

***Alpha Academy* Mentoring
&
Scholarship Program Application**



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Greetings!

Each year the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter accepts male high school juniors and seniors into the *Alpha Academy* to provide mentorship and guidance to prepare them for college and adulthood. The *Alpha Academy* aims to promote academic excellence, leadership development, social enhancement, civic responsibility, and the appreciation for cultural heritage.

Program participants, known as Beaux, will participate in community service projects and several workshops including: The College Experience, Resume Writing, Public Speaking, and Etiquette. At the completion of the *Alpha Academy*, Beaux are formally presented at the annual Beautillion. The Beautillion celebrates and recognizes scholastic, athletic, and civic accomplishments of these young men and acknowledges their accomplishments throughout the *Alpha Academy*. Senior Beaux who have completed all requirements are presented with awards and college scholarships. Junior Beaux are awarded a scholarship to attend the Southern Regional Leadership Conference, a week-long summer leadership development conference sponsored by the 7 states that compose the Southern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Enclosed is a copy of the application for the *Alpha Academy*. We are seeking deserving young minority males to participate in our program who meet the following minimum requirements:

- High school junior or senior during 2016-2017 school year
- Exemplifies good character
- Demonstrates leadership ability
- Participates in extracurricular activities

Please submit your completed application to the address above by **September 21, 2016**. The selection committee will select an appropriate number of candidates who have met the criteria listed above. Each selected participant (Beau) will be required to participate in cultural, educational, and leadership development programs from September 2016 until June 2017.

Thank you very much for your assistance with our program. Additional information about the program may be found at www.AlphaOIL.org/AlphaAcademy. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 477.1391 or by email at AlphaAcademyOIL@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Brandon R. Ross, M.Ed.
Director of Educational Activities

ALPHA ACADEMY OVERVIEW

History and Objective

In supporting the fraternity's national program, "Go to High School, Go to College," The objective of the *Alpha Academy* is to offer enriching experiences for young men to expand their network of like achievers and mentors, and to further develop skills through a variety of civic, educational, and cultural activities beyond the scope of the normal high school curriculum. Originally founded in 2004 as "Building Men for the Future", the *Alpha Academy* was created to celebrate the achievements of young minority males throughout the Midlands, while providing mentorship and character building tools that would assist them in the future years. Since its creation, dozens of young men who have participated in the *Alpha Academy* program have progressed and matriculated through institutions of higher education throughout the country and have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, engineers, educators and countless other careers.



Alpha Academy participants (Beaux) will participate in monthly interactive sessions that focus on five key areas of development: Leadership and Mentoring, Professional and Academic Enrichment, Personal Growth, Cultural Awareness and Community Service.

Leadership and Mentoring



Participants in the *Alpha Academy* (Beaux) will be introduced to different leadership styles and techniques needed to become influential and effective leaders. Additionally, they will receive one-on-one mentorship with a member of the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Members serving as mentors offer a variety of expertise, allowing mentors to guide beaux to excelling in their desired academic and professional careers. There are guidelines that each mentor should follow along with being required to spend up to two hours per month with his assigned mentor outside of the regular scheduled *Alpha Academy* sessions.

Professional and Academic Enrichment

During the 9-month program, *Alpha Academy* Beaux will attend monthly sessions designed to adequately prepare them for college and their chosen career paths. These sessions include: college preparation, career planning, resume writing, leadership development, public speaking, dinner and business etiquette, and personal finance.

Additionally, senior beaux will enhance their public speaking skills by participating in the Alfred F. Young Oratorical contest. Beaux will be provided three months to work with their mentor in developing their speech on the provided topic. The winner of the oratorical contest receives a college scholarship and will give his winning oration during the Alpha Beautillion in June.

Personal Growth

In addition to providing professional and academic enrichment, *Alpha Academy* provides personal growth. *Alpha Academy* beaux are required to attend the Project Alpha Youth Conference, which provides young men with the opportunity to interact with representatives from local community organizations. Workshop sessions include: bullying, peer pressure and violence, responsibilities of manhood, and teen pregnancy prevention.

Cultural Awareness and Community Service

Throughout the year Alpha Academy beaux are afforded many opportunities to programs and events that provide cultural awareness and appreciation of African American heritage. In the past, previous beaux have attended several events including, City of Columbia MLK Celebration, college tours of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Avery Research Center for African American Heritage (Charleston, SC), Harambee Festival, Columbia Museum of Art, USC McKissick Museum, and many other programs.

Fulfilling the Alpha Academy's mission to developing productive citizens, Alpha Academy beaux must complete several community service projects. Community service provides opportunities for Alpha Academy beaux to engage with mentors outside of the classroom, while stressing the importance of giving back to the community. These service projects include, Families Helping Families, March for Babies, Adopt A Highway and MLK 5K Race.



