



**2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Postmark Deadline: December 1, 2018

Please mail completed application packet to:

**Iota Sweethearts, Inc.
Attn: National Scholarship Committee
667 Babbitt Rd
Euclid, Ohio 44123**

**All questions should be directed to: Bridgette J Cofield, ISI National Scholarship Chair,
isinationalscholarshipchair@gmail.com or Amber Norwood, ISI National Scholarship Co-Chair,
isinationalscholarshipcochair@gmail.com**



Iota Sweethearts, Inc. Origins

Iota Sweethearts began as a recognized, respected and honored tradition of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. In the early 1960's at Morgan State University (then Morgan State College), Iota Phi Theta was blessed to have an invaluable ally in the person of Ms. Audrey S. Brooks. Ms. Brooks was a member of the Morgan State staff, working for the registrar's office, and in this capacity, she played a crucial "behind the scenes" role for the fraternity. She was a vital resource in assisting the Brothers through a time of adversity in their early growth and development. In recognition of her efforts, Ms. Brooks was granted the title of "Eternal Sweetheart" shortly after the fraternity's official founding September 19, 1963.

The spirit and dedication of Ms. Brooks continued for many years through the Iota Sweethearts. As the fraternity navigated the rocky waters of the early years, the brotherhood could always count on the support of the sweethearts. Be it serving as hostesses for regional meetings and national conferences or as a support team at a step show, Iota Sweethearts have always been there on the front lines providing vocal and moral support for the brothers of Iota.

Iota Phi Theta and Iota Sweethearts have enjoyed a special relationship unlike any other in the fraternal world. The relationship, based on mutual respect, honor, commitment and dedication between Brothers and Sweethearts, individually as well as to the fraternity in general, has resulted in the positive growth and development of members and the organization over the years.

As Iota Phi Theta continued to grow, so did Iota Sweethearts. More than just a support system for the fraternity, Iota Sweethearts evolved into a sisterhood that provides an atmosphere for hundreds of women to develop on a collegiate and professional level. On September 26, 2014, Iota Sweethearts became an incorporated organization. With the creation of the Iota Sweethearts, Inc. in 2014 and the disbanding of the Iota Sweethearts Auxiliary in 2015, the leadership of both Iota Phi Theta and Iota Sweethearts, Inc. agreed that the historical relationship formed between the Brothers and the Sweethearts must continue through the organizational 'binding' of both Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. and Iota Sweethearts, Inc.

Iota Sweethearts, Inc. continues to foster the intellectual, spiritual, social and professional development of its members, contributes to advancement of our communities locally and nationally, and will never forget the purpose set forth by our Eternal Sweetheart, the late Ms. Audrey S. Brooks.

Mission

Incorporated on September 26, 2014, Iota Sweethearts, Inc. (ISI) aims to provide educational, career, and personal development opportunities to its members while also improving the social, academic, and economical standings of the individuals in its surrounding communities. ISI also serves to promote scholarship and health and social awareness, as well as build partnerships for collaborative efforts with other national and international organizations.

Growing Tradition

Iota Sweethearts, Inc. has assisted many students in their scholastic endeavors through our scholarship program. As Iota Sweethearts, Inc., we continue to honor our "Eternal Sweetheart", the late Ms. Audrey S. Brooks, who was an advocate for education, at Morgan State College (University) in Baltimore, MD. Our scholarship is awarded to high school students that have excelled in academics, community service, and extracurricular achievement. The scholarship is issued on an annual basis, at regional and national meetings, and application submissions are only accepted during the selection period publicized by the organization.



