

Attention: High School Counselors, Scholarship Coordinators and Scholarship Applicants

The Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties an official Interest Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will award two college scholarships for the 2021 -2022 Academic Year, to a deserving high school senior within the Anson and Union Counties area. Interested students may apply for scholarships in one or both of the following categories:

1. The Prestigious Pearls Scholarship Fund -
 - This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend ANY four-year college or university.
2. The Belynda Little Horne Scholarship -
 - This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who will attend Winston Salem State University. Mrs. Horne was an educator and loved her students and community. She was also a proud alum of Winston Salem State University.

These scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and character. The selection process for semifinalists will include an in-person interview and workshop attendance. Before submission, it is strongly recommended that applicants carefully review their application packet for completion, grammar, spelling, and content. Incomplete applications will be subject to automatic disqualification. Any questions, pertaining to the application or the interview process, should be emailed to ppaucscholarship@gmail.com.

Part 1: Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants may be any high school senior graduating from an accredited high school and residing in Anson or Union Counties.
2. Applicant must be applying to and/or accepted to an accredited 4-year college or university.
3. Applicant must hold a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher, [non-weighted] or GPA of 3.5 or higher [weighted] on a 4.0 scale.

Part 2: Application Requirements

A complete application packet must include the following:

1. Completed scholarship application, signed and dated.
2. Essay [criteria attached]
3. Two letters of recommendation: one letter written by applicant's current High School Counselor, School Social Worker, High School Principal or High School Teacher and one letter from another reference (i.e. coach, church or organization leader, etc.).
4. Sealed transcripts from all high schools attended.
5. One copy of any college/university acceptance letter(s) (if available).
6. One copy of the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA showing Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Part 3: Application Submission

1. Completed applications must be received **on or before March 16, 2021**.
2. Submit completed application packet via email [ppaucscholarship@gmail.com] or regular mail: Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties, ATTN: Scholarship Chairman P.O. Box 2598, Monroe, NC 28111
3. All incomplete applications are subject to automatic disqualification.



Lanelle Carr, President
Dr. Danielle Blount, Scholarship Chairman
Dr. Stephanie Hunter-Brown, #CAP Chairman
Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties
Serving our Communities with Excellence
Cultivating and encouraging high scholastic standards





SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All information listed below must be submitted as one complete package. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants meeting all the criteria below may be selected to attend a formal interview.

Personal Data

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Residence: _____
Street City/State Zip

Home Phone Number () _____ Cell Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

Gender: Female _____ Male _____ Date of Birth: _____ (Month/Day/Year)

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____ Cell Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

Are you the first person in your family [first generation] to go to college? Circle: **Yes** or **No**

Educational Data

School Presently Attending: _____

School Address: _____
Street City/State Zip

Grade Point Average (Grade 9 through First Semester of the Senior Year) _____
Weighted Un-Weighted

If applicable:

SAT Scores: Reading: _____ Date Taken: _____ Math: _____ Date Taken: _____

ACT Score _____ Date Taken: _____

College or University Which You Plan to Attend: _____

Address: _____
Street City/State Zip

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Phone #: _____

Please list and rank the institution(s) that you have applied to:

College/University	Accepted [Y/N]	Intended Major
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Please list ALL scholarships that you have applied to or have been awarded:

Scholarship	Amount	Renewable [Y/N]

Please name the family members who reside in your household:

Family Member's Full Name	Relationship	Occupation or Student	Age

By signing below, I certify that this information is true and accurate.

Print Applicants Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

For PPAUC Use Only:

Date Application Received: _____

Application Complete [Y/N]: _____

Student Activity Information

Directions: Please complete each section. **DO NOT BE MODEST.** This category includes extracurricular activities participated in during grades 9 – 12 [i.e. clubs, sports activities, employment, etc.) *All* information can be used by the Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

Extra-Curricular Activity	Description	Leadership Position Held	Length of Service

Photocopy this page if needed

Personal Statements

Directions: Please respond to all 3 statements; each response must be no less than 50 words and no more than 100 words per statement.

1. Explain how you have served as a role model for your peers in your community, as well as how were you able to impact your community serving in that role.

2. If you could give any advice to an incoming high school student, what would it be?

3. What quote, song, poem, or inspirational phrase motivates you during challenging times?

Essays

Directions: On a separate sheet of paper please write a well thought out one-page essay with no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words, typed, double-spaced using Times New Roman 12 font.

Select the scholarship you are applying for:

- The Prestigious Pearls Scholarship Fund
- The Belynda Little Horne Scholarship Fund
- Both

Based on what was selected above you will need to choose your essay topic below. Please note if you are applying for both scholarships above you will need to submit **one essay for each topic**. You will only be awarded **one** scholarship.

The Prestigious Pearls Scholarship Fund

1. What is your definition of being “woke” in this current social climate? How can leaders encourage more social consciousness and activism in youth today?
2. In today’s society, the media influences cultures and communities in many ways. How is your cultural background portrayed in media? Support or refute the media’s portrayal.

The Belynda Little Horne Scholarship Fund

1. Historically Black Colleges and Universities [HBCUs] have the distinction of affording African American students the opportunity to pursue higher education when virtually no other colleges in the United States would. Given the 21st century African American students now have the option to attend whichever college/university they desire, why do you believe HBCUs remain essential to preparing African American students for success?

References

Directions: **Two** letters of reference are required. One must come from a teacher, and one must come from a church member, community member, or an employer. **References from relatives will not be considered.** Letters of reference should address the following:

- Character
- Personality
- Motivation
- Initiative
- Sense of Responsibility
- Citizenship

**Application and all requested documents must be received by Friday, March 16, 2021.
Completed application will be accepted by mail or email.**

Via Regular Mail:

Prestigious Pearls of Anson and Union Counties
ATTN: Scholarship Chairman
P.O. Box 2598, Monroe, NC 28111

Or

Via Email:

ppaucscholarship@gmail.com

Incomplete or information received after March 16, 2021 will disqualify the applicant.