



**Deadline Extended to April 16, 2018**

2018 Scholarship Application  
**MARJORIE M. HERBERT HBCU SCHOLARSHIP**

**For Graduating High School Seniors**

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 Graduating High School Seniors:***

- ❖ Be an African American high school senior
- ❖ Reside or attend school in Morris County and/or be a participant in a Pi Theta Omega high school program
- ❖ Be accepted and plan to enroll at a four-year Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- ❖ 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

### ***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 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL Seniors**

***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**

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Are you or have you been a participant in the Pi Theta Omega high school program such as the A.S.C.E.N.D. program? \_\_\_\_\_

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**For HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS**

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

**AWARD(s)**

**DATE RECEIVED**

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

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List extra-curricular activities you have participated in while in high school:

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**For HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS**

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**

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**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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**Please attach a copy of the acceptance letter from the HBCU 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 sealed envelope to Pearls of Wisdom Foundation,  
P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07962**

## 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.**
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## 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*
- ☐ *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*
- ☐ *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 April 16, 2018 to [ptoeducation@gmail.com](mailto:ptoeducation@gmail.com).

- ☐ *Completed Application Form*
- ☐ *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 by April 16, 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.*

- ☐ *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 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](mailto:ptoeducation@gmail.com).

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

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