

Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation

Providing scholarships and mentoring program for minority and disadvantaged youth



Lawrence Hamm, Sr.
2018 Scholarship Packet

Empowering Youth to Achieve

Deadline to receive applications: March 15, 2018

Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
A Chapter for Today ... A Chapter for the Future

Led by the vision of Joseph F. Harris, a chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity was chartered in Montgomery County, MD on October 28, 1972. The [Silver Spring \(MD\) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated](#) held meetings and occasional social functions at the available space within the Colesville Elementary School facility. Eventually, the chapter moved its meetings to the Colesville Health Center on New Hampshire Avenue where it is located to this day. In 1973, the chapter introduced its first scholarship program by starting the process of establishing a chapter at the University of Maryland, College Park, and made contributions of \$250.00 and \$50.00 to the NAACP and Suburban Maryland Fair Housing, respectively. Beginning in 1975, and every year thereafter, the chapter has awarded scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 to one or two deserving high school seniors. The chapter has sponsored a dynamic Guide Right Program with recreational, educational, and social programs. For the last four years, the Chapter has concentrated on a teen leadership program in conjunction with the Toast Masters of America. The Chapter's Book Award Program, wherein an outstanding book by a Black Author is presented to selected students in Montgomery County Schools, has been in place since 1992 and has met with a lot of success. Some school librarians are ordering these selections for their general purposes. Through the Chapter's SAT Preparation Program, in sponsorship with the Montgomery County Board of Education, community youth are prepared for SAT examinations and represent a very useful Guide Right program. The Chapter holds two NAACP Life Memberships and has been the recipient of numerous commendations from the Montgomery County Government for the effectiveness of its Social Action Programs. Through the years, the Chapter has initiated various programs for fun, recreation, education, and/or profit. Among these programs have been golf tournaments, award achievement dinner dance, a Kappa college student retention program and a Black College Tour.

Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation, Incorporated

Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation, Incorporated (MKYF) exists as the philanthropic arm of the [Silver Spring \(MD\) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.](#) The Foundation was incorporated July 23, 1999 and granted its 501(c)3 status on May 30, 2000. The Foundation is a full-functioning non-profit, public benefit charitable foundation, and is located in Montgomery County, Maryland. Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation, Inc.'s mission is to provide scholarships and mentoring programs for minority and disadvantaged youth in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area. The Foundation supports and conducts activities with the implicit purpose of helping youth "Achieve." Activities of the MKYF include scholarships, mentoring, and an urban golf initiative. Through its activities with youth, the MKYF seeks to develop leadership skills, personal enhancement and career achievement of the next generation.

Lawrence Hamm, Sr.

Lawrence Hamm, Sr. graduated from Good Counsel High School and later became a proud alumnus of [Lincoln University](#) in Pennsylvania. He also earned a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from [George Washington University](#) in Washington, DC. While at Lincoln, he was initiated into the Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, where he was President. Mr. Hamm later was President of the Silver Spring (MD) Alumni chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Lawrence was instrumental in securing the initial funding for the [Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation](#) (MKYF), and was a strong proponent of encouraging young people to achieve academically. Lawrence had a distinguished career in sales, marketing, and strategic planning. At the time of his passing, he was as a Principal of The Resource Group, a management and consulting firm in Silver Spring. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of several information technology firms. To honor his memory and contributions, the Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation named their scholarship to youth in Lawrence Hamm's honor.

MKYF Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship Guidelines

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship, students must:

1. Attend a high school in Montgomery County, MD
2. Be classified as a high school senior at time of application
3. Demonstrate volunteer and community service involvement
4. Apply and receive acceptance to a college or university.

Criteria

In order to be considered for the award, all applicants must submit the following information along with their completed scholarship applications:

From Applicant:

1. Completed application – typed and signed
2. Five (5) completed application essays – typed
3. Student resume (1-2 pages) that outlines leadership roles, extracurricular activities, work experience, awards, and career goals
4. Proof of residency in Montgomery County, MD and Copy of photo ID¹
5. Copy of most recent grade report card for semesters of current academic school year
6. If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, proof of his/her status as a legal permanent resident or other lawful status.
7. Signed media release and authorization form

**Applicant should send PDF materials to MKYF Scholarship Committee at
Scholarships@MKYF.org or
MKYF Scholarship Committee, PO Box 10848, Silver Spring, MD 20914.**

From School:

1. Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope * or transmitted electronically from school
2. An academic letter of recommendation² * Letter from a teacher, school counselor, or school administrator addressing the applicant's academic achievement, character and potential for success in college and beyond.

From Other Recommender such as Church, Community, Service or Related Activity:

1. A service letter of recommendation² * verifying applicant's participation in school-based or community-based service organization(s) with generalized dates of participation in volunteer activities, activities performed by the applicant.

Deadline

In order to be eligible for review, all Materials **MUST** be received by **March 15, 2018** to MKYF Scholarship Committee at Scholarships@MKYF.org or the mailing address above. You will receive an email acknowledgment once MKYF has received your completed application.

