



# Levi Pearson Scholarship Foundation Application Packet



The Levi Pearson Scholarship Foundation was established for the purpose of assisting young men and women of Clarendon, Sumter, Williamsburg, and Lee Counties with financial assistance in obtaining a college education. The funds for this scholarship will be administered by the Levi Pearson Scholarship Foundation Committee and are determined by the amount of funds allocated.

**Please read careful the requirements of the scholarship application process. All submitted information must be postmark by the April 29, 2023 deadline.**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident of Clarendon, Sumter, Williamsburg or Lee County
- Must be a rising senior or graduating senior (Juniors must participate in the iCAN Mentoring Program during their senior year)
- Must have a Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Must have been accepted into a college or university
- Active Member of a Congregation (Bible based)

## THE SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients will be selected by a seven (7) panel judging committee. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on, but not limited to the following criteria:

- Academic Record and Cumulative GPA
- Quality of essay and recommendations
- Community service and leadership background
- Statement of financial need
- Submission of all application packet components
- Interview

Winners will be notified by the Scholarship Committee by **May 13, 2023**; all decisions are final. No submitted material will be returned. **All applications not completed in its entirety will not be processed.**

## THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DISBURSEMENT

Scholarship awards are to be applied towards tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required at the educational institution. All scholarships will be disbursed directly to the college or university after verification of registration for the fall semester or quarter. If the student is unable to attend in the fall the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information must be submitted as one complete package. **(It will not be accepted separately):**

- Completed application (must be typed).
- A current official transcript of all high school and college courses taken to date (seal must appear on transcript).
- Copy of ACT/SAT Scores
- A fifteen hundred (1500) word essay: ***The educational impact of Mr. Levi Pearson and Mr. Hammett Pearson in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century has significantly impacted the educational system in Clarendon County and the World in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Detail, in your own words, their roles in educational changes, and what are some of the***

***significant changes that have occurred as a result of their impetus... particularly highlight changes that affected you and others in your/their academic pursuits.***

- **Please see the attached essay requirements)**
- During your senior year a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college or university you plan to attend.
- Three (3) signed letters of recommendations are required: teacher, advisor or counselor, community leader or volunteer supervisor, adult mentor, youth minister or Pastor. All letters must be signed and dated. See the enclosed Recommendation Form to give to your references to help them in writing the letters.
- One (1) professional school photograph (3" x 5" preferred, wallet size accepted). Photos with watermarks will not be accepted
- All materials must be **postmark** by the deadline to be considered. **(April 29, 2023)**
- Applicants must attend the Levi Pearson/Briggs vs Elliott Scholarship Gala to receive scholarship award.
- Upon acceptance of the award the recipient will be enrolled in the iC.A.N. Mentoring Program to strengthen our recipients in career readiness, interviewing skills, and financial literacy just to name a few.

### **Additional Information**

The Levi Pearson Scholarship Committee reserves the right to use the name and/or photograph of scholarship award recipients in promotional materials designed to increase awareness of the Levi Pearson Scholarship Foundation, and for soliciting funding or advertise fund raising events for the Foundation. By accepting scholarship awards, recipients agree to the above statement.

***INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE YOUR APPLICATION.***

### **RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

The Levi Pearson Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box 2194  
Sumter, SC 29151

Questions/Concerns can be emailed to: [LPSF2194@gmail.com](mailto:LPSF2194@gmail.com)



**Congressional Gold Medal of Honor**

**Application**  
**Levi Pearson Scholarship Foundation**  
(Please type Application)

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ Male      \_\_\_ Female

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
Father	_____	_____

Mother	_____	_____
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Guardian	_____	_____
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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

Name of Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list church activities during the past four (4) years. Include local church; conference district and connectional involvement (attach additional information if necessary):

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\_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (use 4-point scale): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of College/University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_ no

What is your intended major course of study and/or career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

**COPY OF TRANSCRIPT (MUST BE ATTACHED)**

Signature of School Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List any academic honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS** (attach additional information if necessary)

List significant school-related extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

List significant non-school extracurricular activities in which you have participated: \_\_\_\_\_

List significant volunteer and other extracurricular activities involved in during the past four (4) years: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Optional)**

In a brief statement, describe your financial need(s). Please also describe any special circumstances that may affect your family's ability to pay for college.

**OTHER FINANCIAL AID (optional)**

List below all financial aid you have been awarded thus far.

<b>Name of Award/Grant/Loan</b>	<b>Amount</b>
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE/RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address/Phone</b>	<b>Title/Organization</b>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

I, the undersigned verify that I am the sole author of this application and that all statements herein are true and factual to the best of my knowledge. I have read the criteria for the scholarship for which I am applying and believe I am eligible.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARK BY April 29, 2023.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Email: [LPSF2194@gmail.com](mailto:LPSF2194@gmail.com)

**MAIL ALL MATERIALS TO:**  
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**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**Please separate and give the slip below to each person writing your letter of recommendation for this scholarship.**



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**2023 Essay Topic:** The educational impact of Mr. Levi Pearson and Mr. Hammett Pearson in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century has significantly impacted the educational system in Clarendon County and the World in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Detail, in your own words, their roles in educational changes, and what are some of the significant changes that have occurred as a result of their impetus... particularly highlight changes that affected you and others in your/their academic pursuits.

**Please note the following with regards to your essay's success:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1500 Words Required

\_\_\_\_\_ Page formatting--(Double-spaced, 12 inch font, 1 inch margins, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Content Must Be Relevant to Topic (Elaborate with Specific Examples)

\_\_\_\_\_ Has an Effective Introduction, Body, and Conclusion

\_\_\_\_\_ Has a Controlling Idea that Fully Explains the Topic (Ideas Logically Grouped and Sequenced)

\_\_\_\_\_ Your Voice is Distinctive (Clearly Detected)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lacks Plagiarism

\_\_\_\_\_ Has Smooth and Varied Transitions to Connect Thoughts

\_\_\_\_\_ Usage, Mechanics, and Grammar are Consistently Correct

**A 10 Point Evaluation System for Essay: Outstanding=10-9 Points; Good=8-7 Points; Average=6-5; and Below Average=4 and Below**

**Good Luck on all of your endeavors and always strive of excellence!**

## Levi Pearson Scholarship Foundation Recommendation Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of time acquainted: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recommender's Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Recommender's Address \_\_\_\_\_

**To the recommender:** Scholarships are awarded on the basis of educational goals, academic performance, achievements, community/church service, and financial need. The scholarship is designed to recognize accomplishments and to provide incentive and encouragement to students. Please be specific regarding your knowledge of the applicant. Your letter may include your knowledge of the student regarding the following areas:

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