



**Shirley T. Hill**

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**Memorial Scholarship Application**

**2023**



February 1, 2023

The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. foundation of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, announces its 2023 Shirley T. Hill Memorial Scholarship to Interested Young Women who will be graduated 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 scholarship packets to:**

**Dr. Tonja L. Ringgold, Chairman  
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## **SHIRLEY T. HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. maintains a scholarship fund to assist, financially, two young ladies from the Baltimore City public and parochial schools 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**. 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, does not dictate the applicants' college major.

### **NATURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship is in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) a year 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 book supplies, or any other charges assessed by the institution. A seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) 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**

Each year 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:

- Be female
- 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**

Each year the Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. sponsors fundraisers to support the Shirley T. Hill Memorial Scholarship fund.

### **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 or higher GPA) 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Her rank in class is \_\_\_\_\_ with a grade point  
average of \_\_\_\_\_.

The college she plans to attend is \_\_\_\_\_.  
She will enter \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Month Date Year*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print/Type*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Principal or Designee*

Please attach an official transcript.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return forms to:

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



## Shirley T. Hill Memorial Scholarship

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Explain in not less than one hundred (100) words and no more than two hundred (200) words what your career goals are and why you have chosen this field. Use a separate sheet for this response.