



# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

ZETA ALPHA

## **2025 Black Professionals and Leaders Dinner Essay Scholarship Criteria** presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Zeta Alpha Chapter in partnership with the Phoenix AKARAMA Foundation

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Black Professionals and Leaders Dinner essay scholarship is to provide a platform for Arizona State University students to showcase their understanding of professional and career development, along with their personal goals, achievements and motivations, while providing meaningful financial support to continuing ASU students.

The selection committee will award the scholarship to the most deserving candidate based on their written narrative.

### **Application criteria:**

- Essay should be a minimum of 500 words but not exceed 750.
- Open to continuing Arizona State University students (summer or fall semesters).
- Seniors graduating in the spring semester are not eligible.
- Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and the Phoenix AKARAMA Foundation are not eligible.
- Payments will be issued to ASU and directed to the student account, not issued to individuals.
- Submissions should include (1) student name, (2) ASU email address, (3) major/college/school and (4) classification (ie. freshman, sophomore, junior).
- Academic registration for the upcoming semester will be verified prior to disbursement.
- Attendance at the Black Professionals and Leaders Dinner is required.
- Essay should be emailed to [dbogradadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:dbogradadvisor@gmail.com), with the subject line “BPLD Essay Scholarship Submission”

### **Writing prompt:**

Essay submissions should answer the question:

***How can individuals effectively navigate career development in an ever-changing job market?***

### **Submission window:**

- Submissions will be accepted from Sunday, February 23, 2025, until 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time), Monday, March 3, 2025.
- There will be no exceptions.

All questions should be emailed to [dbogradadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:dbogradadvisor@gmail.com).