



Dear Counselor,

The Pearls by the Lake Foundation has the purposeful goal to improve community life and further the educational aspirations of Black and African American high school graduates of Kaufman and Rockwall counties. The Foundation, in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter, is pleased to announce the 2025 Pearls by the Lake Foundation Scholarship. The Foundation will award a total of five scholarships: Four in the amount of \$1,000.00 and one in the amount of \$500.00 for 2025 eligible graduating seniors.

Award Benefits and Requirements:

- Each award amount is intended to defray the cost of attending an undergraduate college or university and support the goal of students matriculating into an institution of higher education.
- The award is a non-recurring scholarship that is also non-transferable. Award monies must be used in the academic year following the year of the award announcement - (i.e., the 2025 recipient must use award monies during the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year).

Criteria for the scholarship are as follows:

- Must be a Black or African American 2025 graduating senior.
- Must plan to attend a Two-Year or Four-Year College or University.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (Official transcript is required).
- Must submit application, transcript and essay by April 20, 2025, at 11:59 pm.
- Must attend a high school within Kaufman or Rockwall County, Texas.

Application & Selection Process:

A copy of the application will be provided with this cover letter for counselor and student distribution. Students may print, complete, scan and email the form to the contact information below. If you have additional questions or require a copy of the application to be sent directly to an applicant, please email pbtlfoundation@gmail.com.

The Scholarship recipient will be selected by May 1, 2025. The notice of award will be sent to the recipient via email by May 5, 2025.

Submission Details:

Submit the scholarship application and supporting documents electronically to via e-mail at pbtlfoundation@gmail.com no later April 20, 2025, at 11:59 pm.

Pearls by the Lake Foundation

P.O. Box 1394 ~ Forney, Texas 75126
pbtlfoundation.org

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please feel free to email pbtlfoundation@gmail.com.

Regards,

Dr. Shontell Blake

Dr. Shontell Blake, Co-Chairman
PBTB Foundation Scholarship Committee

Tracey Stelly

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Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter
Class of 2025 Scholarship Application

Pearls By the Lake Scholarship (\$1,000.00)

Who is Eligible?

- 2025 Graduating Senior from a Rockwall or Kaufman County high school
- Black and African American students
- Possess a minimum GPA of at least 2.75
- Acceptance to a Two-year or Four-year College/University
- Demonstrate a Financial Need

Attach the Required Documentation:

- Official Transcript
- A copy of a college or university acceptance letter
- Essay

*Please note that if selected, a recent photograph will be required for marketing purposes.
The photograph will not be returned.*

Instructions: Applications and Transcripts may be sent via email or mail. If mailed, all documents must be postmarked by **April 20, 2025**, and must be received by **April 25, 2025**.

1. Please complete the entire application.
2. The application should be typed but can be legibly handwritten.
3. The application can also be found at the respective school counselor or academic advisor's office. Applications may also be sent directly to the student via email request to pbtlfoundation@gmail.com.
4. Application deadline is **April 20, 2025**.

Section 1: Personal Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Section 2: High School Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Cumulative GPA:

Date of Graduation:

Section 3: College/ University Information

Evidence of enrollment must be provided to receive to receive a scholarship

University/college(s) in which you have been accepted for admission:

Intended Major Area(s) of Study:

Section 4: Extra-curricular Activities/Community Service

**** Please list your community service or involvement in civic organizations.**

Also include any leadership roles you have held.

Section 5: Essay Requirements

On a separate page please type, in 300 words or less, an essay describing:

1. How will receiving this scholarship impact your higher educational journey?
2. What does community service mean to you?

Attestations

I (we) certify that the information that I (we) have provided in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge and that the essay was solely written by me (the applicant).

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date:

I (we) give permission to Pearls By the Lake Foundation and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter to publicize, market, advertise, and or post my (our) image and likeness in any media campaigns, radio, television, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and any other social media outlets it deems necessary to publicize and share with others that I have been selected to receive a scholarship. I acknowledge that I (we) will not be compensated for such advertisement or publicity.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date:

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS by 11:59 pm on April 20, 2025.

pbtlfoundation@gmail.com

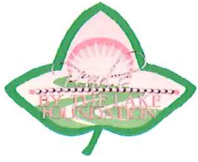
or SEND TO MAILING ADDRESS:

Pearls By The Lake Foundation

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 1394

Forney, TX 75126



**Pearls By The Lake Foundation
Scholarship Application Contact Information**

1. Please return the completed application electronically to the following email address by 11:59 pm on April 20, 2025.
pbtlfoundation@gmail.com
2. You may also send the application to the following mailing address.
Pearls By The Lake Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1394
Forney, TX 75126
3. If you have any further questions, need additional information or would like the scholarship application emailed to you in PDF format, please send an email to:
pbtlfoundation@gmail.com
Subject: Attention Scholarship Committee Chairmen