

The Chester Pearls Foundation
in collaboration with
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Tau Delta Omega Chapter



2023 Academic Scholarship Application

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 17, 2023**

**Chester Pearls Foundation
3402 Edgmont Avenue #347
Brookhaven, PA 19015
Email: AKATDOCPFScholarship@gmail.com
Robin Myers – CPF President
Michelle Hill – CPF Scholarship Chair**

Dear Applicant:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908 as the Sorority for Black women in higher education. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. currently has chapters on the college and alumni levels in most of the fifty states, the West Indies, England, Germany, Korea, Japan, and Dubai. The Tau Delta Omega Chapter, chartered in the city of Chester in 1991, is the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Our mission is to support the growth and development of the city and its people.

The Chester Pearls Foundation was established in 2002 and incorporated in 2003. The purpose of the foundation is to facilitate educational advancement of youth, to alleviate problems in the community and to carry out the goals of Tau Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It serves as the philanthropic arm of this local chapter of the sorority.

The Chester Pearls Foundation annually awards financial assistance to Delaware County college-bound high school seniors. The funding is applied towards tuition for the first year of college. Areas that are reviewed by the Committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, Recommendations, Essay, and Personal Interview. Students interested in applying must be graduating seniors who have been accepted into an accredited college or university, vocational or technical school. Applicants are required to submit a completed application packet that includes the following:

- **A completed application form**
- **500 (minimum) word essay, typed double-spaced essay**
- **An official high school transcript**
- **Copy of acceptance letter**
- **One letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor**

Complete application packets must be emailed to:

Chester Pearls Foundation

AKATDOCPFScholarship@gmail.com

Application materials must be received on or before April 17, 2023

Incomplete or late application packets will NOT BE considered by the committee.

NOTE: The selection process may include a personal interview for applicant finalists. If you are selected as a finalist, you will be notified to schedule an interview if applicable. The Chester Pearls Foundation pays scholarship awards directly to the recipient's chosen school. **Questions may be directed to Michelle Hill at AKATDOCPFScholarship@gmail.com** The scholarship will be forfeited if the recipient does not attend an accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational or technical school in the fall of the current school year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please type all responses)

Name _____ DOB: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Parent/Guardians Name(s): _____

High School: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Extra-Curricular High School Activities:

Community Service Activities:

School attending in the fall of 2023: _____

(Please attach a copy of your acceptance letter).

Intended major _____

Essay Questions

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to **ONE** of the following topics. (Minimum of 500 words typed and double-spaced.)

- What has motivated you to pursue a college degree? List three ways that you will use your degree to impact your community.
- Name someone that has a major influence on your life. Provide positive characteristics that you and this person share? How has this person motivated you to pursue your dreams?
- What is a community service initiative that you would like to start in your city, and why would you like to pursue it? What has inspired you to create this initiative? How would you go about achieving this initiative and who will benefit from it?

Essay Guidelines

1. Include your essay choice as the title and speak to that topic.
2. Provide examples and give references where applicable.
3. Essay should be typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper (8.5 X 11 inches).
4. Edit your essay for correct spelling and punctuation.
5. Have pages numbered consecutively in the upper right corner.

Application Checklist

Have you...

- Fully completed the application by neatly filling in all blanks.
- Secured all necessary signatures.
- Received a written letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor.
- Included an official high school transcript.
- Followed the essay guidelines and included the essay with the application.
- All of the above documents **MUST** be received by April 17th. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted or reviewed.



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Date Received _____ School _____ Applicant # _____