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ALPHA KAPPA MU HONOR SOCIETY: KAPPA IOTA CHAPTER
C/O DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND MODERN LANGUAGES

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October 16, 2025

Dear FAMU Honor Student,

Congratulations! You have been identified by the Florida A&M University Registrar as having maintained a GPA of 3.3 or higher or 3.7 or higher. This distinction has made **you either 1. eligible OR 2. “partially” eligible** for induction into the Kappa Iota (FAMU) Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu (AKM) Honor Society.

Membership is open to juniors and seniors who hold a 3.3 GPA or higher, and graduate students who hold a 3.7 GPA or higher.

In January, the Kappa Iota Chapter of AKM will hold an induction ceremony to recognize the achievements of all qualifying junior, senior, and graduate students. If you are interested in finding out how you can be a part of this prestigious event and organization, please attend our **Interest Meeting on Monday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. (EST)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://famu.zoom.us/j/91001807285?pwd=XXWjgFcWRmBzImDkw7VzF14QsioWFp.1>

Meeting ID: 910 0180 7285

Passcode: 030157

Please carefully review the attached requirements to determine if you “fully” qualify. If so, we do hope you accept this invitation to join our society of scholars.

Even if you are unable to attend the interest meeting, you are still eligible for induction. Just submit all the required documents and fees as noted in the attachment. There is no need to inform us of your inability to attend.

If you are already an AKMuan or have graduated, please disregard this invitation. We congratulate you on your successful academic career and wish you the best for continued success!

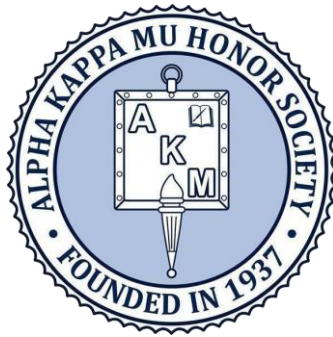
Sincerely,

Veronica A. Yon

Veronica Adams Yon, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English
Advisor, Kappa Iota Chapter

cc: Shayla Knighton-Black, President, Kappa Iota Chapter
Attachments: Requirements and Submission Procedures

The recipients of this correspondence are part of a mass distribution list; therefore, we have tried to be as thorough as possible. **However, if you still have a question that is not already answered in the invitation letter or requirements below, please reach out AFTER the interest meeting** to our chapter president (shayla1.knightonblac@famu.edu) or vice president (crystal1.gilliam@famu.edu). **Please do not reply to the invitation email.** The advisors will be unavailable for individual inquiries.



REQUIREMENTS
for Kappa Iota (FAMU) Chapter Inductees

*Items 1-5 must be submitted **no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2026.** Confirmations for documents and payments submitted during Winter Break will be sent during the first week of the spring semester.

1. Unofficial Transcript –PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT PHOTOS

Transcript must show that you are enrolled for the fall 2025 and/or spring 2026 semester and must show the qualifying hours and GPAs.

GPAs are not rounded up (ex. – a 3.29 is not considered a 3.3); neither are credit hours rounded up.

3.3 GPA for Juniors = 60 or more hours already earned

3.3 GPA for Seniors = 90 or more hours already earned

3.3 GPA for Transfers = 30 or more hours already earned at FAMU

3.7 GPA for graduate students with 15 or more hours already earned at FAMU

2. Community Service Documentation (at least 10 hours of service)

If service hours are listed on your transcript, please highlight or underline them. If hours are not on transcript, please provide printed documentation, for instance a letter from the organization's supervisor or representative, noting your hours served and his/her contact information for follow-up.

3. Mini Essay Brief Knowledge of Alpha Kappa Mu History --at least 200 words typed

Along with the history, include what skills, abilities, and interests you can contribute to AKMu. Your response should be double-spaced and should include your name, student ID, major, and classification.

4. One Letter of Recommendation from a Florida A&M University Professor/Instructor, noting your academic skill, ability, and/or performance in his/her class; please include the course, semester, and year.
The letter should be emailed directly FROM the professor's FAMU email account TO AKM@famu.edu. Letters from advisors will not be accepted.
As a courtesy, students should give professors at least 2-3 weeks' notice.
Contact your recommending professor immediately, so your letter will be submitted before the January 7th (5:00 p.m.) deadline. **No late submissions will be accepted.**

5. Induction dues/fees:

Undergraduate Students - \$76

Graduate Students - \$81

6. Student Info Form (will be emailed to candidate AFTER all other documents and fees have been submitted and approved.)

7. Participation in Virtual Induction Ceremony

Tentative Date and Time—**Monday, January 26 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Location (Zoom)—TBA

Per National Guidelines, students, including those at our off-site locations, cannot be inducted in absentia.

Each inductee will receive the following items:

- Engraved AKM Key Pin
- Embossed Membership Card
- National Membership Certificate

Since most items are personalized and/or dated, **full refunds will not be allowed**, so please make sure you can participate in the ceremony BEFORE you submit your fees.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Documents should be scanned, uploaded, and emailed (**from your FAMMail address only**) to AKM@famu.edu no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**

Emails from external accounts will not be opened.

- Students should include all attachments (Items 1-3) in ONE email message.
- Instructors should email their letters (Item 4) directly to AKM@famu.edu.

Addressee for Letters

Dr. Veronica Yon, Advisor
Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society
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- Dues/Fees (Item 5) should be **paid online (no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2026, at the following web address: <http://akmkappaiota.org/kappa-iota-member-payment-page/>** If others are paying on your behalf, please make sure they list you in the shipping section of the transaction, so the payment can be applied to your application. Failure to do so will delay processing.

- Note, even though PayPal requires a shipping address, **induction items will not be mailed if the additional shipping fee is not selected and paid.** For details, see below.

Students who do not meet the deadline will not be considered for the spring 2026 induction. More than likely, the next induction will take place in the spring of 2027, so do not wait!

Honor Cords and Additional Shipping Fees:

To order an Honor Cord for graduation and pick up (on the main campus), please select the **“Induction + Honor Cord”** option from our drop-down menu. While it is less expensive and more convenient to order the cord along with the induction fees, doing so is not required; other opportunities will be afforded throughout the term.

Students who live in the Tallahassee area are urged to pick up their items.

If you cannot pick up your induction items and/or honor cord in person (on the main campus), please select the **“Induction + Honor Cord + Shipping”** option from the drop-down menu to have your order mailed to you.

Additional Info and Questions:

Additional information about AKMu, can be found on our national website (www.alphakappamu.org) and our chapter’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Alpha-Kappa-Mu-Honor-Society-Kappa-Iota-197348730337505.

We will also address questions during our interest meeting and provide updates, as needed, on our Facebook page.

Due to the volume of invitations being distributed, we ask that you **not reply** to the invitation email. If you are unable to attend the interest meeting and have additional questions, please **reach out AFTER the meeting** to the president or vice president, not the advisors. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this regard.

Again, Congratulations!