

## What is EAF?

Founded in 1980 by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) is a 501(c) (3) organization serving as the philanthropic arm of the sorority.

## History

Constance K. Holland conceived the idea of a foundation and shared her vision with her sister, Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Soror Barbara set in motion the mechanisms to move the concept to reality. Creating EAF was the method by which Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. sought to ensure there would always be support for educational attainment, one of its oldest programs of service. Today, the Foundation, a financially strong and viable organization, is a powerful resource tool pooling financial resources of others who share this vision of providing a perpetual source of support for education.

## Mission

The mission of EAF is to promote lifelong learning. This is accomplished by securing charitable contributions, gifts and endowed funds to award scholarships, fellowships and grants.

## Governance

The Foundation and the Sorority share officers, elected by the membership of the Sorority to serve 4-year terms. EAF management consists of the volunteer Board of Directors led by President Glenda Glover and paid professional staff to carry out policies established by the Board.

## Membership

Every financial member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is a member of EAF and pays an annual dues assessment of \$10. EAF dues are included in members' annual per capita (membership fees) paid to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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## EXEMPLIFYING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



FAQs – [akaeaf.org/faq](http://akaeaf.org/faq)

EAF Program Calendar

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## Why Give to EAF?

A gift to EAF provides immediate and permanent funds to assist the sorority in meeting education and service goals that provide tangible and permanent differences in the lives of individuals and communities served. Every donation level is accepted and appreciated by EAF. EAF is a qualified organization where charitable contributions and donations of goods or services is subject to an IRS tax deduction. Please consider EAF your charity of choice as you determine your individual and chapter giving priorities.

## Ways to Give / EAF Campaigns

### Individual Contributions

There are many levels of giving that allow you to comfortably choose your gift to the Foundation! We also participate in hundreds of matching gift program across the country. Check with your employer's Human Resource Department to find out how you can double your donation. Appropriate recognitions accompany each giving level. Visit our website for our full Campaign Recognition Chart. To donate online, visit <https://donate.akaef.org/> Donations must be received by June 15th of the recognition year to be recognized at Boule or Leadership during a scheduled EAF event.

## Chapter Contributions and Recognition Levels

Chapter recognition levels are: Silver, Gold and Platinum. The reach Silver status, the chapter makes a donation (not including \$10 dues per member) based on chapter size (see chart on EAF website). Gold status requires an additional \$500 contribution above silver level. To achieve Platinum level, chapters make an additional \$1,000 contribution above Gold Level. All levels must be met before achieving the higher level.

## Chapter Awards & Recognition

Chapters will receive recognition at Regional Conference if the chapter contribution is received and/or postmarked by February 1st of the recognition year.



## EAF Scholarship & Funding Opportunities

Eligibility Information and application deadlines for all funding opportunities can be found on our website at: [www.akaef.org](http://www.akaef.org).

## Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

Scholarships are the primary means by which EAF carries out its mission. The foundation awards Merit, Financial Need and Youth Partners Accessing Capital ("Youth PAC") scholarships. Youth PAC scholarships are only available to undergraduate members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Deadlines:** Undergraduate applications - April 15 (awardees announced in August)  
Youth PAC - April 15 (awardees announced in August)  
Graduate applications - August 15 (awardees announced in December)

## Community Assistance Awards

Community Assistance Awards are awarded to assist individuals and organizations for a specific civic, educational or human service program or project.  
**Deadline:** August 15

## Fellowships

These awards help to improve the quality of life of others by funding research and projects with practical applications.  
**Deadline:** April 15

## Endowments

Contributions are the lifeblood of the Foundation's work, enabling us to generate income in perpetuity to fund programs, scholarships and requests. No deadlines for endowment award applications.

## Non-Profit Chapter Assistance Program

EAF manages and invests chapter funds in accordance to 501 (C) (3) requirements. Doing so provides the benefit of non-profit status to chapters without the costs associated to assist chapters in meeting chapter priorities to fund scholarships in their local communities and other needs determined at the chapter level. Scholarships from these endowments are awarded by local chapters and can include high school seniors.

