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Iota Lambda Omega Chapter  
Howard County, Maryland

## 2023 Scholarship Application Guidelines

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Pearl Foundation, Incorporated is to support broad educational, charitable, and community service programs that uphold the mission and values of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in the communities we serve.

### Criteria:

- Applicants must be Howard County residents.
- Applicants must be high school seniors but do not have to attend a Howard County high school.
- If selected, applicants must be officially enrolled in a 2- or 4-year postsecondary institution the semester immediately following the date of the Pearl Foundation Scholarship award to receive the funds.
- Immediate family members of Pearl Foundation, Incorporated members are ineligible. Immediate family members are defined as children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws, adopted, half and step members.
- Applicants with the highest scoring applications will be interviewed before a panel. One applicant will be chosen for each scholarship.

### Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application form
2. Resume that includes:
  - a. Academic achievements
  - b. Award and recognitions
  - c. School activities
  - d. Community service activities
  - e. Leadership positions held
3. An official transcript that includes 1<sup>st</sup> semester senior grades
4. Two reference letters:
  - a. One from a guidance counselor or teacher on school letterhead
  - b. One from community member that includes contact information

**Upload reference letters to:** <https://tinyurl.com/pfincrecommendations>

5. 150 to 500-word essay(s) appropriate for the scholarship the applicant is applying for

**Important Note:** Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, school activities, community service, and essay. Students will be notified of scholarship application status by Friday, March 31, 2023. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***

**Access the scholarship application at** <https://tinyurl.com/PearlFoundIncScholarshipApp23>.

You will be prompted to login to your Google account or create a Google account to enter your responses.

Send questions to [pearlfoundationincscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:pearlfoundationincscholarships@gmail.com).

**\*\*COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023\*\***



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**The following scholarships will be offered:**

***Pearl Foundation Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Scholarship - \$8,000***  
***(\$2,000 will be awarded each year over a four-year period if minimum 2.8 grade point average is maintained)***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend an HBCU **upon matriculation from high school**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Pearl Foundation Black-Eyed Susan Scholarship - \$3,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend a college or university located in the state of Maryland
2. Provide a 250-word essay answering the question, "Why did you choose a Maryland college/university?"
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Pearl Foundation Standing for Change Scholarship - \$2,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Provide a 250-word essay that demonstrates your commitment to creating positive change in your school and/or community in the areas of equity or social justice
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in the Performing Arts Scholarship - \$1,500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be in a formal leadership role and be in the performing arts (theater, music, dance, choir)
2. Plan to continue in the performing arts in college
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8
4. Submit a 30-second video, or some other documentation if chosen as a finalist

***Pearl Foundation Leadership and Dedication in Athletics Scholarship - \$1,500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be active in a school- or community-sponsored sport (if school-sponsored, at the varsity level) for at least 2 years
2. Plan to continue in athletics in college
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Pearl Foundation Evolving Scholar Scholarship - \$2,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Have shown progressive academic improvement over four years
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

***Pearl Foundation Local Community College Scholarship-Current Student - \$1,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Reside in Howard County
2. Attend a community college with at least one semester completed
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5



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***Pearl Foundation Local Community College Scholarship-First Time Student - \$1,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend a community college in Fall 2023 as a ***first time, full-time*** student
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

***Anna V. Waters Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Pursue a degree in the health professions (scholarship honors the life and work of health professionals)
2. Demonstrate impactful community service
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Chartering President Grace M. Dixon Scholarship - \$1000***

To be eligible, the applicant must be a student attending a 4-year college

***Claudia M. Gaines Scholarship - \$6,000 (Additional Essay Required)***

To be eligible the applicant must:

1. Pursue higher educational opportunities and have *dire and unusual financial need*, along with credible academic potential. **Explanation of need must be included in the required essay.**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Glance Forward Scholarship - \$1,500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Plan to attend a college or university in Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia, or Texas
2. Pursue a degree in health sciences (e.g., social work, nursing, public health)
3. Hold membership in an organization with demonstrated community service participation
4. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

***The Harley "Reach" Scholarship - \$1000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend an HBCU
2. Be a first-generation student with financial need
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

***Jean West Lewis Scholarship - \$2,000 (Additional Essay Required)***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Have *dire and unusual financial need*, along with credible academic potential. **Explanation of need must be included in the required essay.**
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.8

***Joan Hash HBCU Scholarship - \$2,500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend an HBCU
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5



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***LaVarne Burton HBCU Scholarship - \$3,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Plan to attend an HBCU
2. Have a grade point average of 2.8

***Margaret Williamson Smith Memorial Community Service Scholarship - \$2500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be accepted/enrolled in a 2-year/4-year college program leading to a baccalaureate degree
2. Be creative, compassionate, kind, persistent, have an excellent work ethic, show a commitment to helping others, and have a strong record of community service and activism

***Maurice La June Crouse Scholarship - \$750***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Plan to attend a community college
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.0

***Dr. Myra J. Smith Teacher Education Scholarship - \$1000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Pursue a degree in elementary education and teaching or business administration and management
2. Demonstrate leadership, community service, and scholarship
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.5

***Reese C. Knox Memorial Business Scholarship - \$2000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Pursue a degree in management, accounting, advertising, or other field related to business
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

***Dr. Robert J. Booth Health Sciences Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Pursue a career in health sciences
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

***Rudolph J. and Constance W. Jordan (STEM) Scholarship - \$1,500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
2. Pursue a degree in a STEM related field
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

***Roslyn Terborg-Penn Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a female student who is planning to attend an HBCU in the upcoming academic year
2. Complete at least 50 hours of community service by the time of application submission. Please include documentation (i.e., a certificate of completion or letter from the service organization) with the application.
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0



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***Wilbert and Lillie Dozier Scholarship - \$1,000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a student pursuing a career in the social sciences (sociology, political science, philosophy, anthropology, psychology, economics, linguistics, history, etc.)
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

***Yvonne Harrison Scholarship - \$1000***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a male student pursuing a degree at an HBCU
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

**The following book awards will be offered:**

***Annie G. Henry Memorial Book Award - \$500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Pursue a degree in science
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

***Norvice Goodwin Penny Performing Arts Book Award - \$500***

To be eligible, the applicant must pursue a degree in the performing arts.

***Queenie Walls-Randall Memorial Book Award - \$500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be female student pursuing a degree in the field of science (e.g., biology, physics, pre-medicine, etc.)
2. Submit a personal statement explaining the importance of higher education (maximum 500 words)
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0

***Shirley Levi Harris Memorial Book Award - \$500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Pursue a career in health sciences or STEM
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5

***Fall 2013 Line Book Award (2) - \$500***

To be eligible, the applicant must be a female student who plans to attend college and has a financial need.

***Waters-Hassan Book Award - \$500***

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Attend a community college or 4-year HBCU
2. Have a grade point average of 2.0-2.7