



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®  
Iota Omega Chapter  
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Hermione Williams Jackson was a beloved member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, who wrote the Iota Omega chapter song. She was born in the small Mississippi Delta town of Belzoni to the late Sherman and Lillian Rogers. She graduated from Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi in 1936 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and English. She later attained a Bachelors (1947) and Masters (1950) in Classical Piano from Northwestern University. She joined the faculty of Jackson State University where she taught piano, music theory, and directed choral programs. After several years, she moved to Norfolk, marrying the late George R. Jackson. She resided in Norfolk for 57 years, where she taught at Booker T. Washington High School and Maury High School as piano instructor, choral director, and handbell choir conductor. She always had an exquisite touch on the piano, playing music from multiple genres which kept her performances in the Tidewater area in demand. She was a faithful member of Grace Episcopal Church where she served on many Church Guilds and as organist and choir director for some years. Mrs. Jackson lived until the age of 101.

### **Hermione Williams Jackson HBCU Scholarship Criteria:**

- 1. The applicant must be a female high school student attending a Norfolk school (public or private).**
- 2. The applicant must be a resident of Norfolk, Virginia.**
- 3. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and submit an official high school transcript with appropriate endorsements and/or signatures.**
- 4. The applicant must have an acceptance letter from the college or university of intent.**
- 5. The applicant must have a completed application with a parent or guardian's signature.**
- 6. The applicant must complete the essay requirement.**
- 7. The applicant must have two letters of recommendation from a teacher/administrator or community representative (no family members).**
- 8. The applicant must enroll as a full-time student at a Historical Black College or University.**
- 9. The applicant must not complete an application for the Iota Omega High School Scholarship Award.**

**Members of Iota Omega Chapter shall recuse themselves from the application process if a relative applies.**

The Hermione Williams Jackson HBCU Scholarship is underwritten by the charitable, non-profit organization of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated®, Iota Omega Chapter:

Norfolk Pearls Foundation of Virginia, Incorporated  
P. O. Box 2734  
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### Applicant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Information:

Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

### Educational:

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students in Graduation Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic major/career you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

List any honors and academic awards:

List any scholarships awarded:



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**Extracurricular Activities:**

List any extracurricular activities in the past four years:

List your community service, civic, and any other activities:

**Essay:**

In three hundred words or less, indicate how the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Hermione Williams Jackson HBCU Scholarship will be beneficial to you.

Please type your essay on a separate sheet and attach with this completed application form.

**Scholarship Checklist:**

**Email the following by Friday, March 1, 2024, to scholarship@norfolkpearls.com:**

- This completed application form with applicant and parent/guardian signatures
- Your essay

**Mail the following, postmarked no later than Friday, March 1, 2024:**

- Official Transcript
- A copy of your official acceptance letter from the college/university you plan to attend
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or community representative

If you have any questions, please contact: Denita Bottoms at 757-575-0887 or Bertha Escoffery at 757-777-8384.

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_