



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
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Vivian Carter Mason was a social worker, activist, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Iota Omega Chapter. Born in 1900 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Mason enrolled at the University of Chicago. She was the third North Atlantic Regional Director (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®), and the third National President of the National Council of Negro Women (1953-1957). She married William Mason and had one son, William, Jr. She became the first African American female administrator of the Thirty-Second Precinct Home Relief Bureau (1934) and first African American woman to serve as director of New York City's Administrative Division, Department of Welfare (1940 - 1942). Mason organized the Women's Council on Interracial Cooperation (1945). She became the first African American woman elected to the Norfolk, Virginia School Board (1971 - 1978). She resigned to start the Urban League of Hampton Roads, Virginia. Mrs. Mason died in May 1982.

## **Vivian Carter Mason Community Scholarship Criteria**

- 1. The applicant must submit letters or service hours forms showing that they completed a minimum of 120 hours of community service, distributed across at least two distinct programs.**
- 2. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and submit an official high school transcript with appropriate endorsements and/or signatures.**
- 3. The applicant must have an acceptance letter from their intended college or university declaring a major in Social Work, Sociology, or Human Services.**
- 4. The applicant must have completed an application with a parent or guardian signature.**
- 5. The applicant must complete the essay requirement.**
- 6. The applicant must have two letters of recommendation from a teacher/administrator or community representative (no family members).**
- 7. The applicant must enroll as a full-time student at a four-year college or university.**
- 8. The applicant must not complete an application for the Iota Omega Norfolk High School Scholarship.**

**Members of Iota Omega Chapter shall recuse themselves from the application process if a relative applies.**

The Vivian Carter Mason Community Scholarship is underwritten by the Norfolk Pearls Foundation.

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### Applicant Information:

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Family Information:

Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

### Educational:

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

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students in Graduating Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

What major/career do you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

List any honors and academic awards:

List any scholarships awarded



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**Extracurricular Activities:**

List any extracurricular activities in the past four years:

List your community service, civic, and any other activities:

**Essay:**

In three hundred words or less, indicate how the Vivian Carter Mason Community Scholarship will be beneficial to you. Please type your essay on a separate sheet and attach to this completed application form.

**Scholarship Checklist:**

Email the following by **Friday, March 1, 2024**, to scholarship@norfolkpