



HBCU

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The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. foundation of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, in partnership with GEICO, announces its 2023 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) scholarship interested young men and women who will be graduating from high school spring 2023.

Included in this announcement are:

- Scholarship Program Description
- Nomination Form
- Application Form

The Nomination Form must be completed by your school's counselor and signed.

The following must be received by May 1, 2023:

- Nomination Form with Transcript
- Application with Essay

Mail physical materials to:

**Dr. Tonja L. Ringgold, Chairman
Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 67003
Baltimore, MD 21215-9998**

Email materials to:

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PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. foundation receives funds to support this HBCU scholarship from GEICO. This scholarship will financially assist, two (2) students (male and female) from the Baltimore City Public School System as they pursue a college education. These recipients must live in Baltimore City and must have been accepted by a **Historically Black College and University (HBCU)**. If, however, the recipients' career interest and their intended college major are unavailable at a historically Black college or university, a non-historically Black college or university will be acceptable. The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. foundation nor GEICO, dictate the applicants' college major.

NATURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is in the amount of one thousand eight hundred seventy five dollars (\$1,875.00) per year for four (4) years, and is renewable providing the recipient has maintained a satisfactory scholastic average, and continues to have financial need. The scholarship is sent to the student and is to be used for purchasing books, supplies, or any other charges assessed by the institution. A **nine hundred thirty seven dollar (\$937.00)** check is issued each semester (August for fall semester and January for spring) for four years, upon receipt of an official college transcript indicating satisfactory achievement in the recipient's course of study.

METHOD OF SELECTION

Information concerning the scholarship is sent to the high schools in Baltimore City in the month of February with the application form and due date. To be eligible to apply, the student must:

- Have a grade point average of 85% or higher
- Have a SAT score of 1370 or better or ACT score of 18 or better, or the required score of the college she will be attending
- Possess leadership potential
- Be involved in extracurricular/community service activities
- Have interest in pursuing post-secondary education
- Have financial need

After the applications have been received, they are reviewed by the scholarship committee to determine eligibility. A rating scale is used to judge each application essay.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, eligible candidates will be scheduled for a Zoom virtual interview by the committee. Each member of the interview team will complete a rating form for each candidate interviewed. After discussion of the ratings, each candidate is given a rank. The two candidates with the highest ranking are selected to receive the scholarship. If for some reason the scholarship is not used by one of the selected, it is given to the next applicant with the highest rank. The decision of the committee is final.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial support for this scholarship is provided by GEICO.

RECIPIENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Each scholarship recipient must submit an official college transcript to the scholarship committee chairperson at the conclusion of each semester; no later than June 10, for each spring semester and January 10 for fall semester. The scholarship committee will review each recipient's record after each semester, to determine satisfactory academic progress (3.0 GPA or higher) and continuation of scholarship. The recipient must also send notification of change in financial status or termination of program to the committee chairperson.

MENTORING OF RECIPIENTS

Each scholarship recipient is assigned annually a mentor on the Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. Scholarship Committee. It is the mentor's responsibility to:

- Initiate periodic contacts (oral/written) with the assigned recipient
- Suggest ways to overcome significant obstacles
- Refer student to appropriate resource persons/agencies when necessary
- Model behaviors which promote personal and professional development
- Report to the committee periodically about the recipient.



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This is to certify that _____ will be
Name of Student

graduating from _____ High School in
_____ on _____

Student rank in class is _____ with a grade point
average of _____.

The college the student plans to attend is _____.

Student will enter _____
Month Date Year

Date _____

Principal _____
Please Print/Type

Signature of Principal or Designee

Please attach an official transcript.

Please return forms by mail or email to:

Dr. Tonja L. Ringgold, Chair
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Date: _____

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Name of Father: _____

Name of School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative Average: _____ Rank in Class: _____

SAT/ACT Score(s): _____
SCORE 1 SCORE 2 SCORE 3

Career Goals: _____

College Choice: _____

Special Interest: _____

Briefly describe co-curricular activities in which you have engaged while in high school.

Explain in not less than one hundred (100) words and no more than two hundred (200) words what your career goals are within your field and why you have chosen to pursue them at a Historically Black College/Univesity. Use a separate sheet for this response.