



2020 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
 5. SAT **or** ACT test scores
 6. Two reference letters: (1) from a guidance counselor or teacher (on school letterhead), and (1) from community member that includes contact information
 7. 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 for each scholarship.

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 Friday, March 13, 2020.

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 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020 TO BE CONSIDERED.



The following scholarships will be offered:

Pearl Foundation Historically Black College/University (HBCU) Scholarships (2) - \$8,000 each (\$2,000 will be awarded each year over a four-year period if minimum 2.8 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 First Generation Scholarship - \$3,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be the first person in immediate family to attend college (father, mother, legal guardian, siblings, grandparents did not attend college)
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in the Performing Arts Scholarship - \$3,000

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 of 2.8

Pearl Foundation Dedication in Athletics Scholarships (2) - \$1,500 each

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be active in a school sponsored sport at the varsity level for at least 2 years
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

Pearl Foundation Local Community College Scholarship - \$1,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend Howard Community College Fall 2020 as a **full-time student**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

Claudia M. Gaines Scholarship - \$5,000

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 2.8

Anna V. Waters Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

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. Indicate financial need **in the required essay**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

Chelsea T. Harris Scholarship - \$2,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing a career in STEM
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.1

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

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.

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

Ruby Watson Marshall Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student pursuing a degree in education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
2. Mentor and peer influencer in the community and school (2 years)
3. Write an additional essay, "How has education influenced and shaped my life?" (150 words)
4. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0



The following book awards will be offered:

Norvice Goodwin Penny Performing Arts Book Award - \$500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student in the Performing Arts.

Jacqui Ellis Brown Book Award - \$500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student who will be attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)

Annie G. Henry Memorial Book Award - \$500

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be pursuing undergraduate science degree.
2. Be a high school senior
3. GPA: 3.0 or higher

2013 Phenon3na1 Pearls Book Award (2) - \$500 each

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a female first-generation college student with a financial need
2. Be a student in college with a financial need

Pearl Foundation Book Awards (4) - \$500 each

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend a 2- or 4-year college Fall 2020

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, 2020 Scholarship Chairman.

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. Book Awards will be selected from the applicant pool.

- Pearl Foundation Historically Black College/University (HBCU) Scholarship
- Pearl Foundation First Generation Scholarship (first in family to attend college)
- Pearl Foundation Dedication in Athletics Scholarship
- Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in the Performing Arts Scholarship (theatre, music, dance, choir)
- Pearl Foundation Local Community College Scholarship
- Claudia M. Gaines Scholarship
- Anna V. Waters Memorial Scholarship
- Jean West Lewis Scholarship
- Chelsea T. Harris (STEM) Scholarship
- Margaret Williamson Smith Memorial Community Service Scholarship
- Rudolph J. and Constance W. Jordan (STEM) Scholarship
- Malia Ross-Robinson Hope Scholarship
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2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Please type your application

Name: Last First Middle

Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:

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:

First generation college student? (father, mother, legal guardian, grandparents did not attend college):

Yes No

List college/university of acceptance (Submit your letter of acceptance)

Planned Major or interest:

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Monday, February 24, 2020
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 _____