



DC PEARLS III FOUNDATION
working together with
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.® Rho Mu Omega Chapter

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET

DC Pearls III Foundation, working together with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Rho Mu Omega Chapter annually awards college scholarships to assist Washington, D.C. high school graduates to continue their education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). Scholarships will be awarded to students who will be matriculating at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) beginning in the fall of 2024.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, and community service. Applicants must meet the general eligibility requirements and qualifications of the individual scholarship for which they apply. Applicants may apply for as many scholarships as possible but can only be awarded one scholarship.

Students May Apply for the Following 2024 Scholarship Awards

Renewable Scholarships			
Name of Scholarships	Initial Award (Freshman Year)	Possible Annual Renewal Award	Qualifying Period of Renewal (Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Years)
General Scholarship	\$5,000	\$1,000	3 Years
Presidential	\$5,000	\$1,000	3 Years
Linda Latney	\$5,000	\$1,000	3 Years
Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)	\$5,000	\$1,000	3 Years

One-Time Award Scholarships	
Name of Scholarships	One Time Award
The Arts Scholarship	\$5,000
The Sensational Silver Stars Scholarship	\$2,000
Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
The Edward and Kizzie Hayes Educational Scholarship	\$1,000
A Diamond, Pearl, and Golden Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000

Description and Disbursement of Scholarship Award Funds

The General, Presidential, Linda Latney, and STEM scholarship recipients will each receive an initial \$5,000 scholarship to be applied to the recipient's college/university account. The recipient may be eligible for up to \$1,000 scholarship renewal for an additional three (3) years, based on the availability of funds and academic record.

The Arts, Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship, The Edward and Kizzie Hayes Educational Scholarship, the Sensational Silver Stars Scholarship, and A Diamond, Pearl, and Golden Opportunity Scholarship are NOT renewable.

General Eligibility Requirements for Scholarship Applicants and Recipients

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for every scholarship award:

- Be a U. S. Citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States of America, and a District of Columbia resident.
- Be a high school graduating senior who lives and attends a public, private, or charter school in the District of Columbia and will graduate between May 2024 and August 2024.
- Have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better based on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate academic achievement. (Official Transcript)
- Demonstrate volunteer commitment of time and leadership skills to support the community.
- Be accepted and attend a Historically Black College or University in Fall 2024 as a freshman and take classes on campus, for the entire year.

Each scholarship recipient must be actively enrolled full-time as a freshman in an HBCU in Fall 2024 and for the full academic year without interruption with the following exceptions: long-term illness, emergency, or military service. Recipients are responsible for providing proof of their respective college/university enrollment. **Proof of enrollment should be sent to the email address provided on the scholarship award letter. It must come from the college's/university's Registrar's Office.**

To receive an initial scholarship award, students must submit a “**Verification of Enrollment Form**”. This verification must be submitted after the student arrives at the college/university and the student has registered for Fall 2024 classes. To be eligible for a renewal scholarship, students must submit an official transcript that verifies the student's current GPA of 3.0 or higher.

All requests for scholarship awards (initial and renewals) must be submitted to the DC Pearls III Foundation Scholarship Committee by September 15th of each school year. Award money will be electronically transferred directly to the college/ university to be applied to the student's account. The school routing number, account number, and the student's identification should be noted to ensure proper deposit into the student's account. Renewal requests must be submitted, with proof of a continuous 3.0 cumulative grade point average (official transcript).

Additionally, applicants should be available to attend the planned Scholarship Awards Ceremony to receive your scholarship award.

How to Apply

All application packets and supporting documentation must be submitted together (uploaded at one time), must come from the student's school counselor, and submitted no later than **Monday, April 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET.**

Late and incomplete application packets submitted by the school counselor will not be considered or reviewed. Application packets will not be returned to the student. The Scholarship Committee is not under any obligation to notify students of late or incomplete application packets.

