



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Iota Omega Chapter
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Laura Gray Brown was a life member and a 70+ year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and served as Iota Omega's 22nd president in 1962. She was born in Washington, DC to Thornton and Leona Gray. She was initiated at the historic Miner's Teachers College in 1946, where she received her B. S. in Education in 1949. In 1950, she married George C. Brown, Jr. in Washington, DC. Her father-in-law, G.W.C. Brown, Sr., was one of the organizers and founders of what would become Norfolk State College (now University) in 1935. Laura Gray Brown was an elementary and kindergarten teacher who acquired a wealth of experience as a teacher in Schenectady, NY; Pittsfield, MA; and Norfolk Public Schools. She served as graduate advisor to Kappa Gamma and was a faithful member of Grace Episcopal Church. Laura Gray Brown died in December 2019.

Laura Gray Brown-Kappa Gamma Undergraduate Scholarship Criteria:

- 1. The applicant must be a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.**
- 2. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student attending Old Dominion University in the fall.**
- 3. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and submit an official university transcript with appropriate endorsements and/ or signatures.**
- 4. The applicant must receive a letter of recommendation from a teacher, administrator or community representative the essay requirement.**
- 5. The applicant must submit a completed application with a graduate advisor's signature.**
- 6. The applicant must complete the essay requirement.**

Members of Iota Omega Chapter shall recuse themselves from the application process if a relative applies.

The Laura Gray Brown-Kappa Gamma Undergraduate Scholarship is underwritten by the Norfolk Pearls Foundation.

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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Family Information:

Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian: _____

Number of Siblings: _____

Educational Background:

Major/Career Pursuing: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

List any honors and academic awards:

List any scholarships that you are currently receiving

Sorority Affiliation:

Initiation Year: _____

Indicate any offices currently held in present chapter:



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Service to All Mankind:

List your community, civic, and/or religious activities:

What activities, interests, or talents have contributed most to your personal development?

Essay:

In three hundred words or less, indicate why you deserve the Laura Gray Brown-Kappa Gamma Scholarship. Please type your essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this completed application form.

Scholarship Instructions:

Email the following documents in one email with your name and the name of the scholarship in the subject line by ***Friday, April 3, 2026***, to iotaomegascholarship@gmail.com :

- Completed application form with applicant’s and graduate advisor’s signatures
- Your essay
- Letter of recommendation from teacher, administrator, or community representative
- Official University transcript

If you have questions, please contact your graduate advisor.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Graduate Advisor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____