



2019 Pearl Foundation Inc. Scholarship Application for Graduating High School Seniors

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 and Recognition(s)
 - c. School and Community activities
 - d. Leadership positions held
 4. An official transcript including 1st 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.

Important Note: Applicants will be evaluated based on scholastic merit, school and community activities, and their essay. Neatness of the application will be taken into consideration. Status of scholarship application will be available to all applicants by Saturday, March 2, 2019.

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 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019 TO BE CONSIDERED.



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The following scholarships will be offered:

Pearl Foundation Historically Black College/University (HBCU) - (2) Scholarships - \$8,000 each (\$2,000 will be awarded each year over a four-year period if minimum 2.5 GPA is maintained)

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

Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in Athletics - \$4,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be in a formal leadership role in their school and be an athlete.
2. Have a minimum grade point average between 2.5-2.7

Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in the Performing Arts - \$4,000 each

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be in a formal leadership role in their school and be in the Arts (theatre, music, dance, choir).
2. Have a minimum grade point average between 2.5-2.7

Claudia M. Gaines Scholarship - \$4,000

To be eligible the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing higher educational opportunities and have dire and unusual financial needs, along with credible academic potential. **Explanation for their need must be included in the required essay.**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.6

Anna V. Waters Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

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

Jean West Lewis Scholarship - \$2,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Display proven financial need and **indicate that need in the essay**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

Chelsea T. Harris Scholarship - \$3,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing a career in STEM
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.4

Margaret Williamson Smith Memorial Community Service Scholarship - \$2500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be accepted/enrolled in a 2-year/4-year college program leading to a baccalaureate degree.
2. Be creative, compassionate, kind, persistent, have an excellent work ethic and show a commitment to helping others
3. Have a strong record of community service and activism



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Rudolph J. and Constance W. Jordan (STEM) Scholarship - \$1,500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing a STEM related field of study; must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

James S Braxton, D.Eng. Math/Science Scholarship - \$5,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing a STEM related field of study
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Malia Ross-Robinson Hope Scholarship - \$1,500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be most improved in academics throughout the student's high school career
2. Have a grade point average of 2.5

The Joan Hash HBCU Scholarship - \$2,500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student who will be attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

Wilbert and Lillie Dozier Scholarship - \$1,500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student pursuing the career in the social sciences (Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Anthropology, psychology, Economics, Linguistics, History, etc.)
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 – 2.7

Dr. Myra J. Smith Teacher Education Scholarship - \$1000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student pursuing a degree in teacher education certification; demonstrated leadership and scholarship
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.5

Norvice Goodwin Penny Performing Arts Book Award - \$500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student in the Performing Arts.

Malachi Lancaster Book Award for Athletes - \$500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a Varsity Student Athlete (2 years)
2. Write an essay on the topic, "How has playing sports shaped you?" (150 words)
3. GPA: 3.0 or higher

Applications:

Applications can be obtained from Howard County High School Guidance Offices, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter website: <http://akaiotalambdaomega.org/>, the Pearl Foundation website: <http://pearlfoundationinc.org/> or by contacting Mrs. Colleen Ratliffe (410) 215-7207, 2019 Scholarship Chairman.



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Please check all the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. You may apply for more than one scholarship; however, you are eligible for only one award. Scholarship recipients who are at least 2-year varsity athletes or attending an HBCU are also eligible to receive a Book Award, as the recipient of the Book Award will be selected from that applicant pool.

- Pearl Foundation Historically Black College/University (HBCU) Scholarship
- Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in Athletics Scholarship
- Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in the Performing Arts Scholarship (theatre, music, dance, choir).
- Claudia M. Gaines Scholarship
- Anna V. Waters Memorial Scholarship
- Jean West Lewis Scholarship
- Chelsea T. Harris (STEM) Scholarship
- Rudolph J. and Constance W. Jordan (STEM) Scholarship
- James S Braxton, D.Eng. Math/Science Scholarship
- Malia Ross-Robinson Hope Scholarship
- The Joan Hash HBCU Scholarship
- Wilbert and Lillie Dozier Scholarship
- Dr. Myra J. Smith Teacher Education Scholarship
- Margaret Williamson Smith Memorial Community Service Scholarship
- Norvice Goodwin Penny Performing Arts Book Award
- Malachi Lancaster Book Award for Athletes



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2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Please type your application

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____
Street Apartment No.

City State Zip

Student Phone: Cell: _____ Email: _____

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

Parent Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Current High School: _____

Were Honors and/or AP courses available to you? _____ Yes _____ NO If yes, list courses on a separate sheet

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.

Scholarship recipients will not be identified by name in photos published on the web or broadcast on television or another media. Personal information about your student is never posted nor is information indicating the physical location of your student 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 student to be part of these good news stories about our chapter program(s) or service project(s).

I give permission for my student'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 public at any time.

Student’s Name: _____ DOB _____
(Print)

(Student’s Signature) Date _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
(Print)

(Signature) Date _____

2nd Parent/Guardian: _____
(Print)

(Signature) Date _____