



# Pearl Elegance Foundation Scholarship Application Guide

## Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship with the Pearl Elegance Foundation. This guide is designed to provide tips to help you submit a complete and thorough application. It outlines key sections of the application and offers insights into what reviewers look for in a well-prepared submission. If you have any questions after reviewing the guide, please don't hesitate to contact us at [scholarships@pefinc.org](mailto:scholarships@pefinc.org).

## Application Elements

### Extracurricular Activities

Each applicant must list up to two extracurricular activities, which may be affiliated with their school, religious group, clubs or social organization. Choose an activity you've been involved in for a significant time or where you hold a leadership role. Briefly describe the activity, its purpose, your role, and what you've learned about yourself or others through participation. If you are a leader, explain how you've led peers, developed your leadership style, and achieved goals in this role.

#### Tips for Success:

- Show Depth: Highlight consistent involvement and progression, such as moving from a member to a leader
- Highlight Impact: Explain how your participation contributed to personal growth, group success and benefited the community

### Community Service

Each applicant must describe up to two community service activities, whether a one-time event or ongoing involvement with an organization. Explain the organization's mission and why you chose to volunteer. Outline your role, how you contributed, and what you learned about yourself or others through the experience.

#### Tips for Success:

- Be Specific: Share detail about the organizations you worked with and the nature of your role
- Highlight Impact: Share measurable outcomes (e.g., funds raised, people served) and any personal takeaways

## Academic Awards/Achievement

Each applicant will be asked to share up to two academic awards/achievements. These can include academic honors, awards, national societies, academic competitions, or research projects for example. Please be sure to describe the honor and the metrics for achieving the award.

### Tips for Success:

- List achievements in order of relevance or date, starting with the most recent
- Where possible, quantify success, include rankings or scores

## Recommendations

Recommendations play a key role in your application by providing reviewers with an outside perspective on your aptitude, attitude, and achievements. It's important to choose someone who can serve as a strong and positive reference. Ideally, this should be someone familiar with your accomplishments, academic performance, and future goals, such as a teacher, counselor, mentor, or supervisor from a job or internship.

To submit a recommendation, you'll need the recommender's email address for the application platform. Be sure to reach out to them well in advance to ask if they can serve as your reference. Also inform them that their recommendation must be submitted to the application platform by the application deadline.

### Tips for Success:

- Choose individuals who can speak to your strengths and achievements
- Provide them with details about the scholarship, your goals and any key points you would like them to emphasize
- Request letters well in advance of the deadline; allow at least 2-3 weeks

## Essay

The essay portion of the application allows us to learn more about you, your accomplishments, and your writing style in greater detail.

### ***Prompt***

Read the prompt question carefully and thoroughly. Ensure you answer the question completely and follow all rules and guidelines provided.

### ***Format***

Write your essay like a standard essay, with a strong introduction, clear main ideas supported by detailed paragraphs, and a summarizing conclusion. Your essay should be free of grammatical and typographical errors. We recommend having a family member, mentor, or friend proofread it before uploading.

### ***Content***

In the body of your essay, go beyond making broad statements. Clearly articulate your ideas and thoughts with specific examples and relevant details. Share personal or academic challenges you've faced and how you've grown from them.

### Tips for Success:

- Be authentic, write in your voice and share your genuine thoughts, ideas and story

- Start with a compelling introduction
- Use specific examples to illustrate your points
- Conclude with a strong summary connecting your goals to the scholarship's purpose
- Proofread and edit your essay thoroughly

## Report Card/Transcript

Each applicant will be asked to upload their latest report card or transcript. The report card/transcript can be unofficial but must include your cumulative GPA.

### Tips for Success:

- Double check that your GPA is displayed on the report card/transcript
- Upload a clear, high quality and most recent report card/transcript

## Resume

Each applicant will be asked to upload their high school/collegiate resume. The resume should showcase your skills, experiences and achievements. Ensure all uploaded documents are in the correct format.

### Tips for Success:

- Keep it concise, limited to one page, focusing on the most relevant details
- Upload clear, high quality resume in the specified format

## General Tips for Application Success:

- **Start Early:** Give yourself plenty of time to gather materials and prepare a strong application.
- **Be Honest:** Provide accurate and truthful information throughout.
- **Proofread and Edit:** Check for spelling, grammatical errors, typos and inconsistencies. Have a parent, teacher, or mentor review your essay and application before submission.
- **Highlight Unique Qualities:** Emphasize experiences, skills or perspectives that make you stand out.

## Final Pointers

It is critical that you complete each section of the application and enter all requested information. Each section of the application is scored. Missing or incomplete information will reduce your total score or disqualify your application. Consider printing your application to ensure you have not missed anything before final submission.

You must meet the eligibility requirements as stated for each scholarship. Scholarships offered by Pearl Elegance foundation have different requirements, so carefully review each to ensure you meet the criteria. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all scholarship(s) for which they are eligible.

Lastly, be mindful of the scholarship deadline. Applications and recommendations will not be accepted after the end date.

Good luck!