Iota Sweethearts, Inc. Scholarship Application for High School Students

SUBMISSION DATE

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications for the scholarship are reviewed according to the following criteria:

1. Must be a graduating senior during the current school year.
2. Must provide a comprehensive and complete application that is neatly hand written or typed.
3. Must include a sealed, official high school transcript*.
4. Must submit proof of community service activities in the form of a letter on official organizational letterhead.
5. Must submit **two (2)** letters of recommendation from community representatives including, but not limited to a community leader, supervisor, religious leader, teacher or counselor, that discusses personal characteristics, attributes, integrity, leadership and volunteer service.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Obtain an application from the high school counselor's office or a member of Iota Sweethearts, Inc.
2. Retrieve an official transcript of your high school grades from your school counselor.
3. Submit an **original copy** of your completed scholarship application, written essay, letters of recommendation, and proof of community service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The scholarship will be awarded based on the evaluation criteria, and a comprehensive and quality application with supporting documents. High school grades will be considered, but are not the only basis for selection.
- Once submitted, all materials will become the property of Iota Sweethearts, Inc., and will not be returned. Please retain a copy of all application materials for your records.
- Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of **\$500** each year. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail and by telephone.
- Funds will be released upon receipt of proof of registration into a four-year college or university and final high school transcript. Proof of registration must be on official college or university letterhead. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the recipient.

* High school transcripts must be provided directly from the school in a **sealed/unopened** envelope addressed to **Iota Sweethearts, Inc.**, and can be submitted with the application packet or mailed directly to the address indicated above.



**Iota Sweethearts, Inc.
Scholarship Application for High School Students**

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ____ Yes ____ No

If non-U.S. Citizen, please provide your U.S. Permanent Resident Card Number _____

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Address	City	State	Postal Zip Code
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Daytime Telephone Number (xxx)xxx-xxxx	Email Address
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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Father's/Guardian's Name	Mother's/Guardian's Name
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PART II: EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School	City and State
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Name of High School Counselor	Telephone Number (xxx)xxx-xxxx
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_____ /4.0 Credit Hours Completed _____ Class Size _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Anticipated College Major	Career Goal
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Identify each of the colleges/universities to which you have applied. Please add a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

Name & Location of School

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PART III: HONORS & AWARDS (A separate sheet may be included.)

- List any academic awards and honors that you have received, beginning with Grade 9.
- For each award or honor, indicate the grade level.

AWARD/HONOR	GRADE LEVEL/YEAR

PART IV: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (A separate sheet may be included.)

- List all school-related activities that you have participated in, beginning with Grade 9.
- Please be sure to include any leadership roles.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS/ATHELETICS/COMMITTEES	GRADE LEVEL/YEAR

- List all non-school sponsored activities that you have participated in, beginning with Grade 9.
 - Please be sure to include any leadership roles.
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- Examples of community service activities are volunteer work, youth group activities, church activities, boy/girl scouting, city or county sports activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE	GRADE LEVEL/YEAR

- List any summer enrichment programs, travel experiences, outside interests and/or hobbies that have expanded your educational experience.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES	GRADE LEVEL/YEAR

PART V: EMPLOYMENT (A separate sheet may be included.)

- Beginning with your current or most recent job, list your work experience including type of position. If you were **not** employed at any time during your high school years, please leave this section blank.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	DATES WORKED	POSITION HELD



PART VI: WRITTEN ESSAY (500 word minimum)

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a typed personal statement, explaining what service and leadership means to you. What activities/organizations are you a part of that you believe make you the best leader to your school/community? Also, discuss any challenges or obstacles you have experienced and overcome in life, and how this scholarship will help you to succeed in college and beyond.

PART VII: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application. One letter must be from a teacher, counselor, or principal at your high school. The second letter must be from a person who can verify your involvement in community services and/or religious activities. **Applications submitted without this supporting documentation will not be considered.**

The letters of recommendation should clearly identify the name of the student, high school, student attributes and/or characteristics, and address why this student deserves support. All letters should be submitted in a sealed envelope (professional/organizational stationary is strongly recommended) and included with the final application package.

PART VIII: STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby certify that I am a graduating senior, meeting all the established criteria and that all of the information and statements presented in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have enclosed the necessary high school transcript and other supporting documentation. I hereby grant permission for a representative of the committee to obtain information from my guidance counselor regarding this application, and I am willing to provide additional information, should it be necessary.

I understand that if any of the information is proven to be false or misleading, I will be disqualified from being considered for the scholarship award or will result in forfeiture of the scholarship, if awarded.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the decision and award of the Scholarship Committee of Iota Sweethearts, Inc.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to submit the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature/Date

PLEASE NOTE: Both applicant and parent/guardian signatures are required.