HISTORY

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven school teachers: Mary Lou Allison Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian Irene White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin, and Cubena McClure.

In a time when education for African Americans was difficult to attain, the founders of Sigma Gamma Rho became educators. They believed that self-respect, knowledge and discipline gained through study would help individuals to 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.

Like a rose, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. continues to grow and flourish. The Kappa Nu Sigma chapter was chartered on October 13, 2007, answering the call to service in the San Fernando Valley through sisterhood and scholarship. The Kappa Nu Sigma Chapter will award three scholarships to members of an ethnic minority group whom are historically underrepresented in higher education. One scholarship, in the amounts of $1,000 will be awarded to a graduating high school senior residing in the San Fernando Valley, who will be attending a 4 year university/college in the Fall of 2013. This scholarship is also open to students in neighboring cities or counties; however those potential recipients must be admitted to either Cal State Northridge or Cal State Dominguez in the Fall of 2014. The other two $1000 scholarships will be awarded to current college students (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors) who will be attending California State University Dominguez Hills or California State University Northridge in the Fall of 2014. Scholarships will be awarded at our Graduate Luncheon in June 2014 with a formal presentation to our recipients.

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 hallmark of the organization’s programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically.
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
KAPPA NU SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MARY LOU ALLISON LITTLE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the Sigma Gamma Rho application form in black or blue ink
- Be a member of an ethnic minority group (Native American, Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, etc…)
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit official college transcripts (California State University Dominguez Hills and California State University Northridge students only)
- San Fernando Valley residents, submit proof of acceptance into a four year college/university (high school graduates only)
- Non San Fernando Valley residents must submit proof of acceptance and intention to enroll verification into California State Northridge or California State Dominguez Hills
- Attach three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation are accepted from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, employers and/or community service representatives. Letters of recommendation cannot come from family members. Letters of recommendations should be on letterhead and typed.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND DEVELOP YOUR ANSWER IN AT LEAST 3 TYPED, DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES USING CLEAR, ORIGINAL THOUGHT SUPPORTED BY PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, OBSERVATIONS, AND/OR RESEARCH OF YOUR CHOICE:

- Please state your opinion on Affirmative Action in higher education. How does it affect you in your scholastic endeavors?
- Discuss the impact that a recent event (political, social, etc.) will have on the members of your graduating class, academically, financially, and/or personally. If the impact is negative, what are some ways your peers can overcome it and move forward in their personal and professional lives as citizens of society?

PLEASE NOTE: LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED) BY April 30, 2014.
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2014-2015

Applicant Name
(Last)___________________________________(First)_________________________(MI)_____ 
Permanent Address ____________________________________________________________
(City, State) ___________ (Zip)_________ (E-mail) _________________________________
Telephone Number(s) (Home) ______________________ (Cell) _____________________
School Attending________________________Classification________________________
Anticipated Graduation Date__________________________
Degree Pursuing________________________________
Major__________________________________________
G.P.A.__________________________________________

If not currently enrolled in college, please provide a list of schools that you have been accepted to
(attach proof of acceptance and intention to enroll)
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Current School Activities: (please provide detailed info and attach a separate sheet if necessary):
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Honors/Awards/Recognitions: (please provide detailed info and attach a separate sheet if necessary):
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List your extracurricular and community service activities (please provide detailed info and attach a separate sheet if necessary)

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What is your family's total income (please mark one):

☐ under $20,000  ☐ $21,000 - $40,000  ☐ $40,000 and over

PARENT/ STUDENT AFFIRMATION

We affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand that any misrepresentation may constitute fraud, which may result in the loss of eligibility for this scholarship, or which may have other legal consequences.

Student Signature_______________________________________________Date____________________

Parent/Guardian Signature______________________________________Date____________________

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered. Complete application packets must be received (not postmarked) at the address below by April 30, 2014:

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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC
KAPPA NU SIGMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
17216 Saticoy St. #525
Van Nuys, California 91406
GRADING MATRIX

I. Grade Point Average - Maximum 20 pts.
II. 3 Letters of Recommendation – Maximum 15 pts.
III. Extra Curriculum and/or Community Service Activities – Maximum 20 pts.
IV. Evidence of Academic / Leadership Awards or Recognition – Maximum 20 pts.
V. Student Essay – Maximum 100 pts.

175 POINTS POSSIBLE

NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANTS ...

The Mary Lou Allison Scholarship is not a renewable scholarship. Payment will be remitted for the Fall of the award year. Recipients will be identified as a Kappa Nu Sigma Scholar and showcased at Graduate Luncheon and Chapter Newsletter. You will be notified by email or letter regarding the acceptance of your application and further requirements that may be necessary in order to award the scholarship, within a week after April 30, 2014. If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be notified via email and/or first class mail no later than May 19, 2014. Upon notification, recipients are required to notify Kappa Nu Sigma of their acceptance of the scholarship and confirm their reservation for the Graduate Luncheon in June 2014.

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If you have any additional questions about this scholarship, you may email Monica Brown, Scholarship Chair, at KNSscholarships-app@yahoo.com. Please indicate the name of the Scholarship, Mary Lou Allison Little Scholarship, in the subject line. Thank you and good luck!