



Twenty Pearls Incorporated (TPI)
Dr. Sandra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit (\$2500)

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student in one of the seven core cities in Hampton Roads Virginia (Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Chesapeake, Hampton, Virginia Beach and Suffolk) in the Spring of 2023 **and will be attending Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, in the fall of 2023.**
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 21.
4. Applicants must have applied and been accepted into Elizabeth City State University for the fall of 2023, majoring in Birth through Kindergarten (Pre-school-K), Elementary Education (K-6), or Special Education (K-12). The scholarship requirements are aligned with the 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 committee recognizes academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities.
7. This scholarship is for \$2,500.

Documents Required

Application submission of all documents:

1. Completed application.
2. College Acceptance Letter.
3. One copy, certified by the registrar or other recognized official, of the applicant's **most current (after January 2023)** 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 the scholarship chairman at scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org no later than May 31, 2023.
4. 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)



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- 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.
- 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) did the COVID -19 pandemic affect 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 recommendation, and original essay.

Application Deadline

The application must be typed and may be accessed at scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Signature required on application. Your application and related documents must be submitted electronically by **May 31, 2023**. Application submission of all documents: The application, college acceptance letter, an original essay, letters of recommendation and transcript must be sent to the scholarship chairman at scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org.

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



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

Address

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

Email Address

_____ **Male** _____ **Female**
() _____ () _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Date of Birth

Parent's Name _____ **Email Address** _____
() _____ () _____

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: _____



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____ I will graduate from high school in June 2023 and will be a first- time freshman in the fall of 2023 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)