



IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, INC.

Beta Alpha Omega Chapter

Northern Virginia I.O.T.A.S. Foundation

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Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. Chief Darryl C. Smith, Sr. (Retired) Scholarship Application

About Iota Phi Theta® Fraternity, Incorporated

Iota Phi Theta® (IΦΘ) Fraternity, Incorporated is a nationally incorporated, predominantly African-American, collegiate fraternity. Iota Phi Theta® Fraternity, Incorporated, was founded on September 19, 1963 at Morgan State University (then Morgan State College) in Baltimore, Maryland. The fraternity was founded by 12 men in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement. Based upon their ages, heightened responsibilities, and increased level of maturity, this group had a slightly different perspective than the norm for college students. It was this perspective from which they established the Fraternity's purpose, "The development and perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood among Men."

About the Beta Alpha Omega (BAO) Chapter and Northern Virginia I.O.T.A.S. Foundation

The Beta Alpha Omega Alumni (BAO) chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. has proudly served the greater Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Fredericksburg-Stafford, and Prince William Counties since July 16, 2006. BAO has been recognized for its commitment and dedication to helping these communities. The Northern Virginia I.O.T.A.S Foundation is the non-profit affiliate of the BAO Chapter whose mission is to improve the physical, economic, and communal well-being of communities in Northern VA through various programs. The Foundation is proud to partner with the BAO Chapter to provide scholarship opportunities for students in the Northern VA area.

About Chief Darryl C. Smith, Sr. (Retired) Scholarship

Named after Brother Darryl C. Smith Senior - a dedicated member of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. who chartered the Eta Chapter at Virginia State University in 1970. The scholarship is so named in honor of Bro. Smith's lifelong legacy of public service, involvement with the community as a youth sports coach, and his academic support for children and immigrants as the co-founder of Herndon's Vecinos Unidos (Neighbors United). Bro. Smith was a trailblazer in the Town of Herndon when he was hired as the first African American police officer in 1973, and the first African American elected to Town Council in 2004. He later served as Herndon's Vice Mayor from 2004-2006. Bro. Smith served nine years as Chief of Police in Purcellville before retiring in 2015. Bro. Smith was a dedicated brother of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. up until his passing on April 26, 2020, where he joined the great Alpha Iota Omega chapter. *The scholarship is exclusively for male, senior, class of 2024 high school graduates who are attending a community college in the Fall 2024 semester.*

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must be male, senior, class of 2025 high school graduate who student who will be graduating from an Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun, Stafford, Spotsylvania, or Prince William County, VA high school and plans to attend a community college starting in the Fall semester of 2025.

The following documents must be attached to your application upon submission for consideration:

1. Signed and Completed Application
2. **High School Transcript:** Applicants must provide a sealed copy of their transcript bearing the seal of the Registrar's office issuing the transcript.
3. **Community College Acceptance Letter:** Applicants must attach a copy of their acceptance letter from the community college they plan to attend.
4. **Documentation of Financial Need:** Applicants must provide documentation of any/all financial assistance including FAFSA awards (grants and/or loans), awarded scholarships from other organizations (faith based, community, or service groups).
5. **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must submit *two letters of recommendation* from a professor, advisor or community leader. The name, contact telephone number, and title of the person completing the letter must be included.
6. **Typed essay on the following topic:** *What/who are the inspirations for your chosen college major, and how will you utilize your education to impact future generations?*

The essay should be at least 2 pages in length and cannot be longer than three typewritten (Times New Roman 12-pt. font), double-spaced paragraphs.

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Applicants must submit all attachments with their completed application to be considered for the Chief Darryl Smith, Sr. Scholarship. Applications without all required attachments will be disqualified from consideration. Applications will be scored based on four (4) categories; documented financial need, essay question, letters of recommendation, and high school transcript.

Scholarships will be given to applicants with the highest total scores. A minimum of two (2) \$250 book scholarships will be awarded to the top entrants. All awarded scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the student's financial account via the community college bursar's office.

All applications should be mailed to the address below:

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Beta Alpha Omega – Northern VA Alumni Chapter

Attn: Chief Darryl C. Smith, Sr. Scholarship Program

PO Box 706

Lorton, VA 22079

Scholarship applications **must be postmarked by 11:59pm on Sunday, April 20th, 2025.** All scholarship applicants will be contacted during the week of May 1, 2025, with an update on their application status. Refer questions to novaiotasfoundation@gmail.com

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Please type or print legibly (you may staple sheets if additional space is required):

Applicant Name (first and last): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Email:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Community College Name : _____ **Proposed Major** _____

School Address: _____

Extracurricular Activities: Please list all extracurricular activities and provide a brief overview of activity.

Activity Name: _____

Overview: _____

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Activity Name: _____

Overview: _____

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Activity Name: _____

Overview: _____

**(attach additional pages if needed)

Community Service: Please list all community service activities/projects you have been actively involved in during the past three years. Please specify dates and organizations associated with each activity.

Community Service: _____ Date(s): _____

Overview/Purpose: _____

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Community Service: _____ Date(s): _____

Overview/Purpose: _____

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** (attach additional pages if needed)

Awards and Recognition: Please list all awards received over the past four years, listing the name of the organization(s) giving the award

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Award Name & Date: _____ Awarding Organization Name: _____

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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