



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



**Extended Deadline: April 30, 2020**

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 instrumental woman affiliated with Sigma Zeta Omega Chapter. Scholarship details and qualifications are attached hereto.

**SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS**

1. **Scholarship Selection.** Please mark the scholarship(s) 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, P.O. Box 10682, Wilmington, DE 19850 and postmarked by **April 30, 2020** (no exceptions).
2. Applicants will be notified if they are selected.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dana Mitchell at 302.607.5567.

Sincerely,

*Dana Mitchell*

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Diamond State Pearls, Inc. President

*Styna M. LeCompte*

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Sigma Zeta Omega Chapter President



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**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

**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

**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 entering a Science-related field
2. Must have a GPA of 3.2 or above
3. Must already be accepted to an accredited four-year college or university
4. Must reside in New Castle County, Delaware



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**SHEALESE P. RUSSELL-REAMS PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

1. Must be a student attending, or wishing to attend a HBCU
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

**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

**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 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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**2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>			
First Name	Last Name		Date
Mailing Address		Apartment/ Unit#	
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone Number	Email Address		
Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	Gender		
<b>FAMILY DATA</b>			
Parent/Legal Guardian Name		Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number	
Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address			
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Current School (Name and Address)			
I will be attending the following school in the <b>Fall of 2020:</b>			
Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to disbursement of funds.			
I will be entering the above-named school as a: (Select One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior		
For which scholarship(s) category are you applying? (check all that apply)			
<b>Presidential</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Norma J. Jackson <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Yvonne Barnett <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvia R.W. Roberts <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Matthews <input type="checkbox"/> Tamika Davis-Cannon <input type="checkbox"/> Shealese P. Russell-Reams	<b>S.T.E.M./Charter</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Yvonne Barnett <input type="checkbox"/> Styna LeCompte	<b>Alumni</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vonyé Nelson	
<b>ACHIEVEMENTS</b>			
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

