



Dear Student:

The Twenty Pearls Heritage Foundation is dedicated to the cultivation of academic excellence and the understanding and respect of all people through education and health. Our mission is to make a positive impact on the community at large by helping individuals, families and organizations to achieve their highest potential by promoting policies and programs that provide options for advanced education, entrepreneurship and a framework for self-sufficiency.

The Twenty Pearls Heritage Foundation is dedicated to increasing awareness of the extraordinary impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which directly impact and provide service to the community. In continuing this tradition of service, we are offering scholarships in the amount of up to \$2,000.00. By offering this award we hope to encourage and reward academic achievement by providing financial assistance to students pursuing higher education at a Historically Black College or University.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

Eligibility: An applicant must be 1) currently enrolled at an accredited Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the Fall of 2026; 2) be from Southern California; and 3) have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Application: An applicant must submit a **typewritten** application accompanied by **an official transcript as well as an essay**. Your essay must be a maximum of three (3) double-spaced, typewritten pages stating educational goals, career aspirations and any information expressing financial need. You may also choose to discuss how have current events occurring in the world impacted communities of color. Additionally, 1-2 letters of recommendation are required.

Photograph: An applicant must submit a photograph of themselves if selected for the scholarship. **Please sign the photograph/video consent form within the application.**

Deadline: Applicant must return all material no later than **May 24, 2026**, Applications submitted electronically after May 24, 2026, will not be considered.

Selection Procedure: The Education/Scholarship Committee will review each application, and a winner will be notified electronically by the end of June.

Awards: **Each recipient will be required to submit proof of full-time enrollment for the Fall of 2026 semester/quarter at the Historically Black College or University.** Proof of enrollment qualifies as a letter or course print-out from the college or university's registrar's office. Scholarship checks will not be issued until proof of enrollment is received.

Please complete all materials and submit them electronically to: aka.tautauomega.scholarships@gmail.com. Official transcripts must be emailed directly from your school to the aforementioned email address.

For questions, please contact Mrs. Tamara Mason-Wilkerson at (917) 495-2455.

Sincerely,

Tamara Mason-Wilkerson and Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
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