



February 15, 2018

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 2018 from an accredited high school in the Greater Rochester area; will attend college in September 2018; 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 5, 2018**. 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 9, 2018, 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, 2018**. There will be no exceptions. Again please note: all of the above items (even if sent separately) must be postmarked by **April 14, 2018** 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 with your school counselor and the individuals you selected as references to ensure that your material has been mailed two weeks before the deadline.

If you have questions or would like to have additional information, please call the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Ms. Donna M. Jones at (585) 281-8485. Feel free to visit the *AKOMA* website, www.akoma.org, and see the Scholarship tab for more information.

Sincerely,

AKOMA Scholarship Committee

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