



## **2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Scholarship Deadline: Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM EDT**

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Please feel free to download a hardcopy of the documents listed below.

[PMQ 2021 Scholarship App Scoring Rubric](#)

[Certification of Secondary School Credits](#) (To be completed by the school counselor)

## **2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION and GUIDELINES**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Rho Mu Omega Chapter in conjunction with DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc. annually awards college scholarships to assist Washington, D.C. high school graduates to continue their education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). A minimum of six (6) scholarships will be awarded to six students who will be matriculating at a Historical Black College or University (HBCU) beginning in the fall of 2021.

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 offered but can only be awarded one of the \$4,000 scholarships.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The applicant must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for a scholarship:

- 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 2021 and August 2021.
- Applicants must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better based on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants have taken either the ACT or SAT Examination.

- Demonstrate academic achievement.
- Demonstrate volunteer commitment of time to support the community and leadership skills.
- Be accepted and attend a Historically Black College or University in Fall 2021 as a freshman and take classes on campus, for the entire year beginning the fall semester of 2021.

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

**Applications will not be considered without ALL of the following:**

- **Completed application** available at [rhomuomega.org](http://rhomuomega.org) or [DC PearlsIII.org](http://DC PearlsIII.org).
- All applications and required attachments must be uploaded under the applicant's name (i.e., Your Name 2021 Scholarship Application).
- **Copy of the applicant's most recent transcript** must be uploaded with the applicant's application file and must **visibly show the school's stamps/seal and the wording "Official"**
- **Certification of Secondary School Credits Packet from your school counselor** - must be uploaded with the applicant's application file. [Click Here](#) to download a copy of this form.
- **Submission of a personal statement.** 500 words maximum -Times New Roman, double-spaced, 12 pt. font
- **Submission of an essay** on the supplied scholarship topic for which you are applying.
- **Submission of two (2) letters of recommendation.** Letters must be from someone very familiar with the applicant. (academically and personally). One letter of recommendation should be from a school administrator or teacher. The other letter of recommendation can be from a community member, mentor, or church pastor, etc. Letters of recommendation should not be from your school counselor, parents or relatives. All recommendation letters must be on **letterhead** and **signed** by the person making the recommendation.  
*Note: Letters of recommendations must be uploaded with the applicant's application packet.*
- **Copy of the Applicant's FAFSA Form** - all pages (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Must be uploaded with the applicant's application file.
- Applicant photo (wallet size). Please crop photo to wallet size.

**All required documents must be received together and submitted using the online application available from [dcpearlsiii.org](http://dcpearlsiii.org) by Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM EDT.**

## 2021 DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Rho Mu Omega Chapter in conjunction with DC Pearls III Foundation, Inc. will award the following:

- **Presidential Scholarship (\$4000)** will be awarded to a student matriculating at an HBCU and who demonstrates a significant history of leadership and volunteer service activities.
- **General Scholarship (\$4000)** \* will be awarded to a student matriculating at an HBCU and who demonstrates academic excellence or potential, leadership skills, and commitment to community service.
- **Linda Latney Scholarship (\$4000)** \* will be awarded to a student matriculating at an HBCU and who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership skills, and community service. Scholarship only available to students attending **Eastern High School, Washington DC.**
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics (STEM) Scholarship (\$4000)** \* will be awarded to a student matriculating at an HBCU and who demonstrates achievement in STEM activities.
- **Art Scholarship (\$4000)** will be awarded to a student pursuing a college degree in the visual arts or performing arts. Examples are, but not limited to: painting, architecture, sculpture, poetry, literature, music, performing video, filmmaking, cinema, calligraphy, dance, drawing, motion picture, photography, printmaking, and theatre. The student must matriculate at an HBCU and demonstrates achievement in their specific art field\*. **A sample of your performing arts or visual arts is required and must be attached to the application.**
- **Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)** will be awarded to a student matriculating at an HBCU and majoring in Health and Science.
- **The Edward and Kizzie Hayes Educational Scholarship (\$1000.)** will be awarded to a student matriculating at an HBCU and majoring in Education.

\*The **General, Linda Latney, and STEM** scholarships require no specific major.

Two additional scholarships will be award. No additional information or submissions are required. Winners are chosen from submitted applications. See 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 33 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 Hallams Memorial Scholarship**

Ebony Mix/Lydia Hallams 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.

### **Scholarship Recipients Selection and Announcements**

Rho Mu Omega and DC Pearls III Foundation have established a Scholarship Committee to ensure the impartial and confidential evaluation of applications. Selections are based on financial need, academic record, school/ community activities, and leadership. The scholarship recipients will be notified by telephone/email on or before **May 31, 2021**. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final and are not subject to appeal.

### **Description of Funds**

The General, Linda Latney, STEM, and Presidential scholarship recipients will each receive a one-time \$4,000 scholarship to be used at the student's discretion. The recipient may be eligible for up to \$1,000 scholarship renewal for an additional three (3) years, based on the availability of funds (amount TBD at the time of distribution). To be eligible for a renewal scholarship, students must submit a request in writing. Renewal requests must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year, with proof of a continuous 3.0 cumulative grade point average. The Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship, The Edward and Kizzie Hayes Educational Scholarship and The Art Scholarships **are not** renewable.

