



Deadline extended to April 16, 2018

2018 Scholarship Application

MARJORIE M. HERBERT HBCU SCHOLARSHIP

For Continuing HBCU College Students

PEARLS OF WISDOM FOUNDATION INCORPORATED

P. O. Box 2372

Morristown, NJ 07962-2372

PEARLS OF WISDOM FOUNDATION, INC. ON BEHALF OF PI THETA OMEGA CHAPTER

The Pearls of Wisdom Foundation is a 501c3 organization established for educational and charitable purposes. The Pearls of Wisdom Foundation provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors seeking to attain higher education, provides services to the community and promotes educational activities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ® - Pi Theta Omega Chapter was chartered on May 31, 1986. This marked the establishment of the first African American Greek Letter organization in Morristown, NJ and the beginning of what will be a long legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha sisterhood and service to the community.

The Marjorie M. Herbert Scholarship is given to a student who plans to enroll or who currently attends an historically black college or university (HBCU). The scholarship is named after Mrs. Marjorie M. Herbert who attended and graduated from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, an historically Black university. She is a Charter member of Pi Theta Omega and a dedicated Morris County Community leader.

Eligibility Criteria for Continuing HBCU Students:

- ❖ Be an African American college student continuing his/her education at an HBCU
- ❖ Be a resident of Morris County and/or a former participant in a Pi Theta Omega high school program
- ❖ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ❖ Be able to attend the Chapter's Scholarship Awards Presentation Event tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018

To be considered for the Marjorie M. Herbert HBCU Scholarship, the completed application including all recommendations and transcripts must be postmarked by April 16, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Completed application packets should be mailed to:
Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372.

**2018 Marjorie M. Herbert HBCU Scholarship Application
For Continuing Enrolled HBCU Students ONLY**

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Home Phone No. _____ E-mail address _____

High School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a current or past resident of Morris County, NJ?

YES ____ NO ____

Have you been a previous recipient of a scholarship from Pi Theta Omega?

YES ____ NO ____

Have you ever been a participant in any Pi Theta Omega high school program such as ASCEND?

YES ____ NO ____

List any relatives that are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® and their current chapter(s).

NAME/RELATIONSHIP

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Additional Requirements

The following items must accompany this application:

1. Two letters of recommendation – Both can be from an academic college professor **Or** one can be from an academic college professor while the other can be from a minister, coach, high school teacher or employer (*or other adult*). Please do not send recommendations from family members.

2. 300 - 500 word essay. Topic choices are A or B listed below: Select one.
 - A. Please tell us about a role model in your life. Explain how this person has influenced your life and your ability to mentor others.

 - B. When a sports athlete first took a knee, it was reportedly as a way to show support for disenfranchised people in the United States and to protest police brutality. Since then many athletes and celebrities have taken a knee. However, others have seen the taking a knee as disrespectful to those who serve in our armed forces. Do you think taking a knee is the right way to protest? Do you think it is offensive to the men and women who serve/served in the armed forces?

3. Your official college transcript should be mailed directly to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, PO Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372. The transcript should be in a sealed envelope on school letterhead.

I acknowledge that attendance is required at the Pi Theta Omega Scholarship Awards Presentation on June 16, 2018. _____

Signature

Instructions for Submitting Application

Submitting entire application by regular mail. The entire application can be mailed by April 16, 2018 to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372. This includes the following checklist:

- Completed Application Form*
- Initial Acceptance letter from a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)*
- Answer to one of the provided essay questions.*
- Two Letters of Recommendation of which one is from a College academic teacher*
- Official College transcript (in sealed envelope) mailed directly to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation*
- Acknowledgement that attendance is required at the Pearls of Wisdom Scholarship Awards Presentation*

OR

Submitting application by a combination of email and regular mail. The application can be submitted by two methods: email and regular mail.

The following documents can be scanned and emailed by April 16, 2018 to ptoeducation@gmail.com.

- Completed Application Form*
- Initial Acceptance letter from a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)*
- Answer to one of the provided essay questions*
- Acknowledgement that attendance is required at the Pearls of Wisdom Scholarship Awards Presentation*

The documents listed below can be sent via regular mail postmarked by April 16, 2018 to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372. *It is the responsibility of student to ensure that all required documents are sent.*

- Two** *Letters of Recommendation of which one is from a College Academic Teacher.*
- Official College Transcript (in sealed envelope) mailed directly to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372.*

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE April 16, 2018.

If you have questions concerning the application, please contact: Diane Brown-Blair at ptoeducation@gmail.com.

Applications can also be downloaded and printed from the website – pithetaomega.com.

All selections are made anonymously.