone Number of Scholarship References:

1. _____

2. _____

Check the Scholarship(s) to which you are applying. Be sure you meet the application criteria.

Check if applying	Scholarship Name	Main Eligibility Criteria
	Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship	General Scholarship open to males and females in Montgomery County.
	Bishop Scholarship	Male student enrolling in Hampton University
	COL (Ret) Vandy L. Miller Senior Kappa Scholarship	Male student enrolling in a HBCU
	Edwin Chavous HBCU Scholarship	A first-generation student enrolling at a HBCU
	Kevin Chavous HBCU Scholarship	A first-generation student enrolling at a HBCU
	Lorenza Cooper School of Business Scholarship	Intend to enroll in school of business, or declare a business-related major.
	Revlon Williams, PhD. STEM Scholarship	Intend to pursue academic studies in the STEM field and major in one the science or engineering fields
	General Dennis L. Via JROTC Scholarship Guidelines	High school senior currently enrolled in a JROTC program, intend to enroll in a college or university ROTC program, or intend to enroll in a military academy to obtain a commission as a military officer

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Parent / Guardian information

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

No. of individuals living in household where applicant resides (including student) ____ Adults ____ Children

Family Total Household Income –

Step 1 - Place an X in Section A corresponding to your family size.

Step 2 - Follow the row you checked in Section A across to the right and place an X in the corresponding box in Section B for your family's income.

Section A		Section B							
Place a X or highlight one row		Please a X next to the <u>one</u> box that corresponds to your family's total household income related to the Family Size Total selected in the far left column.							
Family Size Total		Up To		Up To		Up To		Above	
1		\$ 24,650		\$ 41,050		\$ 54,250		\$ 54,250+	
2		\$ 28,150		\$ 46,900		\$ 62,000		\$ 62,000+	
3		\$ 31,650		\$ 52,750		\$ 69,750		\$ 69,750+	
4		\$ 35,150		\$ 58,600		\$ 77,450		\$ 77,450+	
5		\$ 38,000		\$ 63,300		\$ 83,650		\$ 83,650+	
6		\$ 40,800		\$ 68,000		\$ 89,850		\$ 89,850+	
7		\$ 43,600		\$ 72,700		\$ 96,050		\$ 96,050+	
8		\$ 46,400		\$ 77,400		\$ 102,250		\$ 102,250+	

College Information Sheet

College or University Name	Applied Yes / No	Accepted? Yes/No/TBD	Intended Field of Study or Major

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Provide your ACT / SAT Scores

ACT	Date Taken	Scores		
SAT	Date Taken	Scores	Math	Verbal

Provide your High School Grades

Semester GPA	Cumulative GPA
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List the Scholarships You Have Received or Have Applied For

Scholarship Name and Awarding Organization	Scholarship Amount, If Known If for tuition, room and board, books, etc. please list	Received or Pending Notification

Please describe your career goals

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Applicant Activities

Have you volunteered during high school? _____ Have you worked during high school? _____
List the approximate number of hours you did volunteer activities and paid work.

	Volunteer Activities	Paid Work
Freshman Year		
Sophomore Year		
Junior Year		
Senior Year		

List, *in order of importance to you*, the volunteer activities or clubs / organizations that included a service component. Activities should only span from your freshman through senior year in high school.

Give a brief description of a volunteer experience that you believe has been most meaningful and impactful to your life.

Applicant Honors and Achievements

List your personal honors and achievements beginning with the accolades most important to you:

	Honors and Achievements
Freshman Year	
Sophomore Year	
Junior Year	
Senior Year	

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Essays

Please complete the 4 essay questions using the space provided. Answers should be typed and each essay should not exceed 500 words. Responses longer in length will not be reviewed.

1. Why are you interested in applying for the Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation scholarship?
2. Tell us about the most inspirational person in your life, and how that person has influenced your life.

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3. Please share a memorable experience in your life and note how it has shaped your perspective on the global community or your local community.
4. Standing up for others takes courage. Share with us an example of when you have exhibited courage by helping another person. What was the circumstance, what did you do, and how did it impact you?

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Media Release and Authorization

I provide permission for the Metropolitan Kappa youth Foundation, Inc. (MKYF) to film, record, and use the likeness and image of my child,

_____, in conjunction with his/her application to the MKYF Scholarship. I understand that photographs, films, recordings in electronic, digital and print form may be taken and used, will remain MKYF's property for publication, duplication, reproduction, placement on the Internet. I have legal custody of said child, and I am authorized to provide this release.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

My signature certifies that all information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing, I acknowledge that all documents become the property of Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation. Submitting false or inaccurate information or claims are subject to forfeiture of any scholarship monies awarded.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____