



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter
Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund
2022 Application

June 23, 2021

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. would like to offer financial assistance to deserving high school seniors in celebration of their academic excellence and contributions to their school and community. The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. is an outgrowth of Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. For more than 40 years, the Fund has awarded individual scholarships to over two hundred deserving students. The Blackwell Cyber Scholarship is a one-time scholarship award in the amount up to \$1,500.00.

The Blackwell Cyber Scholarship is sponsored by Cypher Intelligence which is a consulting services company based in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area that specializes in meeting demand for cutting-edge secure technology systems and infrastructure used in mission-critical environments of the Intelligence Community.

Attached you will find a scholarship application, including eligibility criteria and detailed instructions for completing the application package. Please note that testaments of character, financial need, and participation in extracurricular activities along with the completion of the short answer question will all be considered in conjunction with the applicant's academic performance.

We pride ourselves in producing leaders who change the world through empowering them via investment in their post-secondary education. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions or concerns. We can be reached at idsef1@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Walker
Scholarship Committee Chair
Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for Afro-American students, was organized at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, December 4, 1906. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was born out of the desire for maintaining close association and unified support for members of this small minority group.

Our Fraternity's vision of academic excellence and social achievement resulted in an organization which encompasses the ideals of scholarship, manly deeds, and love for all mankind. The seven founders, whom we respectfully call the "Jewels," aspired to create a fraternity dedicated to social purpose and social action. Currently, Alpha Phi Alpha continues to grow and promote these ideals through such nationally mandated programs as "Project Alpha," "Go To High School, Go To College," "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People," and others, which are maintained on both the undergraduate and graduate level.

The Fraternity has grown steadily in influence throughout the years. It has been interracial since 1945 and has expanded tremendously to the extent that there are now approximately 800 chapters located throughout the United States, Caribbean Islands, Africa, West Indies, Europe, and Asia. Some of the more prominent members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. include the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Thurgood Marshall, Mayor David Dinkins, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., United States Vice President Hubert Humphrey, John H. Johnson, Duke Ellington, Jesse Owens, General Charles Q. Brown, General Johnnie Wilson, Hill Harper, Omari Hardwick, Stuart Scott, Stan Verrett, Dr. Cornel West, Clementa Pinckney, Roland Martin, Eddie Robinson, and VA Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax.

Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter

The Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was founded in May of 1981, serving brothers residing in the Prince William and southern Fairfax Counties. Since that day, the brothers of Xi Alpha Lambda have become widely respected throughout Northern Virginia for making a difference in the community while maintaining a steadfast commitment to manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc.

The Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc., founded in honor of our late brother, Ira Dorsey, for whom the scholarship is named, provides scholarships to prospective college students who meet specific academic and extra-curricular eligibility requirements. Over the years, the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund has provided financial assistance scholarships to over two hundred young men in the Washington DC Metropolitan area. The financial assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award of up to \$1,500.00 from the Fund.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before completing this application. Provide answers to all requests for information. Do not leave any blanks. If the request does not apply to you, please indicate by filling the space with "NA." Failure to complete instructions could result in an unfavorable rating.

I. Eligibility

This scholarship award is open to all graduating high school senior that:

- 1) Lives in Virginia
- 2) Possesses a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on 4.0 scale
- 3) Plans to major in Information Technology oriented majors such as cyber/cybersecurity, cloud computing, engineering, information technology, computer science/programming, database/data mining, etc
- 4) Candidates may apply for only one of the IDSEF scholarships per year
- 5) Plans to attend a four-year college or university
 - ❖ Neither sons/male or daughters/female dependents of members of the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

II. Official Transcript

Please provide an official transcript from your high school counselor or principal. Make sure it indicates the most current GPA. Your high school counselor or principal must certify documentation in the appropriate space. The transcript must be received in a sealed envelope.

III. Recommendation Form

Please provide two recommendations. Give the attached recommendation forms to a Teacher/Counselor and a Community Member to complete.

