



2019 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, 2019

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, 2019

To be considered for the Marjorie M. Herbert HBCU Scholarship, the completed application including all recommendations and transcripts must be postmarked by April 1, 2019. 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.

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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

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. sm program or #CAP sm?

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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	Accepted (yes/no/pending)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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:

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 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. A gap year typically occurs during an academic year and is taken by a student as a break between high school graduation and entering college. What are your thoughts on a gap year? How can it benefit students entering college? What are potential downfalls?
 - 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.**
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Instructions for Submitting Application

Submitting entire application by regular mail. The entire application can be mailed by April 1, 2019 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 1, 2019 to 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, 2019 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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- 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 ON OR BEFORE April 1, 2019.

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

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

All selections are made anonymously.