



February 15, 2017

Dear AKOMA Scholarship Applicant:

AKOMA African American Women's Gospel Choir is pleased to begin the process for our Nona Patterson Chambers merit scholarship. Part of AKOMA's mission is to provide educational, advisory, and scholarship assistance to deserving college bound young African American women who will graduate in June 2017 from an accredited high school in the Greater Rochester area; will attend college in September 2017; and are involved in community and church activities. You may obtain a copy of the scholarship application from our website, www.akoma.org.

A personal interview with our scholarship committee is also required and will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2017**. You will be contacted regarding the time and location of your interview if all application materials are received on time.

The Nona Patterson Chambers Scholarship will be awarded during our annual concert to be held on **Saturday June 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m.** at Mount Olivet Baptist Church which is located at 141 Adams Street. All scholarship recipients must be present to receive their scholarship.

Please complete all sections of the application carefully and type your essay response. It is important that all documents --- your **application form, essay, reference letters and your official stamped high school transcript (no copies will be accepted)** --- arrive on or before the application postmark deadline of **April 14, 2017**. There will be no exceptions. Again please note: all of the above items (even if sent separately) must be postmarked by **April 14, 2017** and mailed to the following post office box:

AKOMA African American Women's Gospel Choir
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 19627
Rochester, NY 14619

To ensure that all your materials arrive by the deadline, please check back with your school counselor and the people you selected as your references to make sure that your material has been mailed. You should do this about two weeks before the deadline.

If you have questions or would like to have additional information, please call the scholarship committee chair, Ms. Donna M. Jones (585) 281-8485. We encourage you to visit the AKOMA website, www.akoma.org.

Sincerely,

AKOMA Scholarship Committee

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