### **Responsibilities of Recipients**

The recipient must be actively enrolled full-time as a freshman in Fall 2021 and for the full academic year without interruption, barring long-term illness, emergency, or military service. Recipients are responsible for providing proof of enrollment from their respective college, university or post-secondary educational institution's Registrar's Office. Proof of enrollment should be sent to the address provided on your awards letter and should come from the school's registrar's office

### **Disbursement of Funds**

Funds are provided by DC Pearls III Foundation. All scholarship checks are contingent upon the DC Pearls III Foundation's receipt of the "Official Verification of Enrollment". This verification form must be submitted for Fall classes beginning in August or September 2021, and/or verification that the student has met all the requirements for renewal.

Scholarship recipients will have two choices regarding the disbursement by DC Pearls III.

1. The recipient can choose to have the check made payable to and sent directly to the college on behalf of the recipient.
2. The recipient can choose to have the check made payable to and mailed directly to the recipient's address provided by the student on their 'Official Verification of

Enrollment' form, unless otherwise specified on the students request for renewal funds correspondence. Checks that are disbursed and made payable to the recipient directly will require the recipient to provide DC Pearls III with a signed W9 prior to disbursement of the check. Additionally, DC Pearls III will issue the student an IRS Form 1099.

## How to Apply

All application packets and supporting documentation must be submitted together (Uploaded at one time) submitted no later than **Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:59 pm EDT.**

**Late and or Incomplete application packets will not be considered or reviewed.**

Application packets are not to be returned to the student. The Scholarship Committee is not under obligation to notify students of late or incomplete application packets.

No applications are returned to students.

## Procedure for Applying

- Complete the scholarship application.
- Electronic signatures of applicant or parents/guardian if the applicant is under 21 years of age a parent or guardian must sign the application.
- Request your Guidance Counselor to complete the "Certification of Secondary Credit" form. Have your counselor return the completed form to you to include with your application packet.

Please read each scholarships description to make certain you are answering the question associated with the scholarship for which you are applying.

- Complete and submit with the application form all required supporting documents.
- Adhere to the required deadline date. **Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 11:59 PM EDT.**

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## Questions

For additional information or questions:

Email: [Scholarships@rhomuomega.org](mailto:Scholarships@rhomuomega.org)

Subject line: "HBCU Scholarship Application Question"

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Joyce Nixon, Scholarship Chairman  
Monica Prince, Scholarship Co-Chairman  
Rho Mu Omega Chapter



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### Select Your Scholarship

Please check all that apply

<b>STEM Scholarship</b>
<b>General Scholarship</b>
<b>Presidential Scholarship</b>
<b>Linda Latney Scholarship</b>
<b>Art Scholarship</b>
<b>Angela Ducker Richardson Scholarship</b>
<b>Edward &amp; Kizzie Hayes Education Scholarship</b>

### 1. Personal Data

<b>Full Name:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Name of Parent(s) or Guardian:</b>	
<b>Name of High School and address:</b>	
<b>Name of Guidance Counselor:</b>	<b>Email address Guidance Counselor</b>

## 2. School Activities

School activities should cover your entire high school years.

List your extracurricular activities and school activities (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grades)		
Year of activity	Activity	Office/Leadership Position Held

## 3. Outside Activities and Community Service

Activities and community should cover your entire high school years)

List activities outside of school to include community service (9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grades)		
Year	Activity	Office/Leadership Position Held

## 4. Work Experiences

(summer, part-time, full-time, internships)

Dates	Company	Responsibilities

## 5. Honors and Awards

Honors and awards should cover your entire high school years.

List honors and awards received: (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)		
Year Received	Name of Honor/Award	Purpose

## 6. Grade Point Average/ Test Scores

GPA:							
SAT Scores:			ACT Scores				
Verbal	Math	Writing	English Writing	Math	Reading	Science	

## 7. College Information (Colleges Applied)

Name of College	Intended Major/Field of Study	Accepted Yes No

## 8. Signatures

By signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may disqualify my application and/or result in revocation of the scholarship award.

Signature of Student	Date
Print Name	
Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 21)	Date
Print Name	



## 9. Personal Statement

Tell us about yourself. Please submit a personal statement. Your personal statement must be **typed, double spaced pages, Times New Roman 12 font, with a one-inch (1') margin**. Statements should be between 300 – 400 words. **The applicant's "Personal Statement should be submitted under the title "Personal Statement" be placed on the top of the page.** For example, John Doe – Personal Statement.

## 10. ESSAY

All applicants must complete an essay question on a topic related to the scholarship(s) for which they are applying. Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship using the application packet but must submit essays on a topic related to the scholarship(s) for which they are applying. An applicant may only be awarded one of our major 5 scholarships. Major scholarships are those scholarship which an essay question is required. The Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship is an exception.

