



Diamond State Pearls, Incorporated
The Charitable Arm of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Sigma Zeta Omega Chapter



Dear Prospective Applicant:

Diamond State Pearls, Incorporated (“DSPI”) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is the charitable arm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® of the Newark, Delaware chapter (Sigma Zeta Omega). DSPI is pleased to offer multiple scholarships in honor of the accomplishments of the women who are members of Sigma Zeta Omega chapter. Scholarship details and qualifications are attached hereto.

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

1. **Scholarship Selection.** Please mark the scholarship that you wish to apply for with an **X**.
2. **Complete Application.** It is imperative that the application be completed in full.
3. **One Reference Letter.** Your letter should accompany your application package in a sealed envelope with a signature across the opening. Be certain the letter contains the writer’s contact information for verification.
4. **Essay.** An essay from the applicant explaining why they should be selected as a scholarship recipient.
5. **Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.** A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
6. **Most recent official high school transcript.** Photocopies of your transcript are **not acceptable**.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

1. Completed applications that meet the criteria must be mailed to Diamond State Pearls, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Fund c/o (insert scholarship name), P.O. Box 10682, Wilmington, DE 19850 and received by **April 16, 2018** (no exceptions).
2. Applicants will be notified by the scholarship committee if they are selected.
3. Scholarship recipients will be honored at a scholarship breakfast on **Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 9:00 AM** at the Christiana Hospital, 4755 Ogletown Stanton Rd., Newark, DE 19713. **Attendance is mandatory.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tiffany Matthews at 302.293.5713.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Matthews

Tiffany Matthews
Diamond State Pearls, Inc. President

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2018 SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS AND QUALIFICATIONS: Scholarship details and qualifications are listed below and our 2018 scholarship application is attached.¹ Please mark with an X which scholarship(s) you intend to apply for and indicate the name of the scholarship(s) on the application as well.

NORMA J. JACKSON PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a minority student with superior scholastic achievement
2. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
3. Must possess leadership potential and good character

DR. YVONNE BARNETT PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a female student in the Educational Field
2. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above
3. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
4. Must possess leadership potential and good character
5. Must reside in Wilmington, Delaware

DR. YVONNE BARNETT STEM SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a minority female with a 3.0 GPA or higher, with a Science/Math major
2. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
3. Must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and a passion for community service
4. Must reside in the state of Delaware

SYLVIA R.W. ROBERTS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a student wishing to attend a HBCU
2. Must have good attendance and an excellent behavior record
3. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or above
4. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university

KIMBERLY M. COLLINS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a student entering a Social Services related field
2. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above
3. Must be involved in at least one extra-curricular activity
4. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
5. Must reside in New Castle County, Delaware

¹ The committee members will assess the completed applications in accordance with the scholarship criteria listed, and shall make decisions at their discretion.



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TIFFANY N. MATTHEWS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a student attending, or wishing to attend a HBCU
2. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above
3. Must be involved in at least one extra-curricular activity or employed
4. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
5. Must reside in New Castle County, Delaware

TAMIKA DAVIS-CANNON PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a student wishing to attend a HBCU
2. Must be a student entering a Science-related field
3. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above
4. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
5. Must reside in New Castle County, Delaware

SHEALESE P. RUSSELL-REAMS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a returning HBCU student
2. Must be a student already enrolled in S.T.E.M. field.
3. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above
4. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
5. Must reside in New Castle County, Delaware

S.M. LECOMPTE CHARTER MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a minority student with superior scholastic achievement
2. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
3. Must possess leadership potential and good character
4. Must reside in New Castle County, Delaware

VONYÉ (HACKETT) NELSON SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be a Howard High School of Technology graduating senior
2. Must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
3. Must be entering into a Business/Finance/Technology degree program
4. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
5. Must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and a passion for community service

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2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Last Name	First	M.I.	Date
Mailing Address		Apartment/Unit #	
City	State	ZIP	
Phone Number	E-mail Address		
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Gender		
FAMILY DATA			
Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s)			
Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number			
Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address			
EDUCATION			
Current School (Name and Address)			
I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2018:			
<i>Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to disbursement of funds.</i>			
I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one)			
Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)			
What do you plan to major in as you continue your education?			
For which scholarship(s) category are you applying? (circle all that apply)			
Norma J. Jackson (Presidential)	Dr. Yvonne Barnett (STEM)	Dr. Yvonne Barnett (Presidential)	Sylvia R.W. Roberts (Presidential)
Kimberly M. Collins (Presidential)	Tiffany N. Matthews (Presidential)	Tamika Davis-Cannon (Presidential)	
Shealese P. Russell-Reams (Presidential)	S.M. LeCompte (Charter Member)	Vonyè (Hackett) Nelson (Howard High Alumni)	
ACHIEVEMENTS/SERVICE:			
List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities (include leadership positions you hold):			
List your extracurricular, community and volunteer activities (include leadership positions you hold):			
Applicant's Signature		Date	
Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) Signature		Date	

Please paper clip (no staples) all documentation prior to mailing application packet.