Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College

The "Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College" program, established in 1922, concentrates on the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement. Statistics prove the value of this extra impetus in making the difference in the success of young African-American men, given that school completion is the single best predictor of future economic success. Through the Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College educational initiative, young men receive information and learn strategies that facilitate success. Alpha men provide youth participants with excellent role models to emulate.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has been awarded grant funding by the US Department of Justice to provide mentoring to students ages 6 - 17 years old high school, in twenty-five (25) targeted cities across the country.

Mentoring Policy Manual

The General Office will evaluate proposals on a qualitative basis. This includes our review of the chapter's standing at the area, district, regional and national levels, and final approval by the chapter's Regional Vice President.

The following information provided below are answers to Frequently Asked Questions concerning the grant and its administration:

1. If my chapter was identified as one of the Pre-Selected Chapters, do we have to compete in the RFP Process?

a. Yes! Every chapter regardless of having been pre-selected as a potential host chapter for the OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Grant will have to compete in the fraternity's Request For Proposal Process.

2. How much money will each chapter get for participating in the process?

a. That depends on a number of factors. Each chapter will be funded based on the number of students that they will serve in their local program. Additionally, chapters should note that funds will not be awarded to the chapter, per se, but rather to a "City Account" that participating chapters can draw down from, based on a quarterly allotment allocated by the program. Please contact us if you have any questions.

3. Will every participating adult in the program (i.e. brothers and/or volunteers) be required to undergo a background check or just the mentors that have submitted their applications?

a. EVERY participating adult over the age of eighteen (18) years old will be required to submit a Mentor Application, located in the Mentor Policy and Procedure Manual BEFORE being allowed to participate in any federally funded initiative sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity with regards to this grant. No exceptions will be made.

4. What will the background check consist of and who is responsible for conducting said check, the chapter or the program?

a. The background check that each participating adult will undergo will primarily consist of a reference check and a check of the individual's sexual offender status, via the United States Department of Justice's national sexual offender criminal database. Said checks will be conducted by the fraternity and will be conducted on a rolling, continuous and on-going basis.

5. My chapter does not have seven (7) brothers that are active within the chapter but we want to participate in this opportunity. Does this factor disqualify us from participating?

a. No! Each chapter is encouraged to identify qualified adults, ages eighteen (18) years of age or older, to represent their chapter as mentors in the program.

6. My city was not on the list of "targeted cities" identified within the official announcement of the grant. Does that mean that we can't apply for funding as well?

a. No, not necessarily. All chapters are encouraged to submit a proposal, if interested. A preference will go to those cities and chapters that are targeted within the grant, however, all compelling cases for funding and participation will be duly received and considered.

7. When will chapters that have responded to the RFP be informed of the status of their proposal and what are the next steps?

a. Within 48-hours of submission of a completed proposal, each chapter received a detailed letter acknowledging receipt of their proposal and all necessary next steps. Please refer to the Acknowledgment Letter for additional details.

8. The grant mentions that there is training that is involved. How will that training be conducted and will all program participants (i.e. Local coordinators and mentors) be required to attend?

a. Each participating mentor/volunteer will be required to undergo program training that will feature a wide variety of issues and learning modules that are designed to benefit and enhance both the program and the students we seek to serve. A detailed description of upcoming training opportunities are discussed in detail in the Acknowledgement Letter received by each chapter that successfully submitted a proposal.

9. When will my chapter start receiving funding and what can the monies be used for?

a. Our aim is to begin funding each of the targeted cities (NOT CHAPTERS) beginning February 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016. Each participating chapter will then be re-evaluated, based on their performance during that programmatic year, in consideration for continued funding in FY 2017.

10. The grant description mentions that there are employment opportunities related to the program. What are the jobs and can members and non-members alike apply for hiring consideration?

a. The program seeks to hire qualified personnel in several key positions to support the grant, including Program Manager, Executive Assistant to the Program Manager and Regional Coordinator. Please consult the Program Job Descriptions for more details.

For additional inquiries, please feel free to contact our program's grant consultant directly, Bro. Elvin J. Dowling, at GHSGC-Grant@apa1906.net. Thank you.