

**Alpha Kappa Alpha  
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**2023 Essay Contest**



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The Youth P.A.C. Committee of the Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc. extends an invitation for participation in an essay contest.

**ESSAY TOPICS:**

- 1. What is one thing you could do on a regular basis that would be good for your mental health care; and why is it important for people to prioritize their mental health and wellness?*
- Or*
- 2. Financial planning is the task of determining all the incomes and expenditures in order to achieve all the set goals and objectives. What are your future goals and how do you manage your finances to plan for them?*

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** Participants must be an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and have at least sophomore status.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Essays will be judged on the following:

**Mechanics-** Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Sentence Structure.  
**Scoring Weight 40 Points**

**Organization-** Sentences and paragraphs are tied together in a logical sequence that provides interest.  
**Scoring Weight 25 Points**

**Focus-** Essay flows smoothly with an engaging opening and ending, also answers question completely.  
**Scoring Weight 20 Points**

**Integration-** Essay is easy to understand. Sentences and paragraphs fit together and the topic is clear and well developed.  
**Scoring Weight 15 Points**

**NOTE:** Essays must convey one of the above themes and consist of NO MORE THAN 500 words. Entries exceeding 500 words will not be considered. All entries must be typed, double-spaced and on one side of white 8 ½ x 11-inch sheets (do not exceed two pages) of paper. The selected topic of the essay should be centered at the top of each page.

**DEADLINE:** All essays must be submitted with cover page by October 1, 2023.  
Winners will be notified via E-mail. 1-800-653-6528 Ext. 7 (for questions)