

KAPPA GAMMA PI
Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia
Scholarship for Graduate Studies



Important Information for Applicants
2026 KGP CORNARO SCHOLARSHIP

<u>Eligibility</u>	Applicant must have been elected to membership in Kappa Gamma Pi by a Kappa-affiliated college or university and be a current dues payer. Kappas nominated between June 2024 -May 2026 are considered current dues payers. KGP Cornaro Scholarship recipients (Cornaro Scholars) are not eligible to apply again for the scholarship.
<u>Application</u>	Please login to KGP Engage to download the application. Https://engage.kappagammapi.org
<u>Award</u>	Two recipients will receive \$4,000.00 each to be applied as needed for graduate expenses at any accredited college or university. This is a non-renewable grant.
<u>Dates</u>	Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted via email by midnight June 1. Notification of the award will be made by July 31
<u>Note</u>	Please direct all questions via email to cornaro@kappagammapi.org . Incomplete applications or not following all instructions will disqualify the applicant. Statements, which exceed the specified limits, will also result in disqualification. Unsuccessful candidates may apply again in succeeding years but must resubmit all materials.

To ensure receipt, the application and supporting documents must be sent via email to cornaro@kappagammapi.org. The application must be submitted via email **as one file with the application form as the first page** of your submission. No part of the application will be returned to you.



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Please adhere to the following instructions to ensure that your application qualifies for consideration.

In addition to the official application form, which follows on page 3, the following supporting documents are required for your application to be considered:

1. List ALL academic honors, awards and dates with brief description as to why you received the award (e.g., Church Council 2019 - served in treasurer role; Community Award, May 2018 - for work on literacy project).
2. Describe in **500 words or less** your volunteer work and leadership experience.
3. Describe in **500 words or less** your career aspirations and personal goals (include how your graduate studies and goals apply to the KGP motto of Faith and Service).
4. List ALL jobs that you've held (position title and dates similar to a resume).
5. Describe specifically in **300 words or less** your financial situation (e.g., assistance from relatives, living at home or on campus, other scholarships or fellowships, employment).
6. Submit a copy of your **official letter of acceptance** from the graduate or professional school (e-mail notifications are not acceptable.)
7. Submit **two signed Letters of Recommendation on official letterhead** from individuals who can write about how your life reflects the KGP motto of Faith and Service. This may include comments on volunteer work, leadership experience, and/or personal goals.

*****When you have your application and all supporting documents ready, scan them to incorporate them into a single PDF file - with your application as the first page of the file. Failure to do so means your application will not be reviewed.**

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APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 KGP CORNARO SCHOLARSHIP

Name _____
Last First Middle/Maiden

Current Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Address after July 1 (if different) _____
Street City State ZIP

Telephone (_____) _____ Alternate phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

____ Single ____ Married ____ Religious Order _____ Number of Dependents ____

KGP College/University _____

City/State _____ Year of KGP Nomination _____

Undergraduate Degree _____ Overall GPA _____

Are you currently enrolled in a graduate program? ____ No ____ Yes Where? _____

If you are not currently enrolled in a graduate program, where will you study?

Proposed Graduate Work/Field of Study _____

Anticipated graduation date from above program _____

Current Occupation _____

Employer _____

I certify that the information given above and in the supporting documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Printed name of applicant suffices as official signature when sent via email)

Kappa Gamma Pi Cornaro Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions



Eligibility:

1. Who is eligible to apply for the Cornaro Scholarship?

- Applicants must have been elected to membership in Kappa Gamma Pi by a Kappa-affiliated college or university **and be a current dues payer**. Kappas elected between June 2024-May 2026 are considered current dues payers.
- Previous KGP Cornaro Scholarship recipients (Cornaro Scholars) are **not** eligible to apply again for the scholarship.

2. How can I find out if I've paid dues?

- Request your dues payment status from the Executive Secretary at membership@kappagammapi.org OR login to your user account at <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>. You'll see by your name if you're a dues paying member or a non-dues paying member.