ALPHA BEAUTILLION

The Beautillion is the culminating event of the *Alpha Academy* in which the Beaux are showcased. Having been engaged in workshops designed to develop them intellectually, socially and emotionally, this culminating event formally introduces them to society. The highlight of the evening is when the Brothers of Alpha encircle the "new men," bestow upon them the Mantle of Manhood, and anoint them with the Alpha hymn. Junior Beaux who have completed the program requirements shall receive a scholarship to attend the Southern Region Leadership and Citizen Development Institute. Senior Beaux who have completed the program requirements shall each receive a college scholarship. During the 2014 Alpha Beautillion, over \$10,000 in college scholarships were awarded to seniors.



What is a Beau?

- Male high school Junior or Senior
- Exemplifies good character
- Participates in extracurricular activities
- Demonstrates leadership abilities
- Present and punctual for all sessions and activities

Application Process

1. A complete application must include ALL of the following documents listed below:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) signature:

- Alpha Academy* Application
- Emergency Contact & Medical Information
- Waiver of Liabilities

Alpha Academy Applicants signature and documents:

- Alpha Academy* Application
- Essay
- Copy of Current High School Transcript (unofficial)

Completed Applications must be postmarked by September 21, 2016 to:

**Alpha Academy Program
c/o Brandon R. Ross
Post Office Box 12522
Columbia, SC 29211**

2. Following submission of ALL documents and signatures, the applicant and his Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be contacted by one of the committee members with Orientation information for the *Alpha Academy* Mentoring Program.

***If at any point in time, you have any questions or concerns throughout the application process and thereafter, please feel free to contact any of the members below:**

Program Chair
Brandon R. Ross
Phone: 803.477.1391

Program Co-Chair
Muhammad M. Salaam
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Program Co-Chair
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Additional Information

For additional information, please visit: **www.AlphaOIL.org/AlphaAcademy** or email: **AlphaAcademyOIL@gmail.com**.

ALPHA ACADEMY

MENTORING & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFO

First:	Middle:	Last:
Date of Birth:	Age:	Shirt Size:
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

With whom the applicant lives

Name:			Name:		
Address:			Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:	City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Email:			Email:		
Relationship:			Relationship:		

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Best person who is easily reachable in case of emergency

Name of relative not residing with you:		Relationship:
Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	Zip:
Any specific emergency contact instructions?		

MEDICAL INFORMATION

In the event of any trips, activities, meals, etc.

Any Medical Concerns: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Medications? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have any allergies (i.e. food, medication, seasonal, etc.)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes to any of the above, please explain:		
Any specific emergency procedure instructions?		
Physician Name:	Address:	Phone:

JOB INFORMATION

Do you work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Employer:
Position:	How often?
Name of Supervisor:	Phone:

EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School:

Advisor:	Phone:	Email:	
Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		GPA (weighted and unweighted):	
What are your 2 favorite subjects:	1:	2:	
What are your 2 least favorite subjects:	1:	2:	
How would you rate your attendance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor		
Have you been suspended in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If so, why?	
What are your post-graduate plans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year University <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If other, please briefly explain:			
Top 2 Colleges/Universities choices:	1:	2:	
What do you plan to major in?			
What are your career aspirations?			
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			
Do you participate in sports or activities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Do you volunteer/perform community service? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Activity	How often?	Activity	How often?
1:		1:	
2:		2:	
3:		3:	
4:		4:	
5:		5:	

<p>ESSAY QUESTION</p> <p>WRITE A ONE-PAGE ESSAY ADDRESSING THE QUESTIONS BELOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typed • Attached to this application separately • At least 300 words <p>What are your ultimate career aspirations?</p> <p>How do you feel the <i>Alpha Academy</i> can help you reach your goals?</p> <p>What does Leadership & Service mean to you?</p>

<p>APPLICATION CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I, _____, certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also authorize investigation of all information contained in this application as may be necessary in arriving acceptance into the <i>Alpha Academy</i> mentoring program. In the event of acceptance, I understand that false or misleading information given in my application may result in discharge from the program.</p>

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Alpha Academy - Liability Waiver for _____(applicant)

RELEASE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

In the event of an emergency and the inability of the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. or Bridging the Gap with Alpha, Inc. to obtain my consent, I hereby give permission for Omicron Iota Lambda or Bridging the Gap to authorize any medical treatment or surgery in which a qualified physician or surgeon shall deem prudent for my child. I shall incur any costs associated from these actions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I authorize the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Bridging the Gap with Alpha, Inc. to use photos and/or other likeness of myself, my child, or the child for whom I have legal guardianship and who is participating in the *Alpha Academy* mentoring program for promotional materials regarding youth mentoring. Such likenesses will not be sold to other parties. Promotional materials bearing these likenesses may be distributed for free to the public and posted on the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter's website. The Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter reserves the right to use any photo or likeness for a time period beginning when this form is signed and ending upon written request by participant, parent or legal guardian.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the *Alpha Academy* mentoring program. I understand that the Omicron Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Bridging the Gap with Alpha, Inc. are not responsible for personal injury or loss of property. I understand that participants are free to leave the program at any time. I agree to immediately update this application when any information changes or contact the Program Director should I have any concerns.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

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