



PEARLS OF THE IVY FOUNDATION

2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION “Veronica F. Williams Scholarship”

Do you have questions?

Please email Evelyn Canady, Scholarship Committee Chair and Ramonda Busby, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair at pearlsoftheivyfoundation@yahoo.com

Application due date: Friday, May 13, 2016

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Friday, May 13, 2016. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
5. You will be notified by phone or mail in May regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email Evelyn Canady or Ramonda Busby at pearlsoftheivyfoundation@yahoo.com.

PURPOSE The Pearls of the Ivy (PIF) Scholarship Fund /Veronica F. Williams scholarship was established in 2015. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to exemplary high school students who are accepted by an accredited private college or university. The PIF Scholarship principally targets students graduating from a high school within the Best Southwest Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster, Texas.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on verified financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and community involvement including but not limited to volunteer hours.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The PIF awards scholarships utilizing a comprehensive rubric based process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. The foundation will remit scholarship funds directly to the recipient’s school. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must have verifiable proof of permanent residence status in the Best Southwest Cities of Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville or Lancaster, Texas or attend High School in one of the aforementioned independent school districts.
- Applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full time student at a college or university for the upcoming 2016 – 2016 academic year. If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant. Proof of enrollment will be required from the recipient.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Preference may be given to applicants who have participated in PIF or Alpha Kappa alpha Sorority, Inc. – Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter programs.

- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Student must apply for the 2016-2017 Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA).
- Student must submit a copy of their 2016-2017 Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by Friday, **May 13, 2016**.

TIMELINE

- Applications are due by Friday, **May 13, 2016**.
- Applicants will be notified if awarded a scholarship by June 2016.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- Three recommendations as follows:
 - Two academic recommendations from a guidance counselor and/or teacher(s).
 - One recommendation from an employer or other community member.
- Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies.
- Demonstrated financial need as verified by the Federal Student Aid Report (SAR).

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ Email address: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ Counselor Name: _____

Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____ ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____

Attach proof of GPA; your most recent **official** school transcript required. A copy of your ACT **or** SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.

POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION INFORMATION

Institution Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Enrollment Status: _____

Scheduled Date of Enrollment: _____

Major: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Will you be a full time student: _____

Will you enter with any college credit? _____ If so, how many hours? _____

List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable). Make additional comments if needed.

Tuition:	Amount: \$
Books:	Amount: \$
Room & Board:	Amount: \$
Other expenses:	Amount: \$

List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:

Personal:	Amount: \$
Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$
Grants:	Amount: \$
Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$
Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$

COMMUNITY SERVICE, CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP ROLES

Please attach a one-page list of volunteer activities, campus involvement and leadership roles in which you have participated. Indicate your role and the number of hours you have been involved. Please include the name and contact number of the person certifying your participation in the listed activity. See example chart provided below.

Activity	Role	Time Involved	Contact Name	Contact Phone
Habitat Build	Participant	Three 8-Hour Saturdays	Mrs. Doe	(123) 555-4567
Feed the Homeless	Server	1 Saturday per quarter for 2 hours	Mr. Doe	(123) 555-1234
Peer Tutor	Math Tutor	10 hours per quarter	Mrs. Teacher	(123) 555-4566

Please attach two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members describing the applicant’s involvement and accomplishments. One letter should describe the community service and the other letter should describe school activities and involvement from the guidance counselor. The letters should be signed and dated and included the individual’s contact information.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL’S CERTIFICATION

African-American Graduating Senior permanently residing or attending High School in one of the following Best Southwest Cities or independent school districts: Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville or Lancaster. Please have this section completed by the High School Guidance Counselor.

Cumulative grade point average _____ on a 4.0 grade point scale

School Official’s Name: _____

School Official’s Signature: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (_____) _____

ESSAY TOPIC:

What are your career goals and how will earning a college degree help you achieve those goals?

Essay Guidelines: Minimum 500 word typed essay. 1" margins, Font Style Time New Romans and Font Size 12.

APPLICANT'S & PARENT'S CERTIFICATION:

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. I understand that falsification of information will result in disqualification of the application. I understand the application will be assessed based on the information provided and the submission of the application does not guarantee that I will receive a scholarship. I further agree, that in the event I am a scholarship recipient, this form also serves as a release to use my name, biographical information and excerpts from my application and related information in the press and other publications to promote the scholarship.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST – (PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS)

Be sure you have included all requested information. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.

1. Complete Applications with appropriate signatures
2. Include one-page list of community service and school activities
3. Include 2 one-page letters verifying activities and involvement. One letter must come from High School Counselor.
4. Include 1 one page letter from an employer or other community member.
5. Include Minimum 500 word typed Essay. Contain 1" margins, Font Style Time New Romans, Font Size 12.
6. Include official transcript with grade point average on 4.0 grade point scale
7. Application must be received by May 13, 2016
8. Mail to:

Pearls of the Ivy Foundation
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1476
DeSoto, Texas 75123