

Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit (\$2,500)
High School Graduate Attending Elizabeth City State University

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Scholarship will be awarded to a current high school senior who will be attending Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, in the fall of 2022.
3. Minimum high school grade point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 grade scale, excluding home school studies) and minimum SAT score of 1010 (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math) or ACT score (composite) of 19.
4. Applicants must have applied and been accepted into Elizabeth City State University for the fall of 2022, majoring in Birth through Kindergarten (Pre-school-K), Elementary Education (K-6), Music Education (K-12) or Special Education (K-12). The scholarship requirements are aligned with the new mandates for the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation (CAEP).
5. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or other extracurricular activities.
6. The scholarship recognizes academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities.
7. This scholarship is for \$2,500.

Documents Required

1. Complete Application.
2. One copy, certified by the registrar or other recognized official, of the applicant's **most current (after January 2022)** official high school transcript. If SAT or ACT scores are not included, the candidate must arrange to have such results forwarded by a responsible official to Twenty Pearls Inc. Scholarship Committee postmarked **by June 4, 2022**.
3. Two letters of recommendation, **no more than 1-page**; one from a college or university school official, teacher, etc. and one letter from another individual who can objectively assess your abilities and character (Please no family members).
References are to address the following:
 - Reference's position or title
 - Indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant
 - Describe the applicant's motivation and potential for academic success (Please be specific)
 - Describe the applicant's distinctive qualities or a unique characteristic that you have personally observed that makes the applicant particularly qualified to receive a TPI Scholarship.

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4. Essay Topic: Please discuss why you have chosen Elizabeth City State University, the purpose for you applying for the merit scholarship and why you are interested in becoming a teacher. In what way (s) has the COVID -19 pandemic affected your desire to become a teacher? **The essay must be typed.** A minimum of 650 words is required.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be selected as finalists based on their academic accomplishments, intellectual and creative distinctions, extracurricular activities, community service, letters of reference and original essays.

Application Deadline

The application must be typed and may be accessed at www.twentypearlsinc.org. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Signature required on application. All application and related documents must be postmarked by **June 4, 2022**. Mail application to:

Twenty Pearls Incorporated
Attn: Scholarship
PO Box 7187
Portsmouth, VA 23707

Applications accepted must meet all the guidelines that are listed. Incomplete Application Packages will not be accepted. No Exceptions

Address questions to Scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org.

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Last Name _____ **First** _____ **Middle Initial** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Email Address _____

_____ **Male**

_____ **Female**

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Home Phone

Cell Phone

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Parent's Name

Email Address

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Home Phone

Cell Phone

High School(s) Name/Address Attended:

Cumulative GPA: _____ **SAT Comp. Score:** _____ **ACT Comp. Score:** _____

Date Taken () _____

H.S. Rank () _____

Intended Field of Study:

**Dr. Sandra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit (\$2,500)
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____ I will graduate from high school in June 2022 and will be a first- time freshman in the fall of 2022 at Elizabeth City State University.

High School Honors, Awards and Activities

Please list all your important high school activities, dates of participation, awards, and offices held (include student government, sports, school publications, arts, debate and exchange programs, etc.)

Activity	Date	Awards	Office

Public Service and Community Service Activities

Please list all public service and community service activities that you have voluntarily participated in without pay. Include projects with community organizations, environmental protection and conservation efforts, work with religious organizations, candy striping, Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

Activity	Date	Awards	Office

Date

Signature (Required)