Who is Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority?

Sigma Pi Alpha is a Chicana/Latina based sorority that was founded in 1996 at the University of California, Berkeley. We are a sorority that emphasizes campus involvement, community service and sisterhood. Within these three components, we stress academics, the promotion of higher education, and the enhancement of our Chicana/Latina heritage. Our Greek letters were selected by our founding mothers to symbolize our Chicana/Latina heritage by spelling (ELLA), meaning she/her in the Spanish language.

Currently, Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority has ten chapters: Founding: Alpha Chapter at UC Berkeley, Beta Chapter at UC Riverside, Gamma Chapter at UC Santa Cruz, Delta Chapter at San Francisco State, Epsilon Chapter at Cal State San Bernardino, Zeta Chapter at UC Davis, Eta Chapter at Sacramento State, Theta Chapter at Sonoma State, Iota Chapter at UC San Diego, Kappa Chapter at Cal State Los Angeles, Lambda Chapter at San Jose State University, Mu Chapter at Humboldt State University, Nu Chapter at UC Irvine, and our eternal Sigma Chapter.

What is The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund?

The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund was created to award women with the same dedication to academics and our community as the sisters of Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority. Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority will provide the top one (1) applicant with a scholarship of $500 and the next nine (9) runner-up applicants will receive a scholarship of $250- $400 each.
Eligibility

• Female High School Senior with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
• Will attend a junior college, vocational school, or a four-year institution in the fall semester of 2017.
• U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residency is not a requirement for this scholarship and will not be considered during the application review.

Selection — Applications are evaluated on the following:

• Academic Achievement (including GPA, Awards, Honors)
• Two Letters of Recommendation (from a teacher, supervisor, advisor, etc.) but not from a family member or friend (REQUIRED)
• Personal Statement
• Community Involvement
• Financial Need

Your Application Packet Must Include:

1. One Official Transcript including all academic grades through Fall semester of 2016
2. Two Letters of Recommendation addressing the following:
   a. Current academic status
   b. Academic and extracurricular achievements
   c. Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and commitment
   d. Potential for future success and contributions to your community
3. A typed three-pages double-spaced Personal Statement in which you address:
   a. Heritage (family background, parentage, etc.)
   b. Personal and academic achievements, giving specific examples
   c. Academic plans and career goals, giving specific examples
   d. Past and current efforts, as well as future plans, toward making a difference in your community

Important Dates

• Applications are due: April 15, 2017 (POSTMARKED)
• Winning recipients notifications will be sent out: May 19, 2017
• Winning recipients will be announced on Sigma Pi Alpha’s website-sigmapialpha.org

Notes

• This application may be photocopied for distribution
• Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2017 to the following address:

    Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund
    4551 Steele Street
    Oakland, CA 94619

Feel free to contact Erika Carrasco, Director of Academic Affairs and Leslye Salinas, Director of Philanthropy for Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority, with further questions and/or concerns via e-mail at sigma_scholarship96@yahoo.com.
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Full Name______________________________ Social Security #______ - ______ - ______

Permanent Mailing Address______________________________

City_________________________ State_________ Zip Code_____________________

Phone # (___) ____ - __________ E-mail_______________________________

Date of Birth _____/_____/_________ Racial or Ethnic Background____________________

Current High School____________________________________

School Address________________________________________ GPA_______

School Attending in Fall 2017 (School’s full name) __________________________________________

Intended Major and/or Minor________________________________________

Parents’ Highest Level of Education____________________________________

Parent(s) You Live With (circle one)    Mother    Father    Both    Other

Your Marital Status______________________________ Parents’ Marital Status______________________________

Mother’s Full Name_________________________ Occupation______________________________

Father’s Full Name_________________________ Occupation______________________________

Parent(s) Annual Income $____________________ Number of Parent(s) Dependents____________

Your Annual Income $____________________ Number of Your Dependents____________________

Number of siblings in college and schools they attend________________________________________

Unusual Expenses (specify and explain)________________________________________________________________________

Has your household had a significant change of income in the last year? (Specify and explain)________________________________________________________________________
Extracurricular Activities and Awards (attach additional pages, as necessary)

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Important Information and Instructions
• Please mail all items in one package to ensure that your application materials are received (POSTMARKED) by April 15, 2017.
• Make sure to have your full name on EVERY document you submit.
• Submit documents on white 8-1/2” X 11” paper (except any official transcripts and/or letters of recommendation).
• You will be notified on or before May 19, 2017, if you are a recipient of the Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship, and you shall receive the scholarship award once Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority receives proof of college registration.
• The number of applications received greatly exceeds the number of available scholarships.
• Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

Certification
Students must read and sign below to be eligible for consideration:
• I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
• I certify that I will be enrolled as a full-time college student in Fall 2017.
• I give my high school consent to release to the Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund any and all information pertaining to this application including GPA and contact information.
• I understand that I must notify the Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund of any changes in my enrollment status; changes in full-time status may result in the cancellation of any award provided.
• I hereby acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund informed of any address changes.
• I understand that application materials become property of The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund and cannot be returned.
• I hereby certify that I have read this application, and this Certification, and I accept all conditions specified.

Signature__________________________________________ Date__________________

Thank you for applying to the Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority Scholarship Fund.

We wish you success!

Mujeres con Cultura, Fuerza y Hermandad!