Youth Development Initiatives, Inc.

Nu Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc

Vivian Lester Henry 2023-2024

**Deadline May 20, 2024**

Essay Guidelines

The following items will be considered in rating your essay:

* Vocabulary
* Spelling
* Word Usage and Style (use correct tense, plurals, capitalization, and punctuation)
* Thought Units (meaningful expression, complete sentences)

* The essay should have a **minimum of** **350 words and a maximum of 600 words**. (Words used as articles in sentence structure will not count as part of the 350-word minimum.)

* The essay needs to be typed doubled spaced. **Do not put your name on the essay or use your name in the essay.** Your essay will need a cover sheet with the following information: Name, school, address, telephone number and e-mail (if you have).

**Essay Topic:** How has being a Precious Pearl influenced your life and how do you plan to make a positive impact on the youth in your community or pay it forward.

Criteria and Value Points

Scholastic (Possible **15** points)

GPA (4 Point Scale) Using Unweighted GPA

**4.0 or above** (20 points)

**3.5—3.9** (15 - 19 points)

**3.0—3.4**  (10 - 14 points)

**2.5—2.9**  (5 - 9 points)

**2.4—2.0** (1 - 4points)

**Below 2.0** (0 points)

Official transcript, is requested. If you attend a school outside of Pinellas County, your transcript is required and should include the High School GPA through the first semester/2nd quarter of her senior year.

* **Personality and Attitude** (Possible **10 points**) Participants must obtain (two) 2-character references. One of the letters must be from your school. **The signature of a relative is unacceptable.**
* **Essay** (Possible **15 points**) The essay should have a minimum of 350 words and a maximum of 1000 words. (Words used as articles in sentence structure will not count as part of the 350-word minimum.)

* **Community Service** (Possible **15 points**) Must be a community service project you are presently working on or have participated in within the last couple of years (2021-2024). You must type (double spaced) a brief overview of your community service project. The director of the project or the leader of the group who benefited from this project must document you did the community service project, length of the project and the total number of hours. (on a separate sheet of paper/letterhead preferred.) The documentation must include the person’s name, title, address, telephone number, signature, date and e-mail (if have).

* **Attendance** (Possible **40 points**) Based on the percentage of your attendance of the Pearls/YDI activities during your tenure in the program.

**Scholarship Checklist:**

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Purposed Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Purposed Future Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Points Scholastic Transcript (**15 points**) (official) \_\_\_\_

Personality/Attitude (**10 points**)

Letter from school (**5 points**) \_\_\_\_

Essay (**15 points**) (350-500 words) \_\_\_\_

Community Service (**15 points**) \_\_\_\_ (Brief description and documentation)

Attendance (**40 points**) \_\_\_\_

Total Points Received………………………………………………………. \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Possible…………………………………………………………… 100