



2018 Scholarship Application

For Graduating High School Seniors

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

PEARLS OF WISDOM FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

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. For the past 25 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 PTO ASCEND 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 the Chapter's Scholarship Awards Presentation Event tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2018*

*In order to be considered for the Pi Theta Omega scholarship, the completed application, all recommendations, and transcript must be postmarked **by March 15, 2018**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.***

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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_____

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

NAME/RELATIONSHIP

CHAPTER

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:

Organizations	Offices Held

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

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

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:

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 letters of recommendation - one from an academic teacher **and** one from a minister, coach, 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:
 - 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 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 March 15, 2018 to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, 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
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Official High School Transcript (in sealed envelope) mailed directly to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation

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 March 15, 2018 to 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

The documents listed below can be sent via regular mail postmarked by March 15, 2018 to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, *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.*

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ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE
March 15, 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.