

The 2026 *AKOMA* Nona Patterson Chambers Scholarship Application

And with my song will I praise Him. Ps. 28:7

Note: Application deadline/post mark date is April 1, 2026

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) **Must be female**
- 2) **Must be of African Ancestry**
- 3) **Must graduate from an Accredited High School in Monroe County**
- 4) **Must attend an Accredited College in the Fall of 2026**
- 5) **Involved in Community and/or Church activities. (Church membership is optimal but not mandatory)**

Current Student Information:

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____

City State Zip Phone

E-mail Address: _____

Are you of African Ancestry? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Parents(s) / Guardian(s):

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____

City State Zip Phone

E-mail Address: _____

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Student's Name: _____

Current School Information:

High School: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____
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Briefly list school activities, recognitions, and awards: _____

Current Church Information (if applicable):

Church Affiliation: _____

Briefly list church activities, recognitions and awards: _____

References: Three reference letters are required; one from your School and two others from your church and / or community organizations. Please list the references below.
(Sealed reference letters should be mailed to AKOMA, PO Box 19627, Rochester, NY 14619 or emailed by the AUTHOR ONLY to akomascholarship@gmail.com.)

(Church/Community Representatives): (Please indicate Title/Role, e.g. Pastor, Officer, Member, etc.)

(1) _____
Title/Role Last First

(2) _____
Title/Role Last First

(High School): (Please indicate Title/Role, e.g. Principal, Administrator, Teacher/Counselor, etc.)

Title/Role Last First

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Student's Name: _____

Continuing Education (Please list the college you plan to attend or the ones to which you have been accepted)

Intended major: _____

Essay: Please write an essay of not less than 150 or more than 200 words. In your essay, state your rationale for applying for this scholarship, your future goals, and what contributions you have made to your community and church. (Type on a separate sheet of paper and attach.)

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Please submit the official stamped high school transcript. (Copies will not be accepted**).**

Sealed if provided via mail.

High School Counselors ONLY may email transcripts to akomascholarship@gmail.com .

Photo: Please submit a headshot to be used during the scholarship award proceedings and on our Website, should you be awarded a scholarship. The photo is optional, but it would be very helpful to the scholarship committee.

Photo Release:

I hereby give permission to be photographed during the AKOMA Scholarship Concert. I understand the photos can be used on the AKOMA Website or in printed materials (brochures / newspapers) promoting AKOMA or the Nona Patterson Chambers Scholarship Fund. I understand that although my photograph may be used for advertising, I do not expect compensation and that all photos are the property of AKOMA.

Scholarship Applicants Initials (if 18 years of age) _____

Parent's/Guardian's Initials (if under 18 years of age) _____

Final Notes: (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY) Application **deadline/post mark date is April 1, 2026**

- Mail to: AKOMA African American Women's Gospel Choir Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 19627
Rochester, NY 14619
- Electronic Submission: akomascholarship@gmail.com
- Applicant must be willing to attend a personal/virtual interview.

If you receive a scholarship, further instructions will be given to you and then your check will be sent.

Signature of Applicant

Date