



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.

In continuing the 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.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

**Eligibility:** An applicant must currently be enrolled at Santa Monica College and transferring to an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2026. Applicant must also 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**. The essay (two, double-spaced, typewritten pages) should state your educational goals and career aspirations and any information expressing financial need. The applicant may choose to discuss how have current events occurring in the world impacted communities of color. Or any "critical issue" (economics, education, etc.) affecting the status of communities of color and how that issue should be addressed. Additionally, a letter of recommendation is suggested but not 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 a four-year institution.** Proof of enrollment qualifies as a letter or course print-out from the 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](mailto: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  
Tau Tau Omega Chapter  
Education/Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman