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**Twenty Pearls Inc. (TPI)**  
**Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit**  
**Graduate Applicant**

Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit is awarded to individuals who will enroll in the **Master of School Administration (MSA) or the Master of Education in Elementary Education (MED) graduate program at Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in the fall of 2022**. The scholarship requirements are aligned with the new mandates for the Council for the Accreditation for Teacher Preparation (CAEP). The scholarship is for \$500.

**Eligibility**

1. Grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale from a college or university
2. Must hold a degree from an accredited college or university
- 3. Must hold an A licensure in teaching**
4. Meet all other ECSU graduate program admissions requirements for 2022 summer/fall enrollment (Letter of Admission must be included with the application)
5. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or other extracurricular activities
- 6. For MSA only- Must have three years or more of teaching experience**

**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 [Twentypearlsinc.org](http://Twentypearlsinc.org). The application, together with ALL related documentation must be **postmarked no later than June 4, 2022**. Please place your name on all materials. Applications must have an original signature in blue or black ink. Do not staple items together.

Send all original documents to:

Twenty Pearls, Inc.; Attn: Scholarship Committee; PO Box 7187 Portsmouth, Virginia, 23707.

Address questions to [Scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org](mailto:Scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org).

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**Documents to be Submitted**

1. One copy, certified by the registrar or other recognized official, of the applicant’s official college or university transcript. This document must be submitted to Twenty Pearls, Inc. Scholarship Committee postmarked **no later than June 4, 2022.**
2. One letter of recommendation (**no more than 1-page**) from an employer or colleague (Please no family members). Please ask your reference 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.
3. Essay Topic: Discuss why you have chosen Elizabeth City State University, the purpose for you applying for the merit scholarship and why you are interested in completing the MED or MSA program. In what way (s) has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your desire to remain in the field of teacher education? **The essay must be typed.** A minimum of 750 words is required.
4. Completed application.

I wish to be considered for the Dr. Sandra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit (Graduate). **I will be enrolled in an Elizabeth City State University Master of Education program** in fall 2022, and I have read and agree to all conditions stipulated for TPI Scholarship candidates. I include in this application:

- Items 1., 2., 3., and 4.
- Confidential letter of reference written on my behalf sealed in individual envelope and signed along the seal.

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**Signature (Required)**

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**Mailing Address**

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**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip Code**

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**STUDENT PROFILE**

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Last Name First Middle Initial

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

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Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

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Home Phone Cell Phone

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Social Security Number Date of Birth

College(s) Attended:  
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College Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Field of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational History**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of study at \_\_\_\_\_ College/University.  
My expected date of graduation is \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Current College or University**

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**Begin Date**

**Cumulative GPA (4.00 Scale)**

**School and Professional Honors, Awards and Activities**

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

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Office</b>

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**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, etc.).

Activity	Date	Awards	Office

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY:**

**June 4, 2022**

**Mail Application to:**

**Twenty Pearls, Inc.**

**Attention: Scholarship Committee**

**PO Box 7187**

**Portsmouth, VA 23707-7187**

**Applications accepted must meet all the guidelines that are listed. Incomplete Application Packages will not be accepted.**