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Twenty Pearls, Inc. (TPI)
Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit

Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit will be awarded to a high school senior who will be attending Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in the fall of 2020, majoring in Birth through Kindergarten (Teacher Education), Elementary Education or Special Education. The scholarship requirements are aligned with the new mandates for the Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Preparation (CAEP). This scholarship is for \$1000.

Eligibility

1. United States Citizen
2. Current high school senior attending school in the United States (applicant must be anticipating completion of high school in the spring of 2020)
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 1100 (math and verbal only) or ACT score of 21
4. Applicants must have applied and been accepted into Elizabeth City State University
5. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or other extracurricular activities

Selection Criteria

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

Application Deadline

The application must be typed and may be accessed at Twentypearlsinc.org. The application, together with ALL related documentation must be **postmarked no later than April 11, 2020**. Please place your name on all materials. Application 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 Scholarship@twentypearls.org.

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Documents to be Submitted

1. One copy, certified by the registrar or other recognized official, of the applicant’s **most current (after January 2020)** 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 **no later than April 11, 2020.**
2. Two letters of recommendation, **no more than one page**; one from a high school teacher and the other from a teacher, counselor, administrator or person who can objectively assess your abilities and character (please, no family members). Do not submit more than two letters. Please ask your references 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 unique characteristics that you have personally observed that make the applicant particularly qualified to receive a TPI Scholarship
3. 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. **The essay must be typed.** A minimum of 650 words is required.
4. Completed Application.

I wish to be considered for the Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit. I have applied to and been accepted to Elizabeth City State University.

Please submit a copy of the acceptance letter.

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 letters of reference written on my behalf sealed in individual envelopes and signed along the seal.

Signature (Required)

Mailing Address

Date

City, State, Zip Code

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Intended Field of Study: _____

Educational History

____ I will graduate from high school in June 2020 and will be a first- time freshman in the fall of 2020. If yes, please provide the following information:

Current High School

Begin Date

Cumulative GPA (4.00 Scale)

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

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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, Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

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ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY:

April 11, 2020

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.