INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. All applications must be received no later than May 25, 2020. (Please note that incomplete or late applications will not be considered.)

2. An official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores must be submitted.

3. Applicants should submit the completed scholarship application and essay via the PO BOX or directly to a chapter member. Typed answers on a separate sheet are acceptable.

4. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above and attend High School in New Jersey.

5. Applicants must be a Senior and in the process of applying to or be accepted at an accredited college or university or some form of higher education.

6. Applicants must attach an essay (500 word maximum- typed) on the following topic: How will you use your education and personal experiences to impact your community?

7. Any questions should be directed to John Jefferson (john63eric@yahoo.com 609-444-8401) or Michael Jordan (emjay488@hotmail.com 609-346-3572). Email or Mail application and essay to:

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.
C/O Alpha Xi Omega Graduate Chapter
Scholarship Committee
PO BOX 424
Rancocas, NJ 08073

Your application will be reviewed for consideration by members of the scholarship committee. You will receive notification of the outcome by June 30. Two $500 Book Awards will be given.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name__________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address_____________________________________________________

Telephone Number____________________________________________________

Email Address_________________________________________________________

Date of Birth___________________________________________________________

High School________________________________________________________________

SAT/ACT Scores________________________ GPA________________
(attach scores and school transcript)

Guidance Counselor_____________________________________________________
(name and contact info)

Date of Graduation_______________________________________________________

1. List community service organizations in which you have volunteered:

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2. List school sponsored service projects in which you have participated:

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3. List all extracurricular school activities in which you participated:

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4. List leadership positions held in school or community activities:

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5. List the colleges to which you have applied and indicate whether or not you have been accepted. Also indicate if you have made a decision.

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Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

On September 19, 1963, at Morgan State College (now Morgan State University), 12 students founded what is now the nation’s fifth largest, predominately African-American social service fraternity: Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated.

The founders of Iota Phi Theta were: Albert Hicks, Lonnie Spruill, Jr., Charles Briscoe, Frank Coakley, John Slade, Barron Willis, Webster Lewis, Charles Brown, Louis Hudnell, Charles Gregory, Elias Dorsey, Jr., and Michael Williams.

This group of men was unique for several reasons. First of all, many were long-time friends. Spruill, Coakley, Dorsey, and Gregory had known one another since grade school, and Spruill and Coakley’s friendship extended to when the two were preschoolers.

Even more uniquely, many of these men were what are now referred to as “Non-Traditional Students” and were 3-5 years older than the average college student. Gregory, Willis, and Brown were all service veterans, and Brown, Hicks, and Briscoe were married with small children. Of this group of 12, several were also working full-time jobs and all were full-time students.

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.” Additionally, they conceived the Fraternity’s motto, “Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One!”

The Fraternity functioned as a local entity until the first interest groups were established in 1967 at Hampton Institute (Beta Chapter) and Delaware State College (Gamma Chapter). Further expansion took place in 1968 with chapters being formed at Norfolk State College (Delta Chapter) and Jersey City State College (Epsilon Chapter). The Fraternity was officially and legally incorporated on November 1, 1968 as a National Fraternity under the laws of the State of Maryland. Today, Iota Phi Theta consists of 250 chapters located in 40 States as well Japan, Korea and the Bahamas.

The Alpha Xi Omega Graduate chapter was chartered in 2001. Alpha Xi Omega is a dynamic organization comprised of nearly 30 diverse professionals and academics that have come together to form a common bond of brotherhood in the pursuit of community development, social justice, education, and economic empowerment.

As Iota Phi Theta continues to grow and strengthen, so will its commitment to make meaningful contributions to society in general, with particular emphasis in the African-American community. Throughout America, Iota Phi Theta has come to represent excellence in all areas. The Fraternity is, and shall forever remain dedicated to its founders’ vision of “Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One!”