



Scholarship Program

Program Description

The Lovie's Pearls Scholarship was created to assist teen moms in the Houston Metropolitan Area seeking higher education. Recipient will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester) and will be selected on a point-based system. The scholarship may be renewed and is to be used for educational expenses while attending an accredited college or university, or approved career-based certification program. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors at the time of their application. The Scholarship is to be used for college/certification related expenses (tuition, books, fees, supplies, required course equipment).

Eligibility Criteria

Interested applicants who reside in Harris County, TX are strongly encouraged to apply for the Lovie's Pearls Scholarship Program provided you meet the following requirements:

- 1) Applicant must be a teen mom and Lovie's Pearls client. *(If pregnant, due date must be on or before April 1st).*
 - a. Applicant can apply for scholarship and Lovie's Pearls together.
 - b. Must attend one of Lovie's Pearls Money Matters Workshops
- 2) Cumulative GPA – 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; or 3.8 on a 6.0 scale (must provide current official transcript)
- 3) Essay (500 words) – What does a higher education mean for you and your baby?
- 4) Letters of Recommendation – two letters (teacher, counselor, relative, friend, pastor/minister/leader, community organization, employer). Phone number and/or email of person writing the letter **must** be included.
- 5) Proof of college/certification enrollment/acceptance
- 6) Completed application package

Application Package *(please make sure to have all required documents when application is submitted – one submission only; only exception is proof of school acceptance)*

- 1) Submit via email to scholarship@loviespearls.org or
Mail to Lovie's Pearls Scholarships, 21175 State Hwy 249 #277, Houston, TX 77070
- 2) Completed application (along with Lovie's Pearls application if required)
- 3) Official school transcript for proof of GPA
- 4) Essay
- 5) Two letters of recommendation
- 6) Proof of college/certification enrollment/acceptance *(can be submitted by April 15th to scholarship@loviespearls.org)*

Application Timeline and Important Dates

January 4, 2023	Application submission starts
March 3, 2023	Application Deadline <i>(postmarked by March 4th; email submission by 11:59pm)</i>
April 2023	Recipient/Applicants notified via phone and/or email
May 6, 2023	Recipient announced at Annual Breakfast
July 2023	Disburse 1 st Award(s) sent to recipient(s)
November 2023	Disburse 2 nd Award(s) to recipient(s)

For any questions or concerns you may contact us at scholarship@loviespearls.org or (281) 671-7519