

ΑΦΑ ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

RAYMOND W. CANNON SCHOLARSHIP



Raymond W. Cannon

Raymond W. Cannon was a graduate of the University of Minnesota earning his bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1913 and then received his Juris Doctorate from what is now known as Mitchell Hamline Law School (formerly William Mitchell School of Law). He worked in multiple organizations including the NAACP, the Urban League, and served as the 12th General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. from 1924 until 1928. As a civil rights activist, Raymond W. Cannon's fight and commitment to racial equality lead to many integration victories for African American people.

The Raymond W. Cannon Scholarship

The Raymond W. Cannon Scholarship is awarded to male high school students of African descent who graduate from high schools in the Twin Cities metro area. Scholarship awardees will receive a one-time book scholarship of \$500 to be used toward their college education for the academic school year.

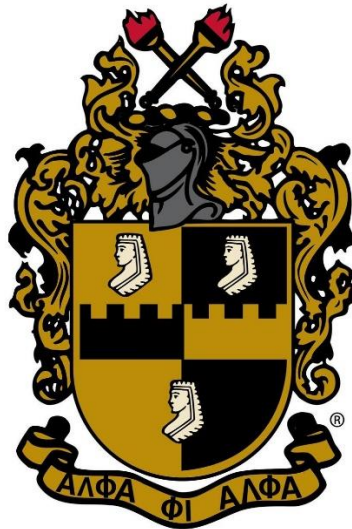
Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Identify as a male of African descent (Black/ African/ African American/ multiracial)
- Graduate from a Twin Cities metro area high school
- Achieve a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year post-secondary institution

A complete application will include:

- Raymond W. Cannon Scholarship Application
- Official High School Transcript
- Typed Essay (200-500 word count)

AN ABBREVIATED HISTORY OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED



Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African American men, was founded on Tuesday, December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were established at other colleges and universities soon after the founding at Cornell University. The first alumni chapter was established in 1911. While continuing to stress academic excellence among its members, Alpha also recognized the need to help address the educational, economic, political, and social injustices faced by African Americans. Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community's fight for civil rights through leaders such as W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, and many others. True to its form as the "first of firsts," Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945. Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African Americans and people of color around the world.

In Minnesota, there are two chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Mu (undergraduate chapter) and Gamma Xi Lambda (alumni). The Gamma Xi Lambda chapter was founded on April 12, 1946.