



November 3, 2020

Dear Chapter Basilei,

“We help each other. For we know there’s no other. Like our sisterhood.” We sing these words from our hymn at conferences, chapter meetings, Boules and other occasions. Our hymn inspires us as we share the bonds of sisterhood and provide “Service to all mankind;” the hymn composed by Soror J. Marjory Jackson.

Since 1986, Cluster III of the Notable North Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has consistently given back to the community through the J. Marjory Jackson (JMJ) Performing Arts Scholarship. Each chapter’s annual contribution of \$100 allows us to support students committed to the arts and provides Cluster III the opportunity to highlight talent from our area to the broader North Atlantic Region. Several chapters still have outstanding balances from 2020 of \$100, please remit those payments ASAP. Please submit your 2021 annual \$100 contribution via chapter check made payable to the **Ivy Rose Foundation, Inc.**, custodian of the scholarship fund. Chapter checks may be mailed to **Ivy Rose Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 20405; Brooklyn, New York 11202-0405**. We also accept **electronic payments through PayPal or Zelle to ivyrosefoundation@gmail.com**.

In 2016, through your support, the JMJ Performing Arts Scholarship endowment was established with Alpha Kappa Alpha’s Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF). As custodians of the account the EAF Green Diamond Award was bestowed on Ivy Rose Foundation in appreciation of the successful capitalization of this endowment. Earned interest income will be reinvested with EAF until the endowment consistently generates enough funds to support the annual cluster competition and scholarship award. Please encourage your chapter members to earmark EAF donations for the J. Marjory Jackson Performing Arts Scholarship fund.

It is our sincere hope that all chapters in Cluster III will nominate a candidate to compete in the annual cluster competition. Scholarship applicants must be full-time students, either high school seniors or college freshmen, who will compete in the performing arts areas of voice, dramatic performance, musical instrumentation, or dance. Undergraduate Sorors (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors) are also eligible.

The Ivy Rose Foundation aims to make the final cluster competition accessible to all chapters in Cluster III.

The date and location of the Final Cluster III virtual competition is:

**January 30, 2021 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Register online at  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IRpxSwnhQs6US4mjDACHfA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IRpxSwnhQs6US4mjDACHfA)**

The winner of the cluster competition will perform at the Public Meeting of the 2021 North Atlantic Regional Conference on Thursday, March 4, 2021. The winner's sponsoring chapter is responsible for all expenses incurred during the 90<sup>th</sup> North Atlantic Regional Conference. The completed application for your chapter finalist (including letters of recommendation, essay, official transcripts, and head shot) must be **received** by **Ivy Rose Foundation, Inc. via mail at P.O. Box 20405; Brooklyn, New York 11202-0405** or e-mail at [jmj@ivyrosefoundationinc.org](mailto:jmj@ivyrosefoundationinc.org) by **January 18, 2021**. To provide a complete packet, candidates must provide an official transcript either by email or mail directly from school.

Attached, you will find the application. The JMJ Chairman from each chapter in Cluster III is invited to participate on a cluster-wide advisory committee to recommend judges and structure details of the competition. Please send your chapter's JMJ Chairman's contact information (name, e-mail address, and phone number) to Soror Janice Taylor at [jmj@ivyrosefoundationinc.org](mailto:jmj@ivyrosefoundationinc.org). Feel free to contact Soror Janice with any questions via email or by telephone at 718-909-8887.

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