



**The Pearl Foundation, Incorporated®
in collaboration with
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter
of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**



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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Pearl Foundation, Incorporated, in collaboration with Theta Alpha Omega Chapter, is offering scholarships to college bound high school seniors. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or higher and attend school in Long Beach or the surrounding area. The applicant must be available to attend The Pearl Awards Scholarship Reception Ceremony on June 10, 2023.

To enhance opportunities for continued academic success at the college level, this scholarship program includes a mentorship component for all scholarship recipients.

To apply, qualified students must submit the following items all together in one packet:

1. Completed scholarship application form signed and dated (see enclosure)
2. One (1) typed letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, mentor, employer, pastor, etc. Letter writers cannot be a family member. The letter must not be dated earlier than September 2022. Letters must be signed, dated and include contact information of the letter writer.
3. Sealed official school transcript or secure electronic transcript (including Fall 2022 semester grades)
4. A typed essay of 400 to 500 words where you: **"Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it"**. The essay will be graded on how well the topic is addressed, along with spelling, grammar and punctuation.
5. One 4x6 color professional, portrait type photo of yourself (no selfies). It will be used for scholarship program booklet and/or virtual slideshow presentation.

Application packets are to be submitted via U.S. Postal Service or attached in one email; except transcript must be sealed and mailed via US Postal Service. Failure to abide by any of the above criteria will result in disqualification for scholarship consideration.

The deadline for submission of an application package is **Thursday, March 9, 2023** (postmark acceptable). All complete application packages should be emailed to TAOScholarship2020@gmail.com or mailed to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter
PO Box 92109
Long Beach, California 90809-2109
Attention: Scholarship Chair

Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Sincerely,

Denise Barker
Scholarship Chair
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter

Terri Williams
President
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Confidential)

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Date of Birth

High School

Applicant lives with: ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Foster Parent ____ Guardian
____ Kinship Care ____ Other (specify) _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

In high school, my favorite subject is: _____

In college, I plan to major in: _____

My occupational/career goal is: _____

List high school activities, honors, awards and offices held. Include number of semesters you have been involved (i.e., Student Government – 3 semesters; Track & Field – 2 semesters).

List non-school activities (i.e., employment, youth group, community service/volunteer, summer programs, church group). Include time spent (i.e., one time per week; 2 times per month).

I am applying for admission to the following colleges and universities:

Acceptances received: _____

Scholarships/grants awarded or expected: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship opportunity?

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy is of paramount importance and all information submitted by applicants and parents/guardians shall remain confidential and will not be shared with any outside organization.

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' INFORMATION

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

What is the family's total annual contribution to this applicant's college education? If none, explain. Add any other information which you think would be helpful to the committee, including special circumstances:

We believe the information, provided on this financial form, to be true and correct to the best of our ability. Should the information be found otherwise, we understand this would void The Pearl Foundation Scholarship, which may be granted.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____