Student Checklist for Applying for Scholarships

- ☐ Carefully review all the scholarship descriptions listed below.
- ☐ Decide the scholarship or scholarships for which you will apply and click on the scholarship description to apply.
- ☐ Complete the scholarship application that requires students to do the following:
 - ☐ Type your **Personal Statement**, 300-500 words, Times New Roman font, double-spaced, 12 pt. font size, correct spelling, and grammar.
 - ☐ Complete the **Essay Question** on the application that is specific to each scholarship application (300-500 words, Times New Roman font, double-spaced, 12 pt. font size, correct spelling, and grammar).
 - ☐ Include or make provision for three (3) Letters of Recommendation. One letter of recommendation should be from a counselor or school administrator. The other two letters of recommendation must be from someone very familiar with the applicant (academically and personally) but should not be from the applicant's parents or relatives. For an application to be vetted and reviewed, all recommendation letters must be on **letterhead, addressed to the DC Pearls III Foundation Scholarship Committee, dated February 2024 – April 2024**, and must be **signed**. Applications will not be reviewed and rated if not submitted as stated above. **No exceptions.**
 - ☐ There is no need to supply a picture with this application. Scholarship recipients will be asked to supply a HEADSHOT-ONLY picture when they are notified. By supplying a picture, recipients give our organization permission to use your picture in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. No royalties, fees, or other compensation shall be provided.
 - ☐ Provide signatures of the applicant and parents/guardian if the applicant is under 21 years of age.
 - ☐ **Submit the completed application by uploading all the required supporting documents.** However, if your school requires an administrator or counselor to submit your transcript and/or letter of recommendation, please upload a PLACE HOLDER DOCUMENT in those fields that just include your name, school, and the name of the scholarship for which you are applying. Please allow ample time for your school counselor or administrator to submit transcripts and letters of recommendation.
 - ☐ **After submitting your scholarship application, contact the school counselor or administrator directly to let them know you have applied for our scholarship.** Forward to them a copy of the email you will receive after submitting your scholarship application. Ask them to email your official transcript and letter of recommendation to scholarships@rhomuomega.org.

- ❑ Address the email in the following format: **Last name, First Name – High School name – and the name of the scholarship in the subject line.** (Ex: White, Paul – High School name, name of Scholarship applying).
- ❑ Include your name in the document file name for each document submitted. Your last name should appear first in the naming convention (i.e., **White_Paul_Scholarship Application, White Paul_Personal Statement, White_Paul_Scholarship Question Essay**).
- ❑ Adhere to the required deadline date of **Monday, April 15, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET.**

Special Note to School Counselor and Administrator:

After the student notifies you that a scholarship application has been submitted, please complete and sign your letter of recommendation for the student. Email your letter of recommendation and an official transcript to: scholarships@rhomuomega.org. Address the email in the following format: **Student's Last Name, First Name-High School Name-Name of the scholarship in the subject line.**

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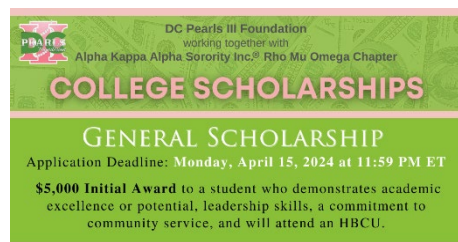
For additional information or questions: email Scholarships@rhomuomega.org with the_Subject line: "HBCU Scholarship Application Question"

Joyce Nixon, Scholarship Chairman
Tina McKnight, Scholarship Vice-Chairman

Scholarship Descriptions and Applications

Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET.

DC Pearls III Foundation and Rho Mu Omega have established a Scholarship Committee to ensure the impartial and confidential evaluation of applications. Selections are based on academic record, school/community activities, and leadership. Please click the image to apply for the scholarship of your choice.



