

Virginia Beach Student Number

Virginia Beach Pearls Foundation

1385 Fordham Dr., Ste 105 #140

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

scholarships@vbpearlsfoundation.org



**The Celestyne Diggs Porter Scholarship
for African American High School Seniors**

**\$2000 Scholarship Award
2026 Fall Semester**

The Virginia Beach Pearls Foundation must receive official notification from a college or university regarding the scholarship recipient's enrollment status before the scholarship is officially awarded. A check will be sent directly to the school.

Applications will not be accepted after

May 1, 2026

All mailed applications must be postmarked or emailed on or before the above date.

Celestyne Diggs Porter High School Scholarship

This scholarship is named after Mrs. Celestyne Diggs Porter, a noted educator in Hampton Roads Virginia, who has devoted over sixty years to training teachers in the various public school systems. She was respected and admired throughout the Hampton Roads area for her inspiration and dedication to struggling students.

The Virginia Beach Pearls Foundation will award this \$2000 scholarship to an African American female high school senior who plans to attend a college or university during the upcoming year.

Applicant must be an African American female who resides in Virginia Beach and attends a Virginia Beach Public School. (REQUIRED)

All applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Scholastic Achievement

- A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.
- Electronic transcripts will be accepted but must include the school seal. If submitting electronically, the Professional School Counselor must email an official copy of the transcript directly from a school division email address to. Transcripts without the seal will not be accepted.

2. Letters of Recommendation

- Two letters of recommendation from individuals with personal knowledge of the applicant's abilities must accompany the scholarship application.
- ***One of the two recommendation letters must be from a high school teacher or counselor. Letters from relatives are NOT acceptable.***

3. Typed essay

- **250 double spaced word minimum) on the topic below:**
 - Tell us about a teacher who made a positive impact on your life.

4. Recorded Audio Response

- 2- 3-minute audio recording answering the following question:
 - Why should the scholarship committee award you the Celestyne Diggs Porter Scholarship?
 - Please email audio to scholarships@vbpearlsfoundation.org
 - ***Do not send a video***

All applications must be submitted electronically to the email address provided.

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African American Female HighSchool Seniors**

Application Cover Page

Directions: Complete all forms in the fillable application and return completed application materials (must include letters of recommendation, official transcript, and essay to scholarships@vbpearlsfoundation.org

Virginia Beach Pearls Foundation Scholarship Committee

1385 Fordham Dr., Ste 105 #140,

Virginia Beach, VA 23464, by

May 1, 2026.

If submitting electronically, email all application materials to scholarships@vbpearlsfoundation.org by May 1, 2026.

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Address:

Phone:

Student Email:

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**Celestyne Diggs Porter Scholarship African American Female High School
Scholarship Committee**

Cover Sheet

Grade Point Average (Cumulative 3.0 minimum required):

Name of High School:

SAT Score(s):

ACT Score(s):

Class Rank:

List any honors you have received:

List your current extra-curricular activities:

List the college you plan to attend:

Have you been awarded any scholarships and if so, how much?

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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TO: Counselor

FROM: Scholarship Committee

SUBJECT: Request for Transcript

The graduating senior whose signature appears below has applied for the Celestyne Diggs Porter scholarship given by the Virginia Beach Pearls Foundation to a deserving African American female student who wishes to pursue an undergraduate degree. Applicants are required to submit proof of their high school education. Other criteria: grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, honors, and activities.

The record will be kept in strict confidence and used only to determine a recipient. The applicant has indicated by her signature below, approval of this request.

Electronic copies can be sent to scholarships@vbpearlsfoundation.org.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Signature (must be electronic or handwritten):

Address: City/State/Zip:

Phone: Date: