

charitable affiliate of Iota Lambda Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Howard County, Maryland

2015 Pearl Foundation Scholarship Application

Pearl Foundation Mission

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.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

On January 15, 1908, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle and fifteen young African American women fulfilled their dream when Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded at Howard University in Washington, DC. Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has implemented programs of service impacting countless lives. The 2014-2018 International Program will focus on *Launch New Dimensions of Service™*. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter will address community needs in five target areas: Educational Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership, and Global Impact. The Pearl Foundation Scholarship supports the Educational Enrichment programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter.

Selection Criteria: All applications will be evaluated on the following criteria

- Applicants must be Howard County Residents.
- Applicants must be high school seniors (but do not have to attend a Howard County high school).
- Immediate family members of Pearl Foundation, Incorporated members are ineligible. (Immediate family are defined as children, grand children, brothers, sisters, in-laws, adopted, half and step members)
- If selected, Applicants must be officially enrolled in a postsecondary institution the semester immediately following the date of the Pearl Foundation Scholarship award.
- Applicants must submit the following:
 - 1. Completed Application Form (see attachment)
 - 2. Completed Minor Media Release Form (see attachment)
 - 3. Resume that includes:
 - a. Academic achievements
 - b. Awards
 - c. Recognition
 - d. School activities
 - e. Community activities
 - f. Leadership positions held
 - 4. An official transcript including 1st semester senior grades and SAT or ACT test scores
 - 5. A school profile (obtained from Guidance Office)
 - 6. A reference letter from a guidance counselor, teacher, or community member that includes contact information
 - **7.** In one page, or a maximum of two, describe how this scholarship will assist you in accomplishing your personal and career goals

Mail completed TYPED 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 13, 2015 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. Applicants will be notified upon receipt of application. Status of scholarship application will be available to all applicants on or before March 31, 2015.

Scholarships Awards:

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 3.0

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

Education/Liberal Arts Scholarship

To be eligible the applicant must:

- 1. Be planning a career in education
- 2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

Performing/Visual Arts Scholarship

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- 1. Have excelled in a performing or visual arts discipline while in high school
- 2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

Iota Lambda Omega Memorial Scholarship

To be eligible the applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and enroll in college.

Merit Scholarship

To be eligible the applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 and enroll in an institution of higher learning, i.e., college, technical school.

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 have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 and display proven financial need.

Applications:

Applications can be obtained from Howard County High School Guidance Offices or contacting the Jackie Antoine, Scholarship Chairman at (323) 309-0075. **Completed applications must be postmarked by the March 13, 2015 deadline date**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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2015 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. ____Education HBCU ____Math/Science _____Performing/Visual Arts ____Iota Lambda Omega Memorial _____Merit ____ Anna V. Waters Memorial _____Jean West Lewis Award Name: First Last Middle Date of Birth: _____ Day Year Address: ___ State Zip City 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 Colleges/Universities you have applied. Place a check by the ones you have received a letter of acceptance. Place two checks by the College/University you plan to attend. Planned Major or interest:

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

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Minor 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 broadcasted 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
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	(Child's Signature) (Ages 13 & above)	
Parent/Guardian: _		
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