

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Lambda Omega chapter, is pleased to announce its Signature Program for 2014 – 2018: ASCENDSM (Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking, and Development) for male and female high school students.

Students will benefit from an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and SMART (Science, Math and Related Technologies) careers. ASCENDSM students will have an opportunity to receive academic enrichment and life skills training leading to meaningful employment and careers.



ASCENDSM Program Components include: Team Building, Enrichment Workshops, Career Exploration, College Exploration, Model UN Mini-Simulation, Community Service, STEM/SMART Expo and Cultural/Arts Enrichment. All applicants must be currently enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

ASCENDSM Program Requirements include:

- Participating in each of the monthly 3-hour sessions (classroom discussions, hands-on activities and off-site events)
- Being in good-standing with the school's code of conduct
- Maintaining a C (2.0) grade point average
- Submitting a most recent report card

ASCENDSM Program Application Checklist:

- Parental Consent & Responsibility Form
- Student Code of Conduct & Responsibility Contract
- ASCENDSM Program Student Application Form
- Transportation and Media Release Form
- Letter of recommendation from a counselor, teacher or community leader

To begin the application process, please complete the attached 3-page application packet and Transportation and Media Release Form. Applications are considered complete when **all** of the required documents are received.

Forms/letters can be mailed to: **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**
Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 99
Columbia, MD 21045

Or emailed to: ILOASCEND@gmail.com

To download an ASCENDSM Program application packet, please visit our website at <http://www.akaiotalambdaomega.org>.

For questions please call ASCENDSM Coordinators:

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