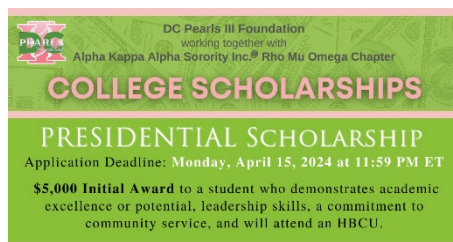
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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

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\$5,000 Initial Award to a student who demonstrates academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, a commitment to community service, and will attend an HBCU.



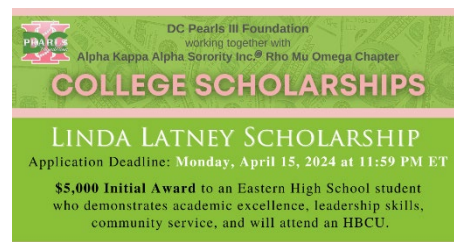
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PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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\$5,000 Initial Award to a student who demonstrates academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, a commitment to community service, and will attend an HBCU.



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LINDA LATNEY SCHOLARSHIP

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\$5,000 Initial Award to an Eastern High School student who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership skills, community service, and will attend an HBCU.



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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM) SCHOLARSHIP

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\$5,000 Initial Award to a student who demonstrates achievement in stem activities and will attend an HBCU.



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THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

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\$5,000 One-Time Award to a student pursuing a college degree in the visual arts or performing arts who demonstrates achievement in their specific art field* and will attend an HBCU.

*Examples are, but not limited to: painting, music, architecture, sculpture, poetry, literature, performing video, filmmaking, cinema, calligraphy, dance, drawing, motion picture, photography, printmaking, and theatre.



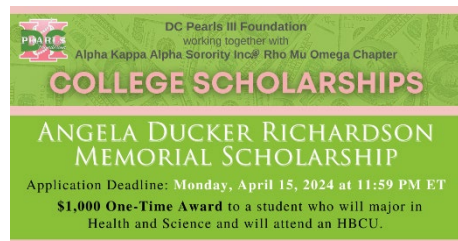
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THE SENSATIONAL SILVER STARS

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\$2,000 One-Time Award to a student who demonstrates exemplary community service and will attend an HBCU.



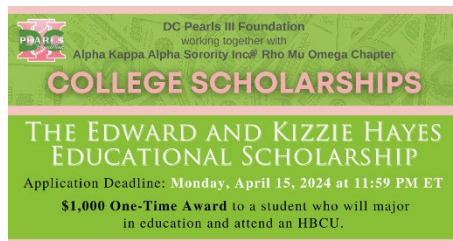
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ANGELA DUCKER RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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\$1,000 One-Time Award to a student who will major in Health and Science and will attend an HBCU.



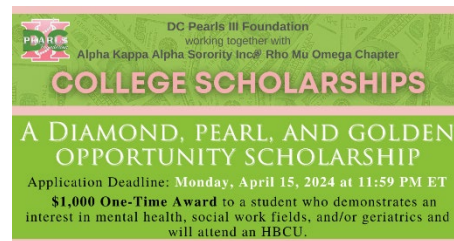
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THE EDWARD AND KIZZIE HAYES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

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\$1,000 One-Time Award to a student who will major in education and attend an HBCU.



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A DIAMOND, PEARL, AND GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

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\$1,000 One-Time Award to a student who demonstrates an interest in mental health, social work fields, and/or geriatrics and will attend an HBCU.

Two additional scholarships will be awarded. However, no additional information or application submissions are required. Recipients of these two scholarships are chosen from the submitted applications. See the descriptions below.

Extraordinary Sensational Performer (ESP) Book Award

The ESP Book Award Scholarship provides one student with supplemental funds to purchase books and other supplies needed for college-level coursework. The ESP Book Award is funded by donations from members of 33 ESP. As a result, the amount may vary year to year from \$250 to \$500.

The Ebony Mix/Lydia Hallum's Memorial Scholarship

Ebony Mix/Lydia Hallum's Memorial Scholarship is an additional scholarship with a minimum amount of \$500 and is awarded to the scholarship applicant with the highest GPA of all applications received.