



## **2017 Pearl Foundation Scholarship Application for Graduating Seniors**

**One goal of The Pearl Foundation is to cultivate and encourage students in the pursuit of their higher education goals. The Pearl Foundation Scholarship Program supports the Educational Enrichment programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter.**

### **Pearl Foundation Incorporated Mission Statement**

The Pearl Foundation Incorporated is the charitable affiliate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter. The mission of the Pearl Foundation, Incorporated is to support broad educational, charitable, and community service programs that uphold the mission and values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in the communities we serve.

### **Criteria:**

- Applicants must be Howard County Residents.
- Applicants must be high school seniors but do not have to attend a Howard County high school.
- If selected, applicants must be officially enrolled in a postsecondary institution the semester immediately following the date of the Pearl Foundation Scholarship award.
- Immediate family members of Pearl Foundation, Incorporated members are ineligible. (Immediate family are defined as children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws, adopted, half and step members)
  
- Applicants must submit the following:
  1. Completed Application Form (see attachment)
  2. Completed Media Release Form (see attachment)
  3. Resume that includes:
    - a. Academic achievements
    - b. Awards
    - c. Recognition(s)
    - d. School activities
    - e. Community activities
    - f. Leadership positions held
  4. An official transcript including 1<sup>st</sup> semester senior grades and SAT or ACT test scores
  5. Two reference letters (1) from a guidance counselor or teacher, and (1) community member that includes contact information
  6. A 500 word essay describing how this scholarship will assist you in accomplishing your personal and career goals
  
- Those applicants with the highest scoring applications will be interviewed before a panel and based on the panelist decision, one applicant will be chosen.

### **Mail completed application to: (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)**

Scholarship Committee  
Pearl Foundation, Incorporated  
Post Office Box 178  
Columbia, MD 21045

**DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED.**

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**Important Note:** Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scholastic merit, school and community activities, and their writing sample. Neatness of the application will be taken into consideration. Status of scholarship application will be available to all applicants by Monday, March 24, 2017.

**Scholarships awarded vary from \$2,000-\$5,000. The following scholarships will be offered:**

### ***Historically Black College/University Scholarship (HBCU)***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend a historically Black college/university **upon matriculation from high school**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

### ***Math/Science Scholarship***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be enrolled in advanced placement or honors math and/or science in high school
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and show outstanding aptitude in mathematics or science

### ***The Claudia M. Gaines Aging Out Educational Scholarship***

To be eligible the applicant must:

1. The recipients of this scholarship will be individuals who are pursuing higher educational opportunities and have dire and unusual financial needs, along with credible academic potential.
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.3
3. Indicate in your essay dire financial need and special circumstances you have
4. The recipient will receive \$2,500.

### ***Anna V. Waters Memorial Scholarship***

To be eligible the applicant must:

1. Be planning a career in nursing or health care
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

### ***Jean West Lewis Award***

To be eligible the applicant must:

1. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8
2. Display proven financial need (Family must provide documentation)
3. Indicate in your essay any challenges you have overcome

### **Applications:**

Applications can be obtained from Howard County High School Guidance Offices, from the *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter* <http://akaiotalambdaomega.org/>, *The Pearl Foundation, Inc.* <http://pearlfoundationinc.org>, or by contacting Dr. Kimetta Hairston, Scholarship Chairman at (757) 218-8630. **Completed applications must be postmarked by the March 1, 2017 deadline date.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Please type or print

Please check all of the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. You may select more than one, but are only eligible for one award.

HBCU Math/Science C. Gaines Scholarship Anna V. Waters Memorial Jean Lewis Award

Name: Last First Middle

Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender: Race:

Address: Street Apartment No. City State Zip

Student Phone: Home: Cell: Email:

Name(s) of Parents(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

Parent Phone: Home Cell: Work:

Email:

Current High School:

G.P.A: Unweighted Weighted

Were Honors and/or AP courses available to you? If so, list courses completed

List college/university of acceptance. Submit your letter of acceptance.

Planned Major or interest:

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Completed application packet must include all items identified on the instruction sheet.

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### Media Release Agreement

Pearl Foundation Incorporated, charitable affiliate of Iota Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated publicizes its community service activities, scholarship events and programs. From time to time, we may videotape or photograph the chapter’s service projects, scholarship events and programs. For the photo(s) or video(s) of someone under the age of 18 to appear in the newspaper and/or on our web page, in a television broadcast, we must obtain written permission.

**Your child will not be identified by name in photos published on the web or broadcast on television or other media. Personal information about your child is never posted nor is information indicating the physical location of your child at any given time other than general participation information about an activity/event at a particular chapter program or service project.**

Please sign below to allow your child to be part of these good news stories about our chapter program(s) or service project(s).

I give permission for my child's picture or work to appear for publicity of the Pearl Foundation Incorporated, charitable affiliate of Iota Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. I understand that information broadcast via television, radio or and/or published on Pearl Foundation, Incorporation charitable affiliate of Iota Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated’s website may be accessed by the general public at any time.

Child’s Name : \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Child’s Signature)

Parent/Guardian : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent/Guardian : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)