



# **Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Incorporated 2020 Scholarship Application**

**Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Incorporated  
P.O. Box 2372  
Morristown, NJ 07962-2372**

# PEARLS OF WISDOM FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

*The Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc., is a 501c3 organization established for educational and charitable purposes and is the charitable arm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Pi Theta Omega Chapter. 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. For the past 32 years, Pi Theta Omega has offered scholarships to students in the Morris County area.*

## Eligibility Criteria:

- ❖ Be an African-American high school senior
- ❖ Reside or attend school in Morris County or be a participant in the Pi Theta Omega high school program
- ❖ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ❖ Be accepted and plan to enroll at a four-year college or university
- ❖ Be able to attend Pi Theta Omega's Scholarship Awards Presentation tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020

## Additional Criteria:

- ❖ *Be an active participant in the community*
- ❖ *Pursue a degree in Education or Social Work*
- ❖ *Pursue a degree in Math or Science*
- ❖ *Participate in one or more extra-curricular activities*

In order to be considered for any of the available Pi Theta Omega scholarships, the completed application, all recommendations, and transcript must be postmarked or emailed **by April 17, 2020**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

# Scholarships Available

There are (5) scholarship types available, of which, each can have multiple students awarded. As an applicant **you only need to complete one application to be eligible for any of the five (5) listed below:**

The **Pearls of Wisdom Scholarship** is awarded to graduating high school seniors seeking to attain higher education, provides services to the community and promote educational activities. The scholarship is named after the charitable arm of Pi Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®.

The **Marjorie Herbert Scholarship** is awarded 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. Continuing HBCU students are also eligible for this award (rising college Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors).

The **Princess Anne Millard Scholarship** is awarded to eligible graduating high school seniors who have excelled academically, participated actively in extra-curricular and community activities, and who intends to pursue undergraduate studies in education or a related social science area. The scholarship is named after Mrs. Princess Anne Millard who became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® in 1949 while attending what was then known as Virginia State College (now university) in Petersburg, VA. As a charter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Pi Theta Omega Chapter, Mrs. Millard held two major offices and served on several committees. She is a founding member of the chapter's Education Committee, which administers its scholarship program annually. In December of 2008, Mrs. Millard funded the "Princess Anne Millard Scholarship," under the umbrella of the Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc.

The **Mitzi Abney Wisdom Scholarship** is awarded to a deserving student with a GPA or 3.0 or higher who plans to further their education in the area of math or science and be actively engaged in one or more extracurricular activities through school or community. Examples of activities include sports teams, academic clubs (debate team, student government, language clubs, etc.), visual and performing arts (drama performance, dance, art shows/exhibits), or mentorship and personal development organizations (Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Girl Scouts, etc.). Ms. Abney-Wisdom graduated from Dickinson College with a degree in Spanish/Education, became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated® in 1974, and is a charter member and former President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Theta Omega Chapter.

The **Vera Blossom Scholarship** is awarded to a student pursuing social work or has a passion for helping connect our society across generations. Ms. Vera Blossom graduated from Benedict College in South Carolina with a degree in Biology, became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated in 1968, and a charter member and former President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Theta Omega Chapter. After a number of years teaching, working in corporate America, and various others areas, Ms. Blossom grew more passionate the connection between young and older adults. She then decided to pursue a degree in Social Work. Ms. Blossom received her Masters in Social Work at Rutgers University while working full-time.

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## 2020 Scholarship Application

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Scale

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

**NAME/RELATIONSHIP**

**CHAPTER**

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Are you currently or have you been a participant in a Pi Theta Omega Program for high school students? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

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List any honors or awards received while in high school, with corresponding dates:

**AWARD(s)**

**DATE RECEIVED**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List academic and community **organizations** of which you are/were a member and indicate any offices held:

<b>Organizations</b>	<b>Offices Held</b>	<b>Years/Duration</b>

In what extra-curricular activities have you participated while in high school? Please list with years.

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In pursuing a college education, what are your intended career plans?

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List accredited colleges or universities to which you have applied. Please indicate if you have received an acceptance notice from any of these schools.

**Schools to which Applied**

**Accepted (yes/no/pending)**

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Have you made a decision as to which school you plan to attend? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If so, please indicate which school you plan to attend in the fall:

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Is this school an HBCU? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of the acceptance letter from the college you plan to attend.**

# ***GUIDANCE COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM***

This section is to be completed by your High School Guidance Counselor.

Guidance Counselor's name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print*

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please evaluate the student based on the following criteria using the scale below; 5 being the highest, 1 being the lowest. Please circle the number that is the most applicable.

	Highest			Lowest	
Academic Performance	5	4	3	2	1
Intellectual Promise	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1
Motivation	5	4	3	2	1
Communication/Interpersonal Skills	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation	5	4	3	2	1

2. Please list three (3) words to describe the student:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This form should be sent in a sealed envelope to the Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372.**

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The following items must accompany this application:

1. Two (2) letters of recommendation--one from an academic teacher **and** one from a minister, coach, or employer (*or another adult*). Please do not send recommendations from family members.
2. 300-500 word essay. Topic choices are A or B or C listed below:
  - 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. As an African-American student, what positive impact will attending an HBCU institution have on your future endeavors?
  - C. Social media has become a prominent part of our everyday lives. Give examples of ways in which social media has been helpful and has contributed positively to how we live our lives. Similarly, provide examples of how social media has a negative impact on our everyday lives. What changes, if any, would you like to see in social media?
3. **Your high school transcript should be in a sealed envelope on school letterhead and mailed directly to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372.**

## Instructions for Submitting Application

**Submitting entire application by regular mail.** The entire application can be mailed by April 17, 2020 to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc., *P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372.* This includes the following checklist

- Completed Application Form
- Acceptance letter from College or University
- Answer to one of the provided essay questions
- Acknowledgement that attendance is required at the Pearls of Wisdom Scholarship Awards Presentation. Typed or emailed acknowledgement with entire application acceptable
- Guidance Counselor Recommendation Form
- Letter of Recommendation from an Academic Teacher
- Letter of Recommendation from Minister, Coach or Employer, (or another adult, non-family member)
- Official High School Transcript (in sealed envelope) mailed directly to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc.



## 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 17, 2020 to [ptoeducation@gmail.com](mailto:ptoeducation@gmail.com).

- Completed Application Form
- Acceptance letter from College or University
- Answer to one of the provided essay questions
- Acknowledgement that attendance is required at the Pearls of Wisdom Scholarship Awards Presentation. Typed or emailed acknowledgement with entire application acceptable.

The documents listed below can be sent via regular mail postmarked by April 17, 2020 to: Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc. *P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962-2372. In some circumstances, the high school guidance department may bundle all of these documents and mail them in one package. It is the responsibility of student to ensure that all required documents are sent by deadline.*

- Guidance Counselor Recommendation Form
- Letter of Recommendation from an Academic Teacher
- Letter of Recommendation from Minister, Coach or Employer, (or other adult, non-family member)
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**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED/EMAILED ON OR BEFORE  
April 17, 2020**

If you have questions concerning the application, please contact: Georgie Ariano at  
[ptoeducation@gmail.com](mailto:ptoeducation@gmail.com).

Applications can also be downloaded and printed from the website – [pithetaomega.com](http://pithetaomega.com).

***All scholarships selections are made anonymously.***