¹ Acceptable forms of identification include federal, state, county issued, (passport, driver's license, school identification card with picture)

² Letter must be on letterhead, signed and dated, and include the representative's contact information (i.e., email address and phone number).

Materials marked with (*) should be sent directly to MKYF Scholarship Committee at Scholarships@MKYF.org or MKYF Scholarship Committee, PO Box 10848, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

MKYF Lawrence Hamm, Sr. Scholarship Application

To Teacher / Counselor / Principal

Applicant Name: _____

The student listed above is applying for a scholarship from the Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation (MKYF), a non-profit affiliated with the Silver Spring (MD) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. The student has selected you to provide a recommendation in support of his/her application. We ask that you provide a candid assessment of the student's academic performance, personal development and maturity, oral and written communication skills, leadership ability among peers, and anything else you believe is relevant to evaluate the student.

Please note the length of time you have known the student, in what capacity (classes taught or activity/club supervised). The letter of recommendation should be written on official stationary, and include your signature and phone number.

The letter of recommendation should be submitted by **March 15, 2018** either via email (Scholarships@MKYF.org) or mailed to MKYF Scholarship Committee, PO Box 10848, Silver Spring, MD 20914.

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Application Checklist

This page should be completed and submitted with your application.
Be sure to include the following:

- Completed application – typed and signed
- Five (5) completed essays – typed
- Student resume (1-2 pages) that outlines leadership roles, extracurricular activities, work experience, awards, and career goals
- Proof of residency in Montgomery County, MD and copy of photo ID
- Copy of grade report card for semesters of current academic school year
- If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, proof of his/her status as a legal permanent resident or other lawful status.
- Signed media release and authorization form (below)
- Name of Recommenders:
 - 1.
 - 2.

(Recommendations should be sent separately to MKYF)

Media Release and Authorization

I provide permission for the Metropolitan Kappa youth Foundation, Inc. (MKYF) to film, record, and use the likeness and image of my child, _____, in conjunction with his/her application to the MKYF Scholarship. I understand that photographs, films, recordings in electronic, digital and print form may be taken and used, will remain MKYF's property for publication, duplication, reproduction, placement on the Internet. I have legal custody of said child, and I am authorized to provide this release.

If joint legal custodian, both custodians must sign this release.

Signature of Child	Date
Signature of Parent	Date
Signature of Parent	Date

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Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ County Montgomery State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Current High School _____

Guidance Counselor's Name _____

Current Grade _____ Current GPA (semester) _____ Cumulative GPA _____

SAT scores _____ ACT scores _____ Primary Language _____

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No If not, how long have you lived in the USA _____

College or Universities where you have been accepted _____

Institution you plan to attend next year _____

Major course of study / Academic interests _____

Career or Professional Aspirations _____

Name, Title and Phone Number of Scholarship References:

1. _____

2. _____

Parent / Guardian information

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

(If parents reside at the same address, check here and only complete information below once.)

Mother's home address _____ Father's home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone number _____ Home Phone number _____

Cell phone number _____ Cell phone number _____

Email address _____ Email address _____

With whom does applicant live? Mother Father Both Other

Number of individuals living in household where applicant resides (include applicant in number of children) ___ Adults ___ Children

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Applicant Activities

Have you volunteered during high school? _____ Have you worked during high school? _____
List the approximate number of hours you did volunteer activities and paid work.

	Volunteer Activities	Paid Work
Freshman Year		
Sophomore Year		
Junior Year		
Senior Year		

List, *in order of importance to you*, the volunteer activities or clubs / organizations that included a service component. Activities should only span from your freshman through senior year in high school.

Give a brief description of a volunteer experience that you believe has been most meaningful and impactful to your life.

Applicant Honors and Achievements

List your personal honors and achievements beginning with the accolades most important to you:

	Honors and Achievements
Freshman Year	
Sophomore Year	
Junior Year	
Senior Year	

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Essays

Please complete the 5 essay questions using the space provided. Answers should be typed and each essay should not exceed 1,000 words.

1. Why are you interested in applying for the Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation scholarship?

2. Tell us about the most inspirational person in your life, and how that person has influenced your life.

3. Please share a memorable experience in your life and note how it has shaped your perspective on the global community or your local community.

4. What are your academic goals for the next 4 years and professional goals after college?
How do you plan to impact your community during and after college?

5. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated member, Colin Kaepernick began to "take a knee" during the playing of the National Anthem in the 2016 National Football League (NFL) season to draw attention to what he viewed as oppression of people of color. Mr. Kaepernick pledged \$1 million through this foundation to fight global oppression through education and social activism. What do you think about the oppression of people of color, on a national or international scale, or both? What are ways you can be involved in fighting oppression?

(There is no right or wrong position to take in answering this question. Your essay will be evaluated on the quality of your writing and your ability to take a position.)

My signature certifies that all information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing, I acknowledge that all documents become the property of Metropolitan Kappa Youth Foundation. Submitting false or inaccurate information or claims are subject to forfeiture of any scholarship monies awarded.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____