



## Rho Delta Omega Chapter – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 2017 Ivy and Pearls Foundation Scholarship Announcement

The Rho Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for scholarships offered through their Ivy and Pearls Foundation. Since its inception, the Ivy and Pearls Foundation has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to help aspiring youth further their education, growth and development.

In 2017, four scholarships will be awarded, and are intended to aid entering college freshmen by providing financial support based on academic merit, community engagement and need. There will be a designation of 2 of the 4 scholarships: One of the scholarships will be designated for a freshman attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) institution. One of the scholarships will also be designated for a female freshman attending a 4 year College/University majoring in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field. Completed application packages must be submitted by **March 24, 2017**. Finalists are **required** to attend the annual African- American Baccalaureate Program in San Jose, CA on **June 4, 2017**. Finalists are also **required** to provide bi-annual progress reports, which consist of four questions, by **Jan 31<sup>st</sup>** and **July 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year of freshman through senior year.

### Applicant requirements

- Be a resident of the Rho Delta Omega service area (San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties)
- Be African/African American
- Be a high school student graduating in Spring 2017
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in a two- or four-year college in Fall 2017
- Show recent community involvement

### Application package must include all of the following:

1. Completed scholarship application form indicating the scholarship for which you are applying on the application form. You may apply for only one.
  - Merit – awarded on the basis of academic achievement and community service engagement
  - Need – awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement and community service engagement
2. A photo of yourself
3. Autobiographical essay (400-500 words) addressing all three topics:
  - Educational and occupational aspirations of the applicant
  - What significant contributions have you made to the community?

- How do you plan to make an impact in the local community during your college experience?
- 4. An official high school transcript, which includes grades for the first semester of the current school year, sent from the school guidance counselor to [scholarships@ivyandpearls.org](mailto:scholarships@ivyandpearls.org). **Please ensure that your full name is in the subject line!**
- 5. Verification of a minimum of 20 hours of community service, including descriptions and dates of service sent to [scholarships@ivyandpearls.org](mailto:scholarships@ivyandpearls.org). **Please ensure that your full name is in the subject line!**
- 6. Two letters of recommendation on official letterhead (preferably from a volunteer/community service program and a high school teacher/counselor) sent to [scholarships@ivyandpearls.org](mailto:scholarships@ivyandpearls.org). **Please ensure that your full name is in the subject line!**
- 7. For all applicants, use the following letter code for salary answers contained in the application form:
  - **A** - less than \$50,000 per year
  - **B** - \$50,000 to \$75,000 per year
  - **C** - more than \$75,000 per year
- 8. For need-based applicants, demonstration of financial need through one of the following:
  - a. Completion of the attached financial data form
  - b. Copy of your FASFA Student Aid Report (**please mask SSNs**); note that this report must display your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
  - c. For emancipated minors, a letter of compelling need if the above items cannot be provided

### Restrictions

- Enrollment verification of full-time status must be provided by the institution's registrar before any funds are released. Acceptance letters are not acceptable proof of enrollment. This verification must be received by November 13, 2017.
- Current or previous Ivy and Pearls Foundation scholarship award recipients cannot apply.
- Children of Rho Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members currently on the scholarship committee are not eligible.

Submit application packages to: [scholarships@ivyandpearls.org](mailto:scholarships@ivyandpearls.org)



Contact

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All applications must be received by March 24, 2017

Incomplete packages will not be considered



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2016 Ivy and Pearls Foundation Scholarship Application Form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL ITEMS – TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Application Type (please check one) [ ] Merit [ ] Need-based
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_
High school \_\_\_\_\_ Date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_
Community service hours completed (be sure to attach verification of at least 20 hours) \_\_\_\_\_
List your community activities \_\_\_\_\_
List your extracurricular activities \_\_\_\_\_
College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Expected major \_\_\_\_\_
Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (W) \_\_\_\_\_
Employer \_\_\_\_\_
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Annual salary code \_\_\_\_\_
Father's name \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (W) \_\_\_\_\_
Employer \_\_\_\_\_
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Annual salary code \_\_\_\_\_
No. of dependents in family \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of dependents \_\_\_\_\_
Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
Signature of parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
Have you completed and submitted FAFSA:: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



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2016 Ivy and Pearls Foundation Scholarship Financial Data Form

**THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR NEED-BASED APPLICANTS ONLY**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL ITEMS – TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

1. The below financial data is provided for (please check one):

- Parent/guardian filing single
- Parent/guardian married filing single
- Parent/guardian married filing jointly
- Emancipated minor

2. Adjusted gross income (FORM 1040): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Yearly untaxed income and benefits: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate source:  Social Security  AFDC  Child Support  Other

4. Total cash, checking, savings, and cash value of stocks  
(please exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Total number of family members living in the household and  
primarily supported by the reported income: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Total number of family members attending college at least  
half-time during the next school year, including applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Marital status of parent or guardian:  
 Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  Single