

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. 2022 Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Karl Roberts Sr. Scholarship Application

About Iota Phi Theta® Fraternity, Incorporated

Iota Phi Theta® (ΙΦΘ) 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—Albert Hicks, Lonnie Spruill, Jr., Charles Briscoe, Frank Coakley, John Slade, Barron Willis, Webster Lewis, Charles Brown, Louis Hudnell, Charles Gregory, Elias Dorsey, Jr., and Michael Williams—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." Additionally, they conceived the Fraternity's motto, "Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One!"

At present, Iota Phi Theta® Fraternity, Inc. consists of over 30,000 members. There are currently over 263 undergraduate and alumni chapters, as well as colonies located in 40 US states, the District of Columbia, the Bahamas, Japan and South Korea.

The fraternity is a member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), an umbrella organization comprising nine International Historically African-American Greek letter Sororities and Fraternities, and the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). The Centaur Magazine is the official publication of the Iota Phi Theta® Fraternity, Inc. First published as a newsletter, the Centaur has evolved into a bi-annual magazine.

About the Beta Alpha Omega (BAO) Northern VA Alumni Chapter

The Beta Alpha Omega Alumni (BAO) chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on July 16, 2006 and serves communities within the greater Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Stafford, and Prince William Counties.

About Command Sergeant Major Karl Roberts, Sr.

Brother Karl Roberts Senior - a Life Member of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. was initiated at the Alpha Omicron Omega graduate chapter in the fall of 2001. Brother Karl Roberts, Sr. served in the United States Army for over 32 years, having earned the rank of Command Sergeant Major and receiving over 25 medals, including one for the Defense Meritorious Service (Peacetime) and the Bronze Star (Combat). Brother Karl Roberts, Sr. assisted in the founding of numerous military chapters of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. and he served as the Gulf Coast Regional Polaris (2009 – 2013), National Sergeant-At-Arms (2009 – 2013), and the National Director of Military Affairs (2005 – 2009). Brother Karl Roberts, Sr. was a dedicated brother of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. up until his passing on October 21, 2013 where he joined the great Alpha Iota Omega chapter.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must be a male, senior high school student who will be graduating from an Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun, Stafford, Spotsylvania, or Prince William County, VA high school and has been accepted to a 4-year college or university for the 2022/2023 school year.

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 high school transcript bearing the seal of the Registrar's office issuing the transcript.
- 3. College Acceptance Letter:** Applicants must attach a copy of their acceptance/enrollment letter from the college, or program they plan to attend.
- 4. Documentation of Financial Need:** Applicants must provide documentation of all college/program costs/expenses (letter from financial aid or admissions office). Also, provide documentation of any/all financial assistance (grants, loans, scholarships or direct financial contributions) applied for, awarded and or given by their college/program, parents or other organizations.
- 5. Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or principal from their high school. The name, contact telephone number, and title of the person completing the letter must be included.
- 6. Typed essay on the following topic: *How will you use your college education to impact society?***

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 CSM Karl Roberts 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) \$500 scholarships will be awarded for the top entrants. All scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to each winning applicant. The funds may be applied to the expense of the applicant's choice (e.g., tuition, room & board, miscellaneous fees, books, etc.).

All applications should be mailed to the address below:

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.
Beta Alpha Omega – Northern VA Alumni Chapter
Attn: CSM Karl Roberts Sr. Scholarship Program
PO Box 706
Lorton, VA 22079

Scholarship applications **must be postmarked by 11:59pm on Sunday, April 30th 2022.** All scholarship applicants will be contacted during the week of May 9, 2022 with an update on their application status.



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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:** _____

High School Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Date of high school graduation: _____

College institutions name you have been accepted to for the 2022-2023 school year and intended program of study:

Institution Name: _____ Program of study: _____

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Extracurricular Activities: Please list all extracurricular activities you participated in during high school and provide a brief overview of activity.

Activity name: _____

Overview: _____

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** (attach additional pages if needed)



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

Award Name & Date: _____

Awarding Organization Name: _____

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Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

