



May 1, 2017

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Seven Roses Legacy Foundation Scholarship. The Seven Roses Legacy Foundation was founded in 2005 and is a 501(c)3 organization that serves as the philanthropic arm of Eta Nu Sigma Chapter, Brooklyn and Queens Alumnae. The mission of the foundation is to empower youth to expand their cultural horizons, improve their financial literacy and seek higher education. To that end, we provide programming geared towards advancement in those areas. Eta Nu Sigma is a graduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. that provides community service, scholastic opportunities and assistance to the communities of Brooklyn and Queens. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded on November 12, 1922 at Butler University by seven African-American schoolteachers. Undergraduate and graduate chapters throughout the United States and the world implement various programs during the sorority year to ensure fulfillment of our motto, "Greater Service, Greater Progress."

Annually, Seven Roses Legacy Foundation awards several **Book Scholarships**, in the amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000, to graduating high school seniors who attend public and private schools throughout Brooklyn and Queens. These students have been accepted to enroll in a four-year college, community college, or trade school the following Fall Semester.

One of our scholarships, the **Kemi Guadalupe Scholarship**, is so named in honor of a young lady and mentee who overcame huge obstacles while displaying tremendous inner strength and mental toughness throughout the eighteen years of her life. Despite being diagnosed with Methamalic at the age of one and having to endure a battery of tests and prolonged hospital stays, Kemi always maintained an upbeat and positive spirit. She was a gifted poet and writer whose writings were infected with intensity and naked honesty. She had barely scratched the surface of her literary talents before passing away on February 23, 2011. This scholarship honors her memory and is open to graduating students who attend alternative high schools, are interested in pursuing careers in journalism, and have overcome obstacles in order to further their education.

The scholarships awards are primarily based upon submission of the essay, recommendations and transcript. These contests are open to both male and female young adults. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply.

There are four essay prompts below from which to choose. Choose one question and develop your answer in at least 3 typed, double-spaced pages using clear, original thought supported by personal experiences, observations, and formal research:

- Identify a piece of legislation recently voted into law or being debated locally, in another state or nationally. What effect(s) would it have on the members of your graduating class academically, financially, and/or personally? If the impact is negative, identify some ways you and your peers can rise above it and move forward in your personal and professional lives as citizens?
- Steve Jobs of Apple, Inc. once said he was inspired by the following quote: "I want Polaroid to stand at the intersection of art and science." Discuss why education in the arts is necessary for a well-rounded education in the 21st century and its impact on technology.
- Booker T. Washington once said, "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." Describe a life-changing obstacle you had to face, the steps you took to overcome it, and how the experience changed your perception on life.

- Discuss the impact that a recent event (political, social, etc.) will have on the members of your graduating class, academically, financially, and/or personally. If the impact is negative, what are some ways your peers can overcome it and move forward in their personal and professional lives as citizens of society?
- *Optional:* Attach an original piece of artwork (e.g. drawing, painting, or poem) that would give the Committee more insight as to who you are.

You may submit your application online via google forms here: [SRLE Online Scholarship application](#) so that we know how to expect your accompanying documents.

Before sending your application, make sure that you have completed the following:

- Clearly printed or typed the answers in the required fields of the application (following two pages).
- Typed your two to four-page essay using Times New Roman font, 12-point size, and 1-inch margins. Each page must be 8 ½” by 11”. Essays longer than four pages are automatically disqualified.
- Enclosed a **current** and **official** high school transcript from your school, sealed in a separate envelope, if mailed.
- Enclosed a resume.
- Enclosed one letter of recommendation from a teacher, spiritual leader or mentor, sealed in a separate envelope.
- Enclosed a copy of a student identification card with your picture.
- Signed the bottom of your application (if mailing via USPS).

All required documents must be either,

1. Postmarked by Friday, June 9, 2017 in one envelope. Mail the completed application, essay, resume, sealed transcript, and a sealed letter of recommendation to:

**Seven Roses Legacy Foundation
ATTN: L. Alexandria Rhoden, Scholarship Chairperson
PO Box 471785
Brooklyn, NY 11247**

Or

2. Emailed in one email to scholarships@sevenroses.org by 7:00 pm on Friday, June 9, 2017. Email the completed application, essay, resume, and verification of your identity in separate PDF attachments. All documents must be labeled with your last name, first initial and the contents of the attachment. (i.e. Doe, J.-Application; Doe, J.-Essay; Doe, J.-Resume; Doe, J.-Identification)

****NOTE** Your letter of recommendation must be emailed directly from the author, as a PDF attachment. The email and attachment must be labeled with your last name, first initial and the contents of the attachment. (i.e. Doe, J.-Letter of Recommendation).**

***Your official transcript must be postmarked no later than Friday, June 9, 2017 to the address listed above.**

Awardees will be announced on or before July 1, 2017. Should you have any questions about the scholarship application process, do not hesitate to forward your concerns to scholarships@sevenroses.org. A copy of the scholarship application and more information about the *Seven Roses Legacy Foundation* may also be accessed at www.sevenroses.org or <http://etanusigma.org/events>. For information about *Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.*, visit www.sgrho1922.org.

Sincerely,

Ms. L. Alexandria Rhoden

L. Alexandria Rhoden
Seven Roses Legacy Foundation Scholarship Chairperson
Eta Nu Sigma Chapter of Brooklyn and Queens Alumnae,
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc



**SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
ETA NU SIGMA CHAPTER, BROOKLYN AND QUEENS ALUMNAE
2017 Seven Roses Legacy Foundation Scholarship Application**

Today's Date _____

1. _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

2. _____
Address City State Zip Code

3. _____
Parent/Guardian's Name(s)

4. _____
Home Telephone Number Cell Phone Number

5. _____
Applicant's Email Address Parent/Guardian's Email Address

6. _____
Name of High School

7. _____
High School Address City State Zip Code

8. _____
Principal's Name

9. _____
Guidance Counselor or College Advisor's Name Email Address

10. _____
GPA/Cumulative Average
Enclose current official school transcript for verification.

11. **List the extracurricular activities in which you are involved.**

12. Discuss your academic plans upon graduating from high school.

13. List the colleges or trade schools to which you have applied:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

14. What is your intended major or area of interest?

15. How did you find out about the Seven Roses Legacy Foundation Scholarship?

16. What method of submission will be used for your application documents?

I hereby certify that all the information is complete and accurate.

Applicant's Signature