



PEARLS and IVIES SERVING MONTCLAIR NJ and BEYOND
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PO BOX 876
MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

February 2021

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Pearls & Ivies Serving Montclair NJ and Beyond Nonprofit Corporation and Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated are pleased to invite college bound students to apply for one of our 2021 Scholarships.

Pearls & Ivies Serving Montclair NJ and Beyond Foundation was formed in 2017, based on an already existing tradition with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Omicron Xi Omega chapter of giving and sharing in the local communities and throughout the world. The mission of Pearls & Ivies Foundation is to address the needs of the community and encourage continued education by offering service programs, extending scholarships to students in need, and partnering with other community based organizations with similar goals and interests.

Since 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has implemented programs that impact countless lives by providing "Service to all Mankind." The current International Program focuses on **Exemplifying Excellence through Sustainable Service**. Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are addressing community needs with service initiatives in five target areas:

- The **HBCU for Life: A Call to Action** The goal is to stamp the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand of financial support on each HBCU campus to help students remain in school, complete their course of study, and receive their college degrees.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha's **Women's Healthcare and Wellness** target continues to focus on strong health awareness through breast cancer awareness and prevention, heart health, nutrition and wellness, and care for the caregivers.
- Under the **Arts** target, students are exposed to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through the exploration of writers, entertainers and various other artists.
- The **Building your Economic Legacy** target focuses on financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investments, managing debt, and improving credit.
- Through the **Global Impact target**, Alpha Kappa Alpha will engage in programming designed to enhance the international footprint of the sorority through partnerships with the following: National Global Impact Day, Global Assistance Activities, Soles 4 Souls, Lions Club International, Pillowcase Project, Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP).



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The Signature Program is #CAPSM which is the abbreviation for College Admissions Process. It is designed to assist students in their efforts to enter college by providing a hands-on approach that includes all the steps from researching various colleges to actually completing the application process.

Pearls & Ivies Serving Montclair NJ and Beyond Nonprofit Corporation and Omicron Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., focusing on Montclair, Bloomfield, and West Essex will award scholarships in four categories:

1. HBCU (Historically Black College and University)
2. STEAM Scholarship (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)
3. Community Service
4. The Doris H. Coleman Butterfly Book Scholarship

Enclosed is the scholarship application and criteria for the 2020-21 awards. **Please note that applicants are expected to follow all guidelines of the outlined process. Incomplete packages will not be considered.** Applications must be submitted to OXOSCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM or postmarked by April 30, 2021 if mailed.

All vetted applicants must be available to attend a brief interview.

Also, we encourage you to visit the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Incorporated (E.A.F) website which is www.akaef.org and apply for additional scholarships. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jasmine D. Malloy at 973-930-5899.

Sincerely,

Emily Mitchell-Nichols

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President

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Scholarship Committee Chairperson



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Criteria for ALL 2021 Scholarships

1. GPA 3.0
2. Demonstrate financial need by submitting a copy of the applicant's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/Student Aid Report (SAR)
3. An official transcript
4. One (1) letter of recommendation
5. A Personal Statement
6. Copy of College Acceptance Letter

THE HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

1. Attend a historically Black college or university

THE STEAM SCHOLARSHIP (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)

1. Pursue a college major in a STEAM field
2. Recommendation letter must come from an Art, Math, Science, or Technology teacher.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Recommendation letter must reflect community service

THE DORIS H. COLEMAN BUTTERFLY BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

The Doris H. Coleman Butterfly Book Scholarship will be awarded by Mrs. Jan Murphy, daughter of the late Doris H. Coleman. Mrs. Murphy observed her mother's affinity for butterflies that graced her flower and vegetable gardens every summer. Doris found much joy in interacting with butterflies while she was working in her gardens and while she was relaxing on her front porch. Doris was initiated to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at South Carolina State University. She took much pride in being a charter member of Omicron Xi Omega Chapter, and she was a Golden member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. It is preferred, but not required, for the student receiving this scholarship to attend her alma mater.

THE DORIS H. COLEMAN BUTTERFLY BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit an autobiographical sketch or a resume highlighting your achievements and community service including a written statement articulating how you have achieved against the odds
2. Recommendation letter must come from a teacher or guidance counselor



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

All applicants must submit a personal statement on a topic of your choice. Your essay must be typewritten using a 12 point font, double spaced, and no more than 500 words.

EXAMPLES OF SOME TOPICS

- About Yourself
- Personal Growth
- Learning From Obstacles



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1. NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

2. HOME ADDRESS:

3. CELL PHONE NUMBER:

4. EMAIL ADDRESS:

5. PARENT NAME:

6. PARENT PHONE NUMBER:

7. PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS:

8. DATE OF BIRTH:

9. NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL:

10. HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS:

11. SPECIFY SCHOLARSHIP DESIRED:

12. GRADE POINT AVERAGE/SCALE:

13. LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES



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14. LIST WORK EXPERIENCE:

15. LIST ALL COLLEGES AND/OR UNIVERSITIES WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

16. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY WHERE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

17. PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE MAJOR:

I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION AND THE FAMILY INFORMATION FORM IS TRUE.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____



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CHECK LIST

- COMPLETED APPLICATION
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
- COPY OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER
- PERSONAL STATEMENT
- COPY OF FAFSA/SAR
- WALLET-SIZE COLOR PHOTOGRAPH

DEADLINE FOR ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED

April 30, 2021