3. Can I pay my dues now and still apply for the scholarship?

- Absolutely. To pay your dues, please login to your user account at <https://engage.kappagammapi.org> or contact our Executive Secretary at membership@kappagammapi.org or call (734) 393-1222.

4. How much are the dues?

- National dues are \$50 per year.

5. Can I apply as a doctoral student?

- Yes, if you were not a prior recipient of the scholarship.

6. Are there any enrollment requirements in terms of number of credits we need to be taking to be eligible?

- You must show proof of acceptance into the graduate level program (Official Letter of Acceptance) even if you are already enrolled.
- There is no requirement for the number of credits that you will be taking in the graduate program.

7. Is the scholarship restricted to students enrolling in United States schools?

- Non-US graduate programs are acceptable for the Cornaro Scholarship.

8. I will graduate in May from law school, but I was curious if this scholarship applies to past/future graduate school?

- The scholarship is for future studies and cannot be applied retroactively.

Application Requirements:

9. What do I need to do to apply?

- Complete an application, following **all** instructions correctly, and submit by June 1.
- Be sure to submit all application documents as a single PDF file. If you are not sure how to convert multiple documents into one PDF file, please seek local assistance. Failure to do so impacts acceptance of your application.
- Note:** You must already be accepted (and show proof of acceptance) into an accredited graduate or professional program as part of your application documentation.

10. Who can provide a “letter of recommendation”?

- Letters should be from someone who knows you and can speak to your qualifications related to the scholarship criteria cited in the application.
- Provide 2 letters of recommendation.
- Letters must be on **official letterhead**. Email “letters” are not acceptable.

11. The staff members writing my recommendation letters are unable to include official letterhead on their letters. Will you still accept these letters in my application?

- Most letters of recommendation come from academic, employment, organizational, religious, and non-profit staff. Those organizations generally have official letterhead for external correspondence.

12. For the scholarship application I have the paper copy. Should I fill it out and scan it to my file or do I need an electronic copy? Also, should the recommendation letters be sent to me or directly to you?

- Fill out the paper copy of the application. This can then be scanned to include in one PDF file.
- Have the recommendation letters sent to you and include it in the one PDF file that you submit.

13. I am currently in my second year at XXX school. One of the requirements is the letter of acceptance from my graduate program. Instead, would I be able to send a current transcript, or do you require the letter of acceptance?

- We will need an official statement on your program letterhead that states you are currently enrolled in the XXX program.

14. How early can I submit my application?

- You can submit your completed application any time, but it must be received by midnight June 1.

15. Is it possible to get an extension?

- Unfortunately, no but, you can always apply again next year!

Scholarship Funding:

16. How much is the scholarship?

- This is a one-time, non-renewable disbursement of \$4,000.

17. What expenses does the scholarship money cover?

- The scholarship covers tuition, books, fees or any other expenses that are billed by the college, university or program.

18. What is not covered by the scholarship?

- Expenses that are not billed by the college, university or program. Examples are items/costs that students pay that are not billed program costs, including housing, meals, transportation or other cost of living expenses.

19. How is the scholarship money dispensed?

- The money is paid by Kappa Gamma Pi directly to the financial department of the Cornaro Scholar's accredited graduate or professional program.

20. How many scholarships are awarded?

- For 2026, there will be two (2) \$4,000 scholarships awarded.

Selection and Notification Process:

21. How is the recipient selected?

- A panel of Kappa Gamma Pi members review all applications.
- Evaluation criteria include: academic excellence, academic honors and awards, volunteer work, leadership experience, career aspirations, personal goals, jobs held, financial need, letters of recommendation, and ability to follow application instructions accurately. (These are all elements that applicants have an opportunity to address in their application materials.)
- Applicants are scored based on evaluation criteria. Scores are combined and averaged to rank the applicants for selection.

22. When is the winner announced?

- Notification of the award will be made by July 31.

23. If I don't receive the scholarship, will I be notified?

- Yes, you will be notified via email by July 31. Please be sure that we have the current email address for you should that change after you submit your application.

24. Whom do I contact if I have further questions?

- Contact the Chair of the Cornaro Scholarship Committee via email at cornaro@kappagammapi.org.