



## Purposeful Life Scholarship Fund Program Guidelines

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ([Proverbs 31:25-26](#) ESV)*

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Cultured Pearl is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization geared to support women of God by providing them with the tools according to scripture to bring them into God's light. Often, we go to worship to get the scripture and the word but sometimes we have to see it put to work in order to get that beacon of light that God is trying to send to us.

Our Mission is to supply women of God with scriptures and tools to support real life scenarios and challenges that they face every day.

Our Vision is to reach women of every culture so that they may show other women God's power and light.

We provide tools via conferences, seminars. We provide scholarships and recognition awards.

For 2024, the Purposeful Life Scholarship will award scholarships to a high school senior or seniors each year in the amount designated by the scholarship funds. Purposeful Life scholarship awards are designated as tuition only and will be paid directly to the recipient's school of choice upon verification of acceptance **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.**

### *Criteria and eligibility*

The goal is to award a qualified applicant, not to have to choose according to their "merit" but how they are a positive influence on others in their Christian Life.

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
2. Applicant must have at least a **2.5 grade point average** (or a "C" average).
3. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics, and desires to attend college.
4. All applicants must have 50 hours of community service.
5. Applicants may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff for this presents a conflict of interest.
6. Applicants must be willing to attend a scholarship interview with the Executive Committee of Cultured Pearl via zoom
7. Applicants must be willing to attend the annual fundraiser event or Scholarship Brunch
8. Respond in a timely manner of 24-48 hours if selected as a recipient of the scholarship. Responding in an untimely manner will cause automatic forfeit of your scholarship.

### *General Instructions*

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **April 15, 2024, 11:59 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.

4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at [www.culturedpearl.org](http://www.culturedpearl.org)
5. If you have any questions regarding your application please email, [Sharondasavoy@culturedpearl.org](mailto:Sharondasavoy@culturedpearl.org)

***Application Process:***

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
5. Personal Essay which explains how your spiritual Christian experience has influenced your life. Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors.
6. In addition to the above items, applicant must also complete at least 50 hours of community service. Community service hours must be documented in the form of a letter.
7. All requirements must be emailed no exceptions.

***Deadline*** for the application is **April 15, 2024, 11:59 p.m.** Applications or any requirements emailed after this date will not be considered.

Please email application and attachments to:

**[sharondasavoy@culturedpearl.org](mailto:sharondasavoy@culturedpearl.org)**

Subject: Purposeful Life Scholarship

***NOTE:*** The recipient of the Purposeful Life scholarship should be informed as early as the last week of April. Once the recipient has received the scholarship, a letter should be sent to the recipient's high school so that the information can be included in that school's list of scholarships received. Acknowledgement of the recipients will be made during the annual fundraiser event or seminar. The recipient must attend the annual awards and fundraiser event to receive the award. It is the responsibility of the recipient to inform Cultured Pearl of which institution he/she plans to attend if he/she is awarded the Purposeful Life Scholarship.



**CULTURED PEARL**  
*Bringing Women in to God's light*

**Purposeful Life Scholarship Fund Program  
 Application 2024**

Office Information: Date Received:
Date of Application:

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

1.	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     )     Email Address: _____	
4.	Date of Birth:    Month                      Day                      Year	
5.	Are you related to any of Cultured Pearl Board of Directors or staff? (Please circle)     Yes                      No	
6.	Current High School: _____	Number of years attended: _____
7.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2024</u> : _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is <b>required prior to funds being released to the college or university.</b>	
8.	Social Media Accounts: (i.e. Facebook, IG, Snapchat, X, etc.) _____	
9.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent <b>official</b> school transcript required.	
10.	Have you taken the SAT exam? <b>Yes</b> <b>No</b> If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____	
11.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	
12.	Name and city of other high schools attended: _____	Number of years attended: _____

13.	List the name of any college you have attended.	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				
14.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?				
15.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)				
	A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$		
	B.	Books:	Amount: \$		
	C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$		
	D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments	
Comments:					
16.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)				
	A.	Personal:	Amount: \$		
	B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$	List below under comments	
	C.	Grants:	Amount: \$	List below under comments	
	C.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$	List below under comments	
	D.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$	List below under comments	
Comments:					

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information requested in items 14 & 15.

17.	List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school:

18.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
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19.	<p><b>Personal Essay</b> Please answer the following question:  <b>How your spiritual Christian experience has influenced your life?</b>          (This question must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.)</p>
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20.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.          B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)          C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	<b>Completed application.</b> All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	<b>Letter to Scholarship Committee.</b> Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
	YES	NO	<b>Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.</b>
	YES	NO	<b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b> A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	<b>Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcripts.</b> Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable if</u> transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.
	YES	NO	<b>Personal Essay.</b> Must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.
	YES	NO	<b>Community service hours.</b> Must be documented in the form of a letter on official letterhead from the agency the applicant completed their community service hours.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to Anniston Community Education Foundation Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_