Essays must be **typewritten, double spaced, Times New Roman 12 front, one-inch margin**. Please include your **name and title of the essay** on the top of each page. For example, Jane Doe – "What Does Leadership Mean to Me"

### Essay Topics

Each scholarship has a special essay question for applicants to address. Applicants must address the "Essay Topic" for the specific scholarship for which they are applying. (400 – 500-word limit)

Scholarship	Essay Topic
<b>STEM Scholarship</b>	What experiences have you already had that sparked your interest in STEM? Describe how your professional aspirations and leadership/service have shaped your qualities and attributes as a rising STEM leader.
<b>General Scholarship</b>	Describe your most meaningful academic and personal achievements and how they relate to your future goals.
<b>Presidential Scholarship</b>	Define what leadership means to you and give an example of when you were an influential leader. How did you lead in positive ways that others might not have been able to?
<b>Linda Latney Scholarship</b>	Describe any academic achievements, community service activities, examples of leadership, or other personal characteristics that make you deserving of this scholarship and how do you plan to continue to support your community in the future?

<b>Angela Ducker Richardson Memorial Scholarship</b>	Describe the greatest challenge you have experienced in your academic life and how it had motivated you to pursue a career in a health or science field.
<b>The Edward and Kizzie Hayes Educational Scholarship</b>	As you pursue a degree in education, how would you use the experiences and knowledge gained to prepare you for your future in educating students. Give examples of what you think is most important to incorporate in our new virtual world for students to excel.
<b>The Art Scholarship</b>	<p>Demonstrate an understanding in 400-500 words of how the Harlem Renaissance movement impacted the development of Art.</p> <p>Submit a demonstration of your art specialty (upload to URL, video clip, photo. (Dance, Design, Drawing, Film Making, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Video, Visual Arts, Composition, Instrumental, Performance – music/theater, Vocal, Musical, Playwriting and Production)</p>



## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CERTIFICATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL CREDITS

Applicants should give this form to their school counselor to complete in time to receive it back to be included in the application packet. This form will not be accepted separately from the student's application packet.

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**Please include with this form:**

- 1. Official Transcript of applicant's grades**
- 2. Copy of the applicant's SAT or ACT Scores**
- 3. Return to student to be submitted with the student's application packet**

<b>Full Name of applicant:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	

<b>Name of School</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	

### Personal Rating

PLEASE RATE ON A SCALE OF ONE (1) TO FIVE (5) – WITH 5 BEING THE HIGHEST.

SELF MOTIVATION	1	2	3	4	5
LEADERSHIP SKILLS	1	2	3	4	5
EMOTIONAL CONTROL	1	2	3	4	5
SHOWS INITIATIVE	1	2	3	4	5
	1	2	3	4	5

**Please provide additional comments about the student.  
(Required)**

Signature	Print Name	Date
Position		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN COMPLETING THIS FORM.**  
**Please return this form to the student before the scholarship application  
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## Sample Scoring Rubric for Scholarship Application

<b>Individual Scoring Rubric for Scholarship Applications</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Total Score</b> ____/100 <b>Arts</b> ____/125
<b>Scholarship</b>	
	<b>Reviewer's Score</b>
<b>Academics (20pts) Grade Point Average</b> <b>Based on the following:</b> 3.5 or over - (20 points) 3.49 -3.0 (15 points) 2 .99 – 2.5 - (10 points) Below 2.55 (0 points)	
<b>Personal Statement (15pts)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant's name and the wording "Personal Statement" at the top of the page</li> <li>Gives you a picture of the student</li> <li>300–400-word limit</li> <li>Spelling and grammar</li> </ul>	
<b>Essay (20pts) Based on the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants address the "Essay Topic" for the specific scholarship for which they are applying (400 – 500-word limit).</li> <li>Name and title of the essay on the top of each page.</li> <li>Double-spaced</li> <li>Spelling and grammar</li> </ul>	
<b>Financial Need (15 points))</b> (Income, number, in household, number in college, etc.) \$0-\$499.                - 15 points \$500 -\$14,999    - 10 points \$15,000- and up - 5 points	
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities/Community Service Involvement/Employment (15pts)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-school and Outside activities/community service, work F/T or P/T</li> <li>All sections completed</li> </ul>	
<b>Honors and Awards (5pts)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a list of honors and/or Awards</li> <li>Number of honors and awards listed</li> </ul>	
<b>Letters of Recommendation (5pts.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two (2) letters included</li> <li>Content</li> <li>Certification of Secondary School Credits (From the School Counselor)</li> </ul>	
<b>Arts Scholarship only (25)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Demonstrate the accomplishment of their art specialty</b></li> <li>Artistic skill and technique</li> <li>Creativity and originality</li> </ul>	
<b>Overall Presentation (5pts)</b>	
<b>Total points received</b>	<b>/100    Arts    /125</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin-left: auto; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> <i>Reviewers Initials</i> </div>	