

Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S. Application 2014-2015



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Psi Alpha Omega Chapter is currently recruiting high school girls from Clayton and Henry counties, to participate in a leadership program designed to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and moral standards. All applications must be completed and submitted at the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S. Information Session on June 14, 2014***. Please use this check list to ensure that you have all of your documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Candidates must submit a complete application which includes:

- a completed general application and personal information forms*
- a copy of the most recent report card to verify grade level, scholastic achievement and attendance record*
- a completed counselor/teacher recommendation form*
- a completed personal recommendation form*
- a typed personal statement (minimum of 500 words) which describes why you desire to be in the **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program*
- signed statement of understanding contract agreeing to participate in all program activities and to follow all of the rules and requirements of the program*
- submit a completed parental consent form*



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Application Rubric

Applicants must receive a minimum of 80 points to be admitted into the *Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S* program. Please review the categories for scoring below:

Criteria #1: Grade Point Average (GPA) – Up to 20 points

- *3.5 – 4.0 (20 points)*
- *3.0 – 3.4 (15 points)*
- *2.5 – 2.9 (10 points)*
- *2.0 – 2.4 (5 points)*
- *Below 2.0 (0 points)*

Criteria #2: Extracurricular Activities – 20 points

Criteria #3: Recommendations – 20 points

Criteria #4: School Attendance – Up to 20 points

- *Perfect Attendance (20 points)*
- *Less than 5 Unexcused Absences (10 points)*
- *More than 5 Unexcused Absences (0 points)*

Criteria #5: 500 Words Essay/Statement of Interest typed – 20 points



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Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S. Application Form

The **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program is Psi Alpha Omega’s signature program for high school girls. The program is designed to extend the vision of the sorority by cultivating and encouraging high scholastic and moral standards. The **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program will develop skills and talents of high school girls with potential for becoming leaders within their local communities, as well as in other venues.

Program Criteria:

- All Pearls must be high school girls
- All Pearls must submit an annual *participation fee of \$30 (non-refundable) at the Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S. program orientation if selected*
- All Pearls must have received official acceptance into the program
- All Pearls must submit a report card annually to verify grade level, scholastic achievement and attendance record
- All Pearls must follow instructions, cooperate and maintain high ethical and moral standards at all times
- All Pearls must be capable of fully participating in all program activities
- All Pearls must successfully complete an annual review packet to determine if they will maintain an active member of **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program for the upcoming year

_____ and _____ acknowledge,
(Parent/Guardian) (Student)

understand and agree to the conditions of this program in order to become a participant.

Student’s Signature

Date

Parent’s Signature

Date



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Personal Information Form

Please Print or Type

Student:

Last

First

MI

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Student Phone Number

Student Email Address

Name of School

Upcoming Grade Level

Shirt Size

Parent Email & Contact Phone Number

List Extracurricular Activities:

Attach your report card and typed personal statement: (Minimum of 500 words)

Why do you desire to participate in the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program?

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date



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Counselor/Teacher Recommendation Form

Please Print or Type

Student:

Last, First, MI

Name of School

Grade Level

Name of Counselor/ Teacher

Phone Number

GPA and/or Progress in School

Character: Good Fair Poor

I do do not recommend the above named student for a participant in the **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program.

Please state why you feel this student is a good candidate for the **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program:

Counselor/Teacher Signature

Date



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Personal Recommendation Form

Please Print or Type

Student:

Last, First, MI

Name of School

Grade Level

Name of Sponsor

Phone Number

Length of time sponsor has known applicant _____

I do do not recommend the above named student for a participant in the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program.

Please state why you feel this student is a good candidate for the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program:

Signature

Date



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Release/Permission Slip

I hereby request and consent that my child or ward

_____ be permitted to participate in the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program. I further understand that this program is for Leadership Development and that my child or ward may be accompanied and transported to and from designated events, photographed, and/or mentored, by a member of Psi Alpha Omega or its designee associated with this program. By signing below, I release Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Psi Alpha Omega, its members and other volunteers associated with this program from any liability or any injury, loss, or damage connected in any way whatsoever with participation in this program.

I _____ pledge to follow all conduct rules and acknowledge that my failure to obey rules and requirements may result in my removal from the program.

Signature of Participant _____

Signature of Parent(s) _____

Date: _____



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Statement of Understanding

The ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program is an initiative of the Psi Alpha Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., with emphasis on leadership development among girls in high school grades. The following four AKAdemies will be explored: (1) Leadership Development; (2) Civic Engagement; (3) Education Enrichment; (4) Character Building. To ensure that participants will derive maximum benefits from their experiences, it is imperative that they honor the following program rules and guidelines as attested by the required signatures:

I, _____, will follow instructions, be cooperative, and maintain high moral and ethical standards at all times.

I, _____, will adhere to appropriate dress code as defined for designated events.

I, _____, understand that I will address all adults by appropriate title(s) (i.e., Ms., Miss, Mrs., Dr., etc.) in various settings.

I, _____, understand that as a participating representative of the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program sponsored by Psi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., my behavior must always reflect favorably upon the organization.

I, _____, understand that if I am found to be in violation of any of the established rules and regulations, or the code of ethics of the ***Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.*** program that the Psi Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has the authority to terminate my participation.

Statement of Understanding *continued*

Minor Infractions

Being out of the dress code mandated by the event, or any actions which disrupts the event or negatively impact the **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program will be dealt with in the following manner:

- First Offense: Participant will receive up to 5 demerits and be informed of the improper behavior and provided an opportunity to explain (due process).
- Second Offense: Participant will receive up to 10 demerits and be excluded from an activity. The participant's parent/guardian/sponsor will be notified via phone or direct conference.
- Third Offense: Participant will be removed from the **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program. The participant's parent/guardian/sponsor will be notified via phone, or direct conference.

Major Infractions

Major infractions will result in a meeting to discuss the rule infraction. The **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** student, their parent/guardian/sponsor and other involved parties will be required to attend and it may result in removal from the program. All of the following are prohibited, and can receive maximum disciplinary action which can include dismissal from the **Exquisite P.E.A.R.L.S.** program:

- Use/or possession of a controlled substance
- Use/or possession of tobacco products
- Use/or possession of a weapon, or any items that could be considered a weapon
- Threats (implied or direct); physical or verbal abuse; or use of profane language
- Lying or stealing
- More than 2 absences or lack of full participating in program activities

I, _____, have read and understand the above regulations, and I understand what the consequence(s) will be should a violation of rules and regulations occur.

Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Printed Name

Student Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor Signature/Date

Note: Unsigned and incomplete forms will not be considered, rendering the application null and void.