**TWENTY PEARLS FOUNDATION, INC.**

2020 **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Application Deadline: Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Dear Applicant,

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

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual panel interview will be required for all finalists**.**

Please note scholarship awards for recipients will be disbursed by October 1, 2021. Awards are made payable to the scholarship recipient after submission of documentation and proof of enrollment. **Monies must be applied toward tuition, educational equipment, fees, or books.**

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

* **Is a high school senior who resides in the south suburbs, attends a south suburban high school, or participates in a south suburban program**
* **Has the required Grade Point Average (GPA)**
* **Demonstrates leadership, community involvement and service**
* **Submits the following documents:**
* **Completed application**
* **Official academic transcript**
* **Proof of acceptance to a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university, if available**
* **Two (2) letters of recommendation**
  + **School Counselor, Teacher, or Administrator**
  + **Church/Community Leader, Coach, or someone who can speak on the applicant’s leadership qualities outside of school**
* **Resume**
* **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)**

**Twenty Pearls Foundation, Inc. Scholarships**

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| **Financial Need Awards (FAFSA required)** | | | |
| **Scholarship** | **GPA** | **Eligibility** | **Amount** |
| Betty George Economic Empowerment | 2.75/4.0 | African American Female Attending a 4-year College | $2,500 |
| Stella Harden (Recurring)  This recurring scholarship is awarded thru 2022. | 3.0/4.0 | African American Female Attending a 4-year College | $1,000 |

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| **Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Awards** | | | |
| **Scholarship** | **GPA** | **Eligibility** | **Amount** |
| Shirley Phillips HBCU | 3.0/4.0 | African American Female Attending a 4-year HBCU | $4,000 |

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| **Academic Honors Awards** | | | |
| **Scholarship** | **GPA** | **Eligibility** | **Amount** |
| Jacqualine F. Scott Academic Honors | 3.0/4.0 | African American Female or Male Attending a 4-year College | $2,500 |
| Mae Solomon (Recurring)  This recurring scholarship is awarded thru 2023. | 3.0/4.0 | African American Female or Male Attending a 4-year College | $1,000 |

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| **Other Award** | | | |
| **Scholarship** | **GPA** | **Eligibility** | **Amount** |
| Twenty Pearls Foundation – Fine Arts | 2.5/4.0 | African American Female or Male Attending a 4-year College and majoring in Dance, Music, Theater or Art | $2,500 |

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**2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(You may type in the gray boxes and use tab to advance to the next box)

**Last Name:** **First Name:** **Middle Name:**

**Gender:** (Please check one) Female  Male

**Home Address:**

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

**Date of Birth:**

**Email Address**:

**Home Phone:**       **Cell Phone:**

**Parent/Guardian’s Name:** **Parent/Guardian’s Email:**

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Name of High School**:

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

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**CLASS RANK** **GPA (weighted)** **GPA (unweighted)**

**College(s) you plan to attend:**

1. Top School Choice:

City and State:

Applied? Accepted?

Yes  No  Yes  No

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Applied? Accepted?

Yes  No  Yes  No

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City and State:

Applied? Accepted?

Yes  No  Yes  No

**Anticipated Major Field(s) of Study:**

**Anticipated Minor Field of Study (if applicable):**

SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST

**Please consider me for the following scholarship(s): CHECK ALL THAT APPLY BASED ON THE ABOVE DESCRIPTIONS.**

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| **FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIP** |  |
| **Betty George Economic Empowerment Award** |  |
| **Stella Harden** |  |
| **HBCU\*** |  |
| **Shirley J. Phillips HBCU Award** |  |
| **ACADEMIC HONORS** |  |
| **Jacqualine F. Scott Academic Honors Award** |  |
| **OTHER** |  |
| **Twenty Pearls Foundation – Fine Arts Award** |  |
| **Mae Solomon – Continuing** |  |

**\*Please note: If you are awarded an HBCU Scholarship and you do not attend an HBCU in the Fall of 2021-2022, you will forfeit your award.**

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

**I have read and understand the above general information. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge.**

**(Electronic) Signature of Applicant Date**

**To be considered, your application packet must be completed and received by Saturday, May 1, 2021.**

Paper applications must be mailed to**:**

Twenty Pearls Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 1516

Matteson, IL 60443

Electronic applications must be received in the following manner **ONLY**:

Please attach the application, resume, essay, official transcript, both letters of recommendation, acceptance letters, and Student Aid Report (if applicable) in **ONE** email. **Please include the Student Name and School in the Subject line.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Scholarship Chairperson,

Ms. Stephanie Adams, by email at scholarship@tpfinc.org.

**Before submitting, please check to**

**make sure you have included:**

* **Your Application**
* **Your Official Transcript**
* **Your Student Aid Report (*if applicable*)**
* **Your Acceptance Letters**
* **Your Resume**
* **Your Essay**
* **2 Letters of Recommendation**