IV. High Quality Photo

Please provide a high-quality photo of passport size or larger. No photo proofs will be accepted, and applicant must be alone in the photo. Senior class photos, or professional headshots are preferred.

V. Short Answer Question

VI. Expected Family Contribution

Please provide the Expected Family Contribution as determined via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The income earned from work **MUST** be visible on the document to verify expected family contribution.

VII. Deadline

All application packets must be **postmarked by Saturday, January 15, 2022**. Applicants must submit **completed** application packets. Incomplete application packets will **NOT** be reviewed and will therefore eliminate you from the selection process.



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VIII. Completed Applications

Mail completed packets to: Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc.
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IX. Scholarship Recipients. Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than **March 1, 2022.**

X. Questions or Concerns

Please address all questions or concerns to the Scholarship Committee Chair: Mr. Anthony T. Walker at jdseft1@gmail.com

Application Packet Checklist

Please take your time and complete all forms necessary. This checklist is to help students and parents organize the forms needed to apply to the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. Please submit completed forms below.

Check off the following forms when completed.

1. ____ Application (*Be sure it is complete and signed*)
2. ____ Official Transcript
3. ____ Expected Family Contribution Worksheet
4. ____ Short Answer Question
5. ____ (1) Teacher/Counselor and (1) Community Member Recommendation Form
6. ____ High quality photo



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General Information

(Name) Last, First, MI

Mailing Address

Apt #

City/State/Zip

Telephone #

E-mail

Date of Birth

High School

County

Cumulative GPA

Graduation Date

Parent/Guardian Information

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Father's Occupation

Mother's Occupation

Financial Information

Please place a check on the line that best indicates your family's gross household income:

___ \$0 - \$49,999

___ \$50,000 - \$74,999

___ \$75,000 - \$99,999

___ \$100,000 - \$149,999

___ \$150,000 - \$199,999

___ \$200,000 +

Please list any additional information that may impact your family's financial situation:

(For example: medical expenses, single parent, unemployed parent, etc.)



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Honors and Awards

List any honors or awards you have received within the last **four years**. If more space is required, please use the Additional Information section.

Honor/Award _____
Date Received

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Date Received

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Date Received

School and Community Athletics

List any sports you have participated in within the last **four years**.

Sport _____
Years Participated
(Include Dates) _____
Recognition Received

Sport _____
Years Participated
(Include Dates) _____
Recognition Received

Sport _____
Years Participated
(Include Dates) _____
Recognition Received

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(Include Dates) _____
Recognition Received



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Certification

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have not attended any educational institutions other than those listed. I understand that I am responsible for forwarding my official transcript from the high school I currently attend. I understand that all materials submitted in my application package will become the property of the Ira Dorsey Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

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COUNSELOR/TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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Student's Name

Teacher/Counselor's Name (please print)

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Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Ira Dorsey Scholarship.

Category	Top 5%	Top 15%	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
1. Academic Ability					
2. Initiative					
3. Ability to work independently					
4. Ability to work with others					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Originality and Creativity					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect of classmates					
9. Respect of faculty					
10. Other (Specify)					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths / Comments _____

Recommendation (Please Circle one):

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Teacher/Counselor's Signature _____

Date _____

School _____

Telephone _____

COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

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Student's Name

Community Member's Name (please print)

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Please complete the following information about the above named student who is applying for the Ira Dorsey Scholarship.

Category	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	No Basis for Judgment
1. Enthusiasm					
2. Initiative					
3. Creativity					
4. Ability to follow instructions					
5. Self-Confidence					
6. Oral Presentation Skills					
7. Leadership					
8. Respect of others					
9. Ability to assume responsibility					
10. Maturity Level (emotional/social)					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Relationship to applicant? _____

Applicant's greatest strengths / Comments _____

Recommendation (Please Circle one):

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Not Recommended
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Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone _____