



2016 Scholarship Application Packet

TWENTY PEARLS FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED
2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Monday, March 7, 2016

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Twenty Pearls Foundation Scholarships.

The Twenty Pearls Foundation, Incorporated Scholarships are available to African-American female and male students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements and application deadlines to qualify.

A panel interview will be required for all finalists, which will be held on **Saturday, April 16, 2016.**

Please note scholarship awards for recipients will be disbursed by Monday, September 5, 2016. Awards are made payable to the scholarship recipient and must be applied toward tuition, educational equipment, fees, and books.

A student is eligible for all scholarships if he/she meets the following requirements:

- **Resides in the south suburbs or attends a suburban high school or community college, or participates in a Twenty Pearls Foundation program**
- **Is a high school senior or a student transferring from a community college**
- **Has the required Grade Point Average (GPA)**
- **Demonstrates leadership, community involvement and service**
- **Submits the following documents:**
 - * **Completed application**
 - * **Official high school or community college academic transcript (sealed)**
 - * **Proof of acceptance to a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university, if available**
 - * **Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation or forms**
 - * **Resume (include academic achievements, awards and recognitions, extra-curricular activities, leadership positions, and community service participation)**
 - * **Essay**
 - * **For awards based on financial need, copies of the Student Aid Report from the applicant's FAFSA Form are required (Social security numbers can be removed)**

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Financial Need Awards (FAFSA required)

Scholarship	GPA	Eligibility	Amount
Betty George	2.75/4.0	African American Female Attending 4 Year College	\$1,000
Marva Campbell	2.0-2.9/4.0	African American Female or Male seeking Vocational Certification or Attending a 2 or 4 year College	\$500
Mae Solomon (Continuing)	2.5/4.0	African American Female Attending 4 Year College; Also open to students with learning needs*	\$500
Helen Jackson	2.0-2.9/4.0	African American Female Attending a 2 or 4 Year College	\$500
Lambda Tau Omega	3.0/4.0	African American Female or Male Attending 4 Year College	\$1,000
Stella Harden (Continuing)	3.0/4.0	African American Female Attending 4 Year College	\$1000

Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Awards

Scholarship	GPA	Eligibility	Amount
Lambda Tau Omega – Heritage Award	3.0/4.0	African American Female or Male Attending a 4 Year HBCU	\$1,000
Shirley Phillips	3.0/4.0	African American Female Attending a 4 Year HBCU	\$2,000

Academic Honors Awards

Scholarship	GPA	Eligibility	Amount
Lambda Tau Omega	3.0/4.0	African American Female or Male Attending a 4 Year College	\$1,000
Twenty Pearls Foundation Award	3.0/4.0	African American Female or Male who participated in a TPF funded program	\$1,000

Other Awards

Scholarship	GPA	Eligibility	Amount
Aspiring Baccalaureate Award	3.0/4.0	African American Female or Male who is transferring from a community college to a 4 year university	\$1,000

***The Mae Solomon award is also open to students with learning needs who have a GPA of 2.0 or better. Please include a copy of your I.E.P when applying.**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Gender: (Please check one) Female Male

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Mother's Name: _____ **Mother's Email:** _____

Father's Name: _____ **Father's Email:** _____

Desired TPF Award _____

(Please write the specific award as listed on page 3, for which you are applying)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School or Community College: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

_____ of _____
CLASS RANK GPA

College(s) you plan to attend:

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----|-----------|----|
| 1. _____ | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Top Choice School Name City State | Applied? | | Accepted? | |
| 2. _____ | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Second Choice School Name City State | Applied? | | Accepted? | |
| 3. _____ | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Third Choice School Name City State | Applied? | | Accepted? | |

Anticipated Major Field(s) of Study: _____

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RESUME AND ESSAY

- Please submit a typed **resume** including:
 - Academic achievements
 - Awards and recognitions
 - Extra-curricular and school activities, including leadership positions
 - Participation in community service programs, youth organizations, church, or any other pertinent information

- Please include a 500 word typed **essay** which includes the following:
 - A description of your character
 - Your academic and collegiate goals
 - Your long-term career goals and future meaningful contributions to the African American community
 - Why you believe you should receive the desired scholarship

General Information- (Must check box below)

Your resume and essay must be typed. The Twenty Pearls Foundation, Incorporated reserves the right to eliminate any incomplete, late, or illegible applications and supporting documents. If you are awarded a scholarship, fall schedules must be submitted via mail to the Twenty Pearls Foundation, Incorporated P.O. Box or via email to tpfscholarships@ltoaka.org by Monday, July 25, 2016 or your scholarship will be forfeited.

I have read and comply with the above general information.

To be considered, your application packet must be completed and received on or before Monday, March 7, 2016. Please be sure to ask the post office to weigh packet for exact postage.

Applications can also be e-mailed to tpfscholarships@ltoaka.org. Applications, letters of recommendation, and transcripts can also be mailed to:

Twenty Pearls Foundation, Incorporated
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1516
Matteson, IL 60443

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Chairperson
Kristin Hamb by email tpfscholarships@ltoaka.org

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RECOMMENDATION FORM #1

Section I: To be completed by Applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

Section II: To be completed by a teacher, counselor, or administrator who knows the applicant well enough to answer questions about the applicant's leadership skills. The person completing this section must not be related to the applicant.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you been acquainted? _____

Please give your personal appraisal of the applicant by checking the appropriate box:

Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Know
Scholastic Achievement					
Academic Potential					
Leadership Skills					
Initiative and Drive					
Goal Setting					
Classroom Participation					
Response to Criticism					

What are the characteristics that make you believe this applicant will be a successful college student? _____

Comment on the Applicant's judgment, maturity, and leadership skills.

PLEASE SEAL AND RETURN COMPLETED FORM IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE APPLICANT

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

School/Organization _____

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RECOMMENDATION FORM #2

Section I: To be completed by Applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

Section II: To be completed by a church/community leader or someone who knows the applicant well enough to answer questions about the applicant's leadership skills. The person completing this section must not be related to the applicant.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you been acquainted? _____

Please give your personal appraisal of the applicant: by checking the appropriate box

Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Do Not Know
Leadership Skills					
Initiative and Drive					
Goal Setting					
Extra-Curricular Participation					
Response to Criticism					

What are the characteristics that make you believe this applicant will be a successful college student? _____

Provide an example of the applicant's judgment, maturity, and leadership skills.

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Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____