



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter
in collaboration with
The Pearl Foundation, Incorporated**



March 20, 2024

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Pearl Foundation, Incorporated, in collaboration with Theta Alpha Omega Chapter, is offering scholarships to college bound high school seniors. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or higher and attend school in Long Beach or the surrounding area. The applicant must be available to attend **The Pearl Awards Scholarship Reception Ceremony on June 8, 2024.**

To enhance opportunities for continued academic success at the college level, this scholarship program includes a mentorship component for all scholarship recipients.

To apply, qualified students must submit the following items all together in one packet:

1. Completed scholarship application form signed and dated (see enclosure)
2. One (1) typed letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, mentor, employer, pastor, etc. Letter writers cannot be a family member. The letter must not be dated earlier than January 2024. Letters must be signed, dated and include contact information of the letter writer.
3. Sealed official school transcript or secure electronic transcript (including Fall 2023 semester grades)
4. A typed essay of 400 to 500 words where you: **“Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it”**. The essay will be graded on how well the topic is addressed, along with spelling, grammar and punctuation.
5. One 4x6 color professional, portrait type photo of yourself (no selfies). It will be used for scholarship program booklet and/or virtual slideshow presentation.

Application packets are to be submitted via U.S. Postal Service or attached in one email; except transcript must be sealed and mailed via US Postal Service. Failure to abide by any of the above criteria will result in disqualification for scholarship consideration.

The deadline for submission of an application package is **Thursday, April 18, 2024** (postmark acceptable). All complete application packages should be emailed to TAOScholarships@gmail.com or mailed to:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter
PO Box 92109
Long Beach, California 90809-2109
Attention: Scholarship Chair

Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Sincerely,

Chavonne LeNoir

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Scholarship Chair
Theta Alpha Omega Chapter

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President
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