



## 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>).*
  - 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> to [scholarship@loviespearls.org](mailto:scholarship@loviespearls.org))*

### Application Timeline and Important Dates

January 2, 2024	Application submission starts
March 1, 2024	Application Deadline <i>(postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup>; email submission by 11:59pm)</i>
April 2024	Recipient/Applicants notified via phone and/or email
May 4, 2024	Recipient announced at Annual Breakfast
July 2024	Disburse 1 <sup>st</sup> Award(s) sent to recipient(s)
November 2024	Disburse 2 <sup>nd</sup> Award(s) to recipient(s)

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