

Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc.

Charitable Arm of Zeta Omega Chapter
of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Brightening the Future of Our Communities

H.O.P.E. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People through Everyday encounters) Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Mrs. Dorothy H. Lorthridge who passed away from cancer in 2016 and worked for over 30 years in the field of social work. Dorothy obtained a Bachelor of Social Work with a minor in Sociology from Tuskegee University. She continued her education at Auburn University and received a Master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling.

Dorothy truly belonged to a ministry of helping others and was not a showy person. No one would know, sometimes not even her family, when she would help a person or a family with money, time, or good advice. Many people have a more fulfilled life because of Dorothy's selflessness. She also demonstrated this everyday through her career in social work. Her last position prior to her illness was a manager of a personal care home for people with mental disabilities.

Dorothy was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and always held a special place for her beloved sorority in her heart.

The Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc. will award a scholarship to a student who best demonstrates the characteristics of Mrs. Dorothy H. Lorthridge by majoring in a career that focuses on assisting others in need. The award amount is \$1,000.

Eligibility

- Must be a female high school senior
- Must live in New Castle County, DE
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better
- Must submit an **official** transcript
- Must submit SAT and/or ACT scores
- Must be attending a historically black college or university (HBCU)
- Must be majoring in one of the following areas: behavioral science, counseling, human services, psychology, social science, social services, social work, or sociology
- Must submit one letter of recommendation from a school representative or a member of an agency/ organization where you performed volunteer service (must not be a relative)
- Must submit an essay expressing why you selected your major and how you will utilize your degree to help people in underrepresented communities (essay should not exceed 1 page)

No member of the selection committee can benefit in any way from choosing the recipient. Dependents of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Zeta Omega chapter, major contributors to the scholarship fund, and family members of any scholarship selection committee members are disqualified from receiving the scholarship.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____
 FIRST MIDDLE LAST

ADDRESS: _____
 STREET CITY STATE ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNSELOR: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (include length of time and dates)

SCHOOL

OFFICE HELD

COMMUNITY

OFFICE HELD

WORK

OFFICE HELD

COLLEGE INFORMATION

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

ANTICIPATED MAJOR: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER (OR GUARDIAN)

NAME: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

MOTHER (OR GUARDIAN)

NAME: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

I certify that the information cited herein, which I authorize the Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc. to verify, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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**Please ensure the following items are mailed with this scholarship application:**

- Official** high school transcript with **unweighted** GPA  
*(if unweighted GPA is not included on the transcript, please include a letter from your guidance counselor stating your unweighted GPA)*
- One recommendation letter *(1 from a school representative or a member of the agency/organization where you performed community service; not a relative)*
- Essay
- SAT and/or ACT scores

**All applications must be postmarked by March 26, 2022 and mailed to:**

**Pearls of Hope Foundation, Inc  
Attn: H.O.P.E. Memorial Scholarship  
P.O. Box 7184  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803**