



National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago

Scholarship Award

The purpose of the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago (NPHC-C) Scholarship Award is to provide financial support to traditional and non-traditional undergraduates who are full-time students enrolled in an accredited 4-year institution and currently an active member of the Divine Nine.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago (NPHC-C) Scholarship promotes educational advancement. Award recipients of the NPHC-C Scholarship are presented at the Annual Sankofa Awards Banquet. "SANKOFA" from the Akan language of Ghana means; **"reach back and get it"**. This endeavor of the graduate members of NPHC-C is to reach back to our undergraduate Fraters and Sorors and assist them in their effort to reach their educational goals.

Scholarship criteria:

1. Must be a full-time undergraduate student that attends a four(4) year institution in the State of Illinois.
2. An undergraduate student who is a **financial** member of an active Divine 9 chapter in good standing, where the Chapter Advisor confirms active status.
3. The student must currently have a **2.5** on a **4.0** scale or **3.5** on a **5.0** scale. A sealed official transcript must be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Chair.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted:
 - i. One from Current Chapter Advisor
 - ii. One from a professor, instructor, college advisor **OR** the head of a community organization that you have recorded service. Please note, contact information must be provided by the author of the recommendation letters.

Judging:

1. Completed application, essay, and recommendations should be mailed or emailed to scholarship@nphcchicago.org by April 22, 2023, at 11:59PM CST. **Late application materials will not be accepted.**
2. Official transcripts must be received (not postmarked) by April 22, 2023. **Late transcripts will not be accepted.** Please mail transcripts to:

NPHC-Chicago Scholarship Committee
c/o Maria Penny
8550 S. Manistee Ave
Chicago, IL 60617

3. If you have any questions, please contact scholarship@nphcchicago.org
4. Applications will be reviewed and judged by the NPHC-C Scholarship Award Committee.

5. Judging will be completed and award recipient(s) will be notified by May 12, 2023. All applications will be ranked and the top finalists will be awarded the scholarship(s) at the Black & White Gala Awards Banquet, June 9, 2023.

Terms & Conditions:

1. Each finalist will receive an award pending verification of an official transcript from their 4-year college or university.
2. Current Chapter Advisor must provide verification that the applicant is active and a financial member of a Divine 9 organization from their current chapter. This documentation must be provided to the Scholarship committee along with application.
3. This scholarship can be applied to tuition, school fees, and books or for the student to utilize for campus needs.
4. This scholarship is non-renewable.

Content Required Letters of Recommendation

Note: All letters of recommendation must be signed in pen and ink.

Letter from Current Chapter Advisor

One letter of recommendation **must** be from the current chapter advisor. The letter must be typed and include:

- Name of current chapter advisor, current chapter affiliation
- Applicant's name
- The length of time the current chapter advisor has known the applicant
- Personal characteristics and leadership skills/abilities (e.g. organizing, planning and coordinating) the applicant possesses
- Public service activities in which the applicant is/has been involved in on campus or in the community
- Reason(s) applicant should be awarded the scholarship
- Programs developed or chaired within the chapter
- Signature in pen and ink

Letter from School Official

One letter of recommendation can be from a school official. The school official letter must be written on official university letterhead. "Official" is whatever the school deems its public or customary letterhead.

The letter must be typed and include:

- Name and position of person providing the recommendation
- Applicant's name
- Length of time and in what capacity the person has known the applicant
- Signature and date in pen and ink
- Public service activities in which the applicant is/has been involved in on campus or in the community
- Reason(s) applicant should be awarded the scholarship
- Personal characteristics and leadership skills/abilities (e.g. organizing, planning and coordinating) the applicant possesses

Letter from Community Organization

One letter of recommendation can be from a community organization. The community organization letter must be written on official community organization letterhead. "Official" is whatever the organization deems its public or customary letterhead.

The letter must be typed and include:

- Name and position of person providing the recommendation
- Name of organization
- Applicant's name
- Length of time the applicant has been involved with the organization
- Signature and date in pen and ink
- A list and description of service rendered and applicant's roles and responsibilities within the organization
- Reason(s) applicant should be awarded the scholarship
- What the organization has gained through the applicant's involvement



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National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago Scholarship - Application (must be typed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____

Gender: _____ **Male** _____ **Female** _____ **Other** _____

Current College or University: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

GPA: _____

Divine Nine Organization: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Community work/ Civic Involvement

Describe civic/community activity; leadership position; length of involvement; number of hours completed per semester; and contact information for someone at the place of service. If more space is required, please provide an additional sheet of paper.

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Essay

In **1000 words or less**, discuss **one of the following**.

*****Please note: Remember that joining is a commitment and your popularity and stepping skills do not count; being a part of the organization means participating.*****

1. Name one to two programs you have implemented or chaired based on one of your organizations' national goals. What impact did the program(s) make on campus and/or in the community?
2. What is your current leadership position/role within your chapter? If you do not hold a leadership position/role in your chapter, what position/role do you aspire to hold? Through that position/role, how do those qualities of that position/role translate into your future career aspirations?
3. Do you believe that Divine 9 organizations have an impact on the community? If so, what examples do you have that shows the impact that Divine 9 organizations have on the community? If you do not believe there isn't an impact on the community, how do you suggest we work to make an impact?