



**Twenty Pearls Incorporated (TPI)**  
**High School Scholarship Application**  
**Dr. Saundra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit**  
**High School Graduate Attending Elizabeth City State University**

**Eligibility**

1. United States Citizen
2. A **\$2500.00** scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student who will be attending Elizabeth City State University from one of the following cities: Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Norfolk, or Suffolk in the Spring of 2026 for the academic year 2026-2027.
3. Minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.00 grade scale, excluding home school studies) and a minimum SAT score of 1010 (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math) or ACT score (composite) of 21.
4. Provide the letter of acceptance to Elizabeth City State University for the fall of 2026, with the scholarship application.
5. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or extracurricular activities. The scholarship committee recognizes academic distinction, strong character, and personal qualities.

**Documents Required**

1. Typed, Signed, and Completed Application. Scholarship applicant's "typed name" is not accepted as a signature. Complete or fill in every blank. Answer or put N/A if no answer is appropriate.
2. Copy of College Acceptance Letter.
3. Essay Topic: ***How would you handle a situation where you are asked to do something that conflicts with your values?*** The essay must be typed. A minimum of 500 words is required.
4. A Certified Official Copy of the Transcript from the high school registrar or other recognized official; the most current (after January 2026) must be received with the other requested documents at [scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org](mailto:scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org) no later than **April 5, 2026**.
5. Two letters of recommendation, **no more than 1 page; one from a school official, teacher, etc.,** and one letter from another individual who can objectively assess your abilities and character. (Please, no family members.) **Applicants, please submit all documents together and forward directly to [scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org](mailto:scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org).**
  - 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.

**Application Submission: ALL DOCUMENTS:** The application, college acceptance letter and original essay, Letters of Recommendation and transcript should be sent to the scholarship chairman at [scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org](mailto:scholarships@twentypearlsinc.org). **All applications and supporting documentation must be received no later than midnight April 5, 2026.**



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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Full Name Parent's Email Address

Name/Location High School \_\_\_\_\_

GPA/Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

**School Involvement (Include offices held, honors, and awards)**


**Community Involvement**




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Dr. Sandra Sellars Copeland Scholarship of Merit  
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**Accomplishments (Include offices held, honors, awards)**


Has an accredited college accepted you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If accepted, provide the name of the college, address, and a copy of the acceptance letter.

Intended Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Acknowledgement**

As a condition of acceptance of this award, I, the undersigned, agree that the information provided is correct and factual to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must be a high school senior at the time of submission and must submit a fully complete application package by the deadline. I also know that this scholarship award is only for the 2026-2027 academic school year. All applications and essays become the property of Twenty Pearls Incorporated.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_