



BRONX EXECUTIVE PEARLS FUND, INC.  
SOUTH BRONX, NEW YORK  
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*“To support, advance, and provide service and education”*

Stephanie A. Simmons, President

### **Bronx Executive Pearls Fund, Inc. – Scholarship Application**

Bronx Executive Pearls Fund, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Tau Nu Omega Chapter of South Bronx, New York. Our mission is to support, advance, and provide service and education in the South Bronx Community. The scholarship is designed to provide up to \$8,000 in scholarship money over the course of four years. The scholarship is awarded to 2 high school seniors who will be attending a four-year college or University. The recipients must maintain an average of C+ to receive payments of \$1,000 each fall and spring semester, that they are enrolled in an accredited college or university as a full-time student for up to four years.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of the Bronx
- Of African descent (i.e. African-American, Caribbean, Caribbean-American, Latino, etc.)
- Attending a four-year accredited College and University in the Fall of 2024
- Applying for financial aid

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of good character and leadership abilities
- Community service
- Financial need
- Academic performance
- Extra-curricular activities and work experience

The selection of applicants is a two-part process which is as followed:

1. A written application, including two essays and two recommendations, reviewed by the scholarship committee and resulting in the selection of finalists; and
2. A personal interview for finalists in June 2024.

**DEADLINE: Applications must be RECEIVED by Friday, June 21, 2024.**

Please submit applications and/ or forward any questions to the Scholarship Chairman Ms. Vicki Cloud, via email at [vickijcloud@gmail.com](mailto:vickijcloud@gmail.com).

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## INSTRUCTION SHEET

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please read all instructions carefully.
2. Complete all sections of the application.
3. Be sure to include an official transcript and a SAT/ACT score report from your school.
4. Remember, you must apply for financial aid in order to qualify for the BEPF Scholarship.

### ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please answer each question in 2-3 pages (750 words or less).
2. All essays must be typed and double-spaced.
3. Make certain your name and a page number appear in the top right corner of each page.
4. All essays must be original pieces written by the applicant.
5. Please check spelling and grammar before submission.

### RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please use the enclosed form for all recommendations.
2. Recommendations must be submitted **WITH** the completed application.
3. Recommendations must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal or email to the Scholarship Chairman, Ms. Vicki Cloud, directly from the recommender.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Applications that are incomplete or are completed incorrectly will NOT be evaluated.**

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1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

7. Gender (circle one):                      MALE                      FEMALE

8. Citizenship Status (circle one):                      U.S. Citizen                      Permanent Resident

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of Parent /Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Cell Number of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

11. High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

12. High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Guidance Counselor or College Advisor Information:

a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. FAMILY INFORMATION**

14. Number of immediate family members in the household (including applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please list the number of children in your family under the age of 18: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are there any members of the household currently enrolled in college: YES NO

17. If yes, please list age, school attending and current year of study (part-time or full-time):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

18. G.P.A. (on a 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Please list any honors and/or awards received:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. Please list any other scholarships applied for and indicate if received:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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21. Please list all colleges to which you are applying & indicate decision:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. Please list all extracurricular activities including sports, clubs, organizations, programs, etc., and descriptions of your involvement in each (i.e. position/office held). Use attachments if necessary.

<u>Activity</u>	<u># of years</u>
a. _____	
Description _____	
b. _____	
Description _____	
c. _____	
Description _____	

23. Please list all community service activities and a description of your involvement in each (i.e. position/office held). Use attachments if necessary.

<u>Activity</u>	<u># of years</u>
a. _____	
Description _____	
b. _____	
Description _____	
c. _____	
Description _____	

24. If applicable, please list all work experience including place of employment, hours worked, positions held and length of employment:

<u>Employer Name / Telephone Number</u>	<u>Hours per week</u>	<u>Date of Employment</u>
a. _____		
Position / Description _____		
b. _____		
Position / Description _____		
c. _____		
Position / Description _____		

### III. ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer both essay questions (typewritten in 750 words or less) and attach your answers to the application. Essays should be the original work of the applicant.

1. Describe someone in your community who is a role model. Why is this person a role model to you?
2. If you had the power to change one thing (a) what would it be, (b) why would you change it and (c) how would you change it?

### IV. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to this application, the following are required:

1. Two letters of recommendation from a non-relative. At least one letter should be from a school official (teacher, counselor, etc.).
2. An official transcript from your school and an SAT/ACT Score Report.
3. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). You must apply for both federal and state financial aid in order to qualify for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® – Tau Nu Omega Scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Cloud via email at [vickijcloud@gmail.com](mailto:vickijcloud@gmail.com).

Email all materials for your application as a PDF in one file to: [vickijcloud@gmail.com](mailto:vickijcloud@gmail.com)

Or mail your application package to the following address:

**Bronx Executive Pearls Fund, Inc.**

P.O. Box 443 Bronx, NY 10463-0443

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

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**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any qualities, characteristics and circumstances that make this student a worthy recipient for the Bronx Executive Pearls Fund, Inc. Scholarship. Please be as specific as possible, including examples, anecdotes, etc. Please type (double-spaced) this recommendation. If necessary, you may use another sheet of paper and attach it to this form.**

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**Signature**