



March 20, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The Pearls by the Lake Foundation has the purposeful goal to improve community life and further the educational aspirations of Black and African American high school graduates of Kaufman and Rockwall counties. Our Foundation, in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated*, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter, is pleased to announce the 2024 Pearls by the Lake Foundation Scholarship. There are a total of five scholarships to be awarded of \$1,000.00 each for 2024 eligible graduating seniors.

Award Benefits and Requirements:

Each awarded amount of \$1,000.00 to individual scholarship recipients is intended to defray the cost of attending an undergraduate college or university and support the goal of students matriculating into an institution of higher education.

The award is a non-recurring scholarship that is also non-transferable. Award monies must be used in the academic year following the year of the award announcement - (i.e., the 2024 recipient must use award monies during the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year).

Eligibility:

- Must be a Black or African American 2024 graduating senior attending a local high school.
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 for \$1,000.00 awards.
- Plan to attend a two or four-year college/university.
- Must attend a high school within Kaufman or Rockwall County, Texas.

Application and Selection Process:

A copy of the application will be provided with this cover letter for counselor and student distribution. Students may print, complete, scan and email or mail the form to the contact information below. Additional information and copies of the application are available at pbtlfoundation@gmail.com. Scholarship recipients will be selected by April 25, 2024.

Pearls by the Lake Foundation

P.O. Box 1394 - Forney, Texas 75046
pbtlfoundation.org

Submission Details:

Submit the scholarship application to Mrs. Stephania Byrdsong O'Neal via email at pbtlfoundation@gmail.com by no later than Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:59 PM, or;

Submit the scholarship application to Mrs. Stephania Byrdsong O'Neal via U.S. postal mail to the following address, postmarked no later than April 25, 2024 to:

**Pearls by the Lake Foundation
P.O. Box 1394
Forney, Texas 75126**

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Stephania Byrdsong O'Neal at msstephania@gmail.com, or via cell at (214) 478-2450.

Regards,

Stephania Byrdsong O'Neal
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Pearls by the Lake Foundation

Evelyn Kelly
President

Pearls by the Lake Foundation

Gloria Wilson
President

Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega





Pearls by the Lake Foundation
in conjunction with
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter
Class of 2024 Scholarship
Application

Pearls By The Lake Scholarship \$1,000.00

Who is Eligible?

- 2024 Graduating Senior from a Rockwall or Kaufman County high school
- Black and African-American males and females
- Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Acceptance to a Two-year or Four-year College/University

Attach the Required Documentation:

- Official Transcript
- A copy of a college or university acceptance letter
- Essay
- Recent photograph (Photographs will not be returned)

Instructions: Transcripts can be sent via email or mail. If mailed, it must be postmarked on or before April 25, 2024, and must be received by April 30, 2024.

1. Please complete the entire application.
2. The application should be typed but can be legibly handwritten.
3. The application can also be found at the respective school counselor or academic advisor's office. Applications can also be sent directly to the student via email request to pbtlfoundation@gmail.com.
4. Application deadline is April 25, 2024.

Section 1: Personal Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Section 2: High School Information

Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Cumulative GPA:
Date of Graduation:

Section 3: College/University Information *Evidence of enrollment must be provided to receive a scholarship
University/college(s) to which you have been accepted for admission:
Major Area(s) of Study:

Section 4: Extra-curricular Activities/Community Service ** Please list your community service or involvement in civic organizations. Also, include any leadership roles you have held.
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Section 5: Essay Requirements

On a separate page please type in 300 words or less, an essay describing:

1. How will receiving this scholarship impact your higher educational journey?
2. What does community service mean to you?

Attestations

I (we) certify that the information that I (we) have provided in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my (our) information and belief and that the essay was solely written by me (the applicant).

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature: (if applicant is under 18)

Date:

I (we) give permission to Pearls By the Lake Foundation, Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter, to publicize, market, advertise, and or post my (our) image and likeness in any media campaigns, radio, television, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and any other social media outlets it deems necessary to publicize and share with others that I have been selected to receive a scholarship. I acknowledge that I (we) will not be compensated for such advertisement or publicity.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature (if applicant is under 18):

Date:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY TO THE
FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS BY 11:59 pm, April 25, 2024**

pbtlfoundation@gmail.com

SEND TO:

Pearls By The Lake Foundation

Attn: Stephania Byrdsong O'Neal, Education Chairman

P. O. Box 1394

Forney, TX 75126