



Rho Delta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Presents
2021 Ivy and Pearls Foundation Scholarship
\$1,000-\$2,000 Awards For Bay Area High School Seniors

Application Deadline: April 15, 2021 (postmarked or uploaded)

The Ivy and Pearls Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which provides scholarships to outstanding high school students in the greater Bay Area of African and African-American descent.

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) _____

Address/City/Zip _____ County _____

Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____

High School _____ Graduation Year _____

Current Unweighted GPA _____ SAT Scores (if taken) _____ ACT Scores (if taken) _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____ [] Retired [] Unemployed

Mother's Highest Level of Education (circle): Elementary High School College Grad School

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____ [] Retired [] Unemployed

Father's Highest Level of Education (circle): Elementary High School College Grad School

Number of Siblings _____ What are their ages? _____

Family's Gross Income for 2020? [] \$0-\$50,000 [] \$50,000-\$80,000 [] \$80,000-\$125,000 [] \$125,000+

List in your own words your specific financial circumstances or hardships _____

List any honors, awards, community service hours, or special talents _____

Colleges to which you will apply _____

Intended Field of Study _____

How do you plan to pay for college? _____

Have you filed your FAFSA? Yes No If yes, Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)? \$ _____

Acknowledgement: I hereby acknowledge that the contents of this application are true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

2021 Essay Question

2020 was a trying year for so many reasons—COVID-19, the murder of George Floyd, school closures, the loss of socialization and human connection, political upheaval, social awakening, and more than 475,000 American lives to date lost to the Coronavirus. And yet, you must still move forward, pursue your dreams, and apply for college. With that in mind, please prepare a two-page, typed, double-spaced essay addressing any (or all) of the following questions:

What has the past year taught you about resilience? In what ways were you tested? What challenges did you personally face? What did 2020 teach you about yourself, your family, your community, or your country? And how did you overcome the challenges presented by 2020 to still pursue your dreams?

Further Application Requirements

- 2021 Scholarship Essay – no more than two (2) pages, typed and double-spaced
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation – teacher, counselor, principal, coach, or individual familiar with your personal achievements
- Official High School Transcript, including grades from Fall Semester 2020
- Verification of a minimum of twenty (20) completed community service hours

Applicant Profile

- Applicants must be of African or African-American descent
- Applicants must reside in San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Alameda County, San Francisco City/County or Contra Costa County
- Applicants may be female, male, or non-binary
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Applicant must be a high school senior, graduating in Spring 2021
- Applicant must be accepted to a two-year, four-year, or vocational college and show proof of enrollment before scholarship funds will be dispersed.

All completed application packages should be mailed to: Ivy & Pearls Foundation, P.O. Box 50054, Palo Alto, CA 94303, or submitted via email to scholarships@ivyandpearls.org by April 15, 2021.

Scholarship winners will be notified on or before May 15, 2021. Winners must attend the June Rho Delta Omega Chapter Meeting via Zoom to accept their award. Meeting details will be provided to winners.