



# 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. 2024 Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Karl Roberts Sr. 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 and has developed programs to help improve the lives of local youth and families. The Foundation is proud to partner with the BAO Chapter to provide scholarship opportunities for students in the Northern VA area.

### About Command Sergeant Major Karl Roberts, Sr. Scholarship

Named after Brother Karl Roberts Senior - a Life Member of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. who was initiated at the Alpha Omicron Omega graduate chapter in the fall of 2001. The scholarship is named in honor of Bro. Roberts' legacy of public service and commitment to IOTA and his country. CSM Roberts 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 chartering 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. The scholarship is exclusively for males who are class of 2024 graduating high school seniors that exhibit academic excellence in the classroom and within their community.

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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 2024/2025 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 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 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: *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 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** All scholarship applicants will be contacted during the week of May 1, 2024, with an update on their application status. Refer questions to [novaiotasfoundation@gmail.com](mailto: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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of graduation** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College institutions you have been accepted to for the 2024-2025 school year and intended program of study:**

**Institution Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Program of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Program of study: \_\_\_\_\_

**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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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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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 five years, listing the name of the organization(s) giving the award

Award Name & Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Awarding Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Award Name & Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Awarding Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* (attach additional pages if needed)

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Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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