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FOR EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

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FOUNDATION, INC.**

2020-2021 APPEAL Foundation Scholarship Application Packet

The Atlanta Philanthropic Program for Education and Leadership (APPEAL) Foundation, Inc.
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About the APPEAL Foundation

In a time when education for African-Americans was difficult to attain, the founders of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. became educators. They believed self-respect, knowledge and discipline gained through study would help individuals recognize their duty and responsibility to their society. Thus, Sigma Gamma Rho was founded on the precept of education and continues to promote and encourage high scholastic attainment. In 1984 the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority National Education Fund, Inc. (NEF) was created. NEF was designed to ensure perpetual support for its commitment to education, and for research in education, health and related fields.

Following in the tradition of Sigma Gamma Rho and the NEF, in 2005 the Atlanta Philanthropic Program for Education and Leadership (APPEAL) Foundation, Inc. was created by the Iota Zeta Sigma (North Atlanta) Alumnae Chapter. The APPEAL Foundation Scholarship Fund, an APPEAL initiative, was designed to provide financial support to aspiring scholars within the metropolitan Atlanta community.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Mission Statement

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically and economically.

APPEAL Foundation Mission Statement

The APPEAL Foundation is dedicated to the empowerment and education of women and children by providing educational, social and leadership development in the form of scholarships, grants, tutoring, workshops and volunteerism.

For more information on the APPEAL Foundation, email us at appealfdtn@gmail.com.

APPEAL Foundation Scholarship Requirements

Scholarships will be awarded annually based on available funding and are limited to graduating high school seniors/incoming college students. All scholarships are one-time awards. All awards are distributed directly to the student recipient. Students **cannot** apply directly to Iota Zeta Sigma Alumnae Chapter or Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. for scholarship monies.

APPEAL Foundation Scholarship Awards are merit-based but are also based on financial need and extracurricular activities. Each student interested in applying for an APPEAL Foundation scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- A citizen of the United States of America
- Full-time student currently attending/recently graduated from a DeKalb County or Gwinnett County high school, or a metropolitan Atlanta high school as designated by the APPEAL Foundation
- Accepted and/or enrolled in, as a full-time student, an accredited college or university within the continental United States of America, with plans to pursue a degree
- Demonstrated commitment to academic excellence and community service with a high school GPA of not less than 3.0, and competitive scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Reasoning Test (SAT) and/or the American College Testing (ACT) examination
- Recommended by high school as academically exceptional or outstanding in the creative and performing arts
- Demonstrated financial need

How to Apply for the 2020-2021 APPEAL Scholarship:

1. All applicants must be enrolled or accepted (and plan to enroll) at an accredited college or university within the continental United States of America for the school year immediately following the date of the award.
2. Applicants may obtain an application from the APPEAL Foundation by sending an email to appealfdtn@gmail.com.
3. All applications must be printed clearly or typed.
4. Applications should be submitted along with the required attachments via email to appealfdtn@gmail.com or to the following address: The APPEAL Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 451102, Atlanta, GA 31145.

Required Documents

- Completed Application
- High School Transcript
- Essay

Evaluation Criteria

The APPEAL Foundation will select scholarship recipients based upon the following criteria:

Grade Point Average (GPA)	20 points
Essay (maximum 500 words)	20 points
Applicant activities and work experience during school year and summer breaks	25 points
Financial need	20 points
Composite application	10 points
SAT/ACT results	5 points
Letters of recommendation (recommended)	Recommended
Total	100 points

PART I

APPLICANT INFORMATION

SECTION A. General Information (please print or type; items in **bold** must be completed)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth ____/____/____
MM/DD/YYYY

Gender Male Female

Permanent Address _____

City County ZIP Code

Mailing Address* _____

City County ZIP Code

* Complete if mailing address is different from permanent address.

Telephone DAY: (____) ____ - ____ EVENING: (____) ____ - ____

Email _____

Are you a citizen or legal resident of the United States? YES NO

Ethnicity (OPTIONAL) African American White, Non-Hispanic
 Hispanic Native-American
 Other

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____

City County ZIP Code

Telephone DAY: (____) ____ - ____ EVENING: (____) ____ - ____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

PART I

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.

High School _____

Street Address _____

City County ZIP Code

Dates of Attendance ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____ **Expected Date of Graduation** ____ / ____ / ____

MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY

Anticipated Major (Briefly describe any specific areas of concentration):

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Are you currently planning to attend college next academic year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, when do you plan to enroll/attend?
If yes, which of the following do you plan to attend?
<input type="checkbox"/> two-year institution <input type="checkbox"/> four-year institution <input type="checkbox"/> trade school

Please list all colleges/universities to which you've been accepted and attach copies of your acceptance letters.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Briefly explain your collegiate selection:

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PART I

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name			
	Last	First	M.I.

SECTION B. Activities and Awards (please print or type; items in **bold** must be completed)

Extracurricular Activities

	Name of Organization/Group/Sport	Location	Years Involved	Positions Held
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Community Service/Volunteer Activities

	Name of Organization/Group	Location	Years Involved	Positions Held
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Honors/Awards/Achievements (Please list in order of importance to you and include dates of recognition)

	Name of Award	Year(s) Received
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

PART II

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.



Please attach a copy of official high school transcript and/or copy of GED certificate (if applicable) and college acceptance letters (if applicable). Items in **bold** must be completed.

High School _____

Street Address _____

City County ZIP Code

Counselor Name _____

Telephone (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

Dates of Attendance ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
MM/DD/YYYY MM/DD/YYYY

Expected Date of Graduation ____/____/____
MM/DD/YYYY

Cumulative GPA: ____ **On a** ____ **scale**

Standardized Test Scores (Please attach a copy of results.)

SAT Math: ____ Reading: ____ Writing: ____

ACT Math: ____ Reading: ____ English: ____

PART III

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name		
	Last	First
		M.I.

! This page is to be completed by the applicant, along with parent or guardian. The information collected on this page may be used to help determine the recipient of the scholarship. Please attach a copy of financial aid award letter(s), if applicable. Items in **bold** must be completed.

What is your total anticipated financial need for each academic year? How much money is required for tuition, supplies, housing, and food? Please be as specific as possible.

What other financial resources do you have for college? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parental/Guardian Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Wages | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Loans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Are you currently employed? **Yes (Please list current employer.)** No

Employer	Location	Position/Description

Please list any other scholarships and/or grants that you have been awarded:

Name of Scholarship	Amount

PART IV

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.

Father/Guardian: (please print or type; items in **bold** must be completed)

Name _____

Last First MI

Street Address _____

City County ZIP Code

Mailing Address* _____

City County ZIP Code

* Complete if mailing address is different from permanent address.

Telephone Number Day () - Evening () -

Email Address: _____

Adjusted Gross Income from 2020 (or 2019 if not available) IRS Form 1040: _____

Mother/Guardian: (please print or type; items in **bold** must be completed)

Name _____

Last First MI

Street Address⁺ _____

City County ZIP Code

Mailing Address* _____

City County ZIP Code

* Complete if mailing address is different from permanent address.

Telephone Number Day () - Evening () -

Email Address: _____

⁺ Leave blank if information is the same for both parents

Adjusted Gross Income from 2020 (or 2019 if not available) IRS Form 1040: _____

How many dependent household members are currently attending college? _____

We certify that the information we have provided is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If required, we agree to provide proof of the information, including copies of income tax returns. We realize that if complete and accurate documentation is not provided, the Applicant may be deemed ineligible for this scholarship.

Parent/Guardian _____

(Please Print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ **Date:** _____

PART V

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.

SECTION A: Letter of Recommendation 1

Each applicant is encouraged to submit **two** letters of recommendation, from any of the following categories:

- A. A supervisor/manager by whom you are currently or were previously employed
- B. A supervisor/manager/coach with whom you worked while performing voluntary/community/extracurricular activities
- C. A community leader or mentor with whom you have worked for a minimum of two years

Each letter of recommendation must thoroughly describe how the recommender is related to the applicant.

Name of person furnishing recommendation: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Please note: all letters must be collected by applicant and submitted along with complete application package.

PART V

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.

SECTION A: Letter of Recommendation 2

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Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.

Choose ONE of the following essay topics. Each applicant is required to submit one essay, which must be 500 words maximum, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, with 1" margins. Please be sure to include your name, email address and essay number at the top of each page.

1. What are your long-term goals and how do you hope to achieve them? Discuss your major area of study and area of specialization in college and the occupation you intend to pursue after graduation. The essay may also include any other information that is relevant to your career plans.
2. How have current events shaped your career goals? Describe any experiences related to recent newsworthy events that have influenced your decision. How will these experiences help you?
3. Explain the importance of your (intended) major today.
4. What are the most important issues your intended field is facing today?
5. What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why?
6. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from others.

PART VII

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Applicant Name	_____	_____	_____
	Last	First	M.I.

This page must be signed and dated by applicant.

I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If required, I agree to provide additional proof of the information. I realize that if documentation is not provided, or is determined to be inaccurate, I may be deemed ineligible for the 2020-2021 APPEAL Foundation Scholarship.

Student/Applicant _____
(Please Print)

Student/Applicant Signature _____ **Date:** _____

PART VIII

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

To ensure that your application is considered by the APPEAL Foundation, use this checklist to make sure that all parts of your application are completed and all required materials are included.

Incomplete packets or those not postmarked or received via email by 11:59 pm on April 11, 2021 will NOT be considered. Did You ...

- Read and review all requirements?
- Check U.S. citizenship/residency status?
- Complete student information pages?
- Include copies of your acceptance letter(s)?
- List any activities and awards, honors, and extracurricular activities?
- Obtain verification of your GPA (transcript) and standardized test scores?
- Complete financial information page?
- Have your parents/guardians complete and sign parent/guardian information page?
- Obtain two (2) letters of recommendation?
- Complete required essay?
- Read and sign applicant acknowledgement page?
- **Make sure the entire packet contains appropriate postage?**
- **Postmark application packet by April 11, 2021?**

**Remember to mail it to:
APPEAL Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 451102
Atlanta, GA 31145**

If you have any questions about completing your application, please contact the APPEAL Foundation at appealfdtn@gmail.com.