



November 13, 2019

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 Cluster III's own Soror J. Marjory Jackson of the Delta Rho Omega Chapter.

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 2019 of \$100. We ask that you please remit those payments before December 31, 2019.

For 2020, we ask that each chapter please submit your 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.**

In 2016, through your support, the JMJ Performing Arts Scholarship endowment was established with Alpha Kappa Alpha's Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF). The EAF Green Diamond Award was bestowed on Ivy Rose Foundation, Inc. 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.

Ivy Rose Foundation, Inc. aims to make the final cluster competition accessible to all Cluster III chapters. Soror Yolanda Holmes (YolandaHolmes@ivyrosefoundationinc.org) and Soror Janice Taylor (JaniceTaylor@ivyrosefoundationinc.org) will contact Chapter Basilei this month for payment and other information.

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


January 18, 2020 at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

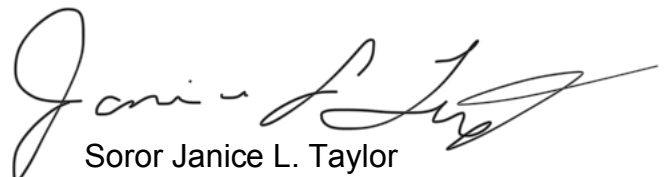
St. Philip's Episcopal/Anglican Church
265 Decatur Street
Brooklyn, NY 11233

The winner of the cluster competition will perform at the Public Meeting of the 2020 North Atlantic Regional Conference on Thursday, March 5, 2020. The winner's sponsoring chapter is responsible for all expenses incurred during the 89th North Atlantic Regional Conference in Hartford, CT. The completed application for your chapter finalist (including letters of recommendation, essay, transcripts, and photo) must be **received** by **Soror Janice L. Taylor** by **January 24, 2020**. Applications can be submitted by email to JMJ@ivyrosefoundationinc.org, mail to 311 Macon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216 or uploaded at www.ivyrosefoundationinc.org.

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 the selected soror's contact information (name, e-mail address, and phone number) to Soror Janice Taylor, JaniceTaylor@ivyrosefoundationinc.org. Soror Janice should also be contacted with any questions via email or at 718-909-8887.

Sisterly,


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