



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Chi Rho Omega Chapter  
P.O. Box 434  
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Dear **ASCENDSM** applicant:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Chi Rho Omega Chapter is now accepting application for our signature youth enrichment program **ASCENDSM**. The **ASCENDSM** Program is designed to motivate, engage and assist high school students in reaching their maximum potential. **The ASCENDSM** Program will focus on **Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networkin and Deveopment Skills**. Students in the **ASCENDSM** Program will have an opportunity to receive academic enrichment and life skills training to support their journey to college or future endeavors.

The deadline for returning the **ASCENDSM** Application Packet is Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Chapter members will select approximately 20-25 high school male and female students in grades 9-12. Acceptance letters will be mailed and sent via email by November 30 2017.

Please be aware that there will be mandatory three-hour monthly enrichment sessions, with a summer hiatus for all participants. The participants will be exposed to civic engagement, cultural activities, STEM activities, global issues and develop study skills and test taking skills that will prepare them for the PSAT, SAT and ACT. Participants will also engage in discussion regarding college and career exploration with professionals who currently work in the students' chosen industry. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to practice developing a resume and writing a cover letter or scholarship essay. Finally, students will learn strategies for establishing a sound budget.

The tentative time for **ASCENDSM** will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The location will be announced at a later date. Each participant is responsible for his or her own transportation to and from the designated location. Light refreshments will be served at each monthly session.

Please visit our website at [www.chirhoomega-aka.com](http://www.chirhoomega-aka.com) to download an **ASCENDSM** Program application packet. Complete the program application and mail to Chi Rho Omega Chapter, ATTN: **ASCENDSM**, PO Box 434, Knightdale, NC 27545. All application must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 15, 2017. If you have any questions regarding **ASCENDSM**, please email us at [info@chirhoomega-aka.com](mailto:info@chirhoomega-aka.com).

Please share the **ASCENDSM** application with other individuals who might be interested. We look forward hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

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**President**

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**Vice President**

*Gloris Busch & Darice Daniels*  
**Educational and Enrichment (Co-Chairs)**