



Cultured Pearls of Service, Incorporated

501(c)3 ORGANIZATION

2513 N. ROLLING ROAD #47476

WINDSOR MILL, MD 21244

Dear Scholarship Applicants,

The Cultured Pearls of Service, Inc., philanthropic partner of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.[®], Rho Xi Omega Chapter, is committed to serving the Baltimore Area. As part of our dedication to education and service, we will award four-year renewable scholarships to Baltimore City Public School students in the amount of \$1,500.00 per year. Scholarships will be based on academic achievement, community involvement, and applicant's ability to effectively articulate ideas both orally and in writing. Candidates can choose to apply for **ONE** of the four scholarship awards listed below. If selected, the candidate will be required to participate in an in-person interview.

FOUR-YEAR RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

1) The Cultured Pearls of Service Scholarship

- a) Must be a graduating senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA ("B")
- b) Plans to be a full-time student at a four-year Historically Black College/University (HBCU)
- c) Demonstrates leadership and service to the community
- d) Must maintain a full-time enrollment at an HBCU and 3.0 GPA

2) The Community Service Scholarship

- a) Must be a graduating senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA ("B")
- b) Demonstrates leadership and service to the community (minimum of 300 community service documented hours)
- c) Plans to be a full-time student at four-year college/university in the fall
- d) Must maintain full-time status and 3.0 GPA

3) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Founders' Scholarship

- a) Must be a first-generation female graduating senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA ("B")
- b) Plans to be a full-time student at a four-year Historically Black College/University
- c) Must maintain full-time enrollment at an HBCU and 3.0 GPA

4) The Perseverance Award

- a) Must be a graduating senior
- b) Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- c) Demonstrates commitment, hard-work, and endurance in pursuing education of higher learning and/or career and technology education.
- d) Plans to be a full-time student at a college or career school
- e) Must maintain full-time enrollment and 2.5 GPA

REQUIREMENTS

- A completed, legibly written or typed scholarship application
- Official transcript **emailed** by a school official to scholarship.rxo.aka@gmail.com.
- Two letters of recommendation from school or community representative
- A copy of the FAFSA confirmation page



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- Write a 300-500 word essay to explain why you should be selected as a recipient of this scholarship/award, your career goals, and how attaining your goals will help you give back to the community. Your essay **MUST** be typed, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Professional Headshot (No hats except for medical or religious reasons).
- Applicants who are selected to proceed to the finalist round will be required to participate in an in-person interview.
- Applicants who are awarded a scholarship will receive a letter of award and be recognized at a CPS, Inc./Rho Xi Omega Chapter spring event.
- The completed application must be EMAILED to scholarship.rxo.aka@gmail.com by **March 17, 2023.**

NOTES

- Relatives of Rho Xi Omega Chapter members are not eligible to receive scholarships.
- **Failure to comply with the application and scholarship requirements will constitute a forfeiture of any and all rights to receive a scholarship award.**

If you have any additional questions, contact Cynthia Wilson-Shirley or Dr. Irma Johnson at scholarship.rxo.aka@gmail.com.

Yours Truly,

Cynthia Wilson-Shirley, Chairman

Dr. Irma Johnson, Co-chairman

Scholarship Committee

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2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I am applying for the following scholarship (please only check one):

- The Cultured Pearls of Service Community Scholarship
- The Community Service Scholarship
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Founders' Scholarship
- The Perseverance Award

Personal Information

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Age:** _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

School Information

High School Name: _____ **Graduation Date:** _____

High School Address: _____ **High School GPA:** _____

of Community Service Hours _____

Extra-curricular Activities

Participation in School Organization/ Team(s): _____

Participation in Community Organization/ Church/Team(s): _____



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Name: _____

College Choices

	College	Major	Accepted
1st Choice:	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2nd Choice:	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3rd Choice:	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Family Information

	Family Member	Yearly Income	Employer's Name & Address
1)	_____	\$ _____	_____ _____
2)	_____	\$ _____	_____ _____
3)	_____	\$ _____	_____ _____



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Name: _____

Will you be a 1st generation college student? Yes
 No

Names of siblings living in the home who are attending college _____

How many siblings are living at home? _____

Who is responsible for your care? _____

List any financial aid/scholarship/grant and the amount for which you have applied/been awarded.

Name of Scholarship	Date of Application	Award Status	Amount
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Awarded	\$ _____
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Awarded	\$ _____
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Not Awarded	\$ _____



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Work Experience (Paid and/or Volunteer–List Most Recent First)

Dates	Employer's Name & Address	Hours/Week	Pay Status
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid
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_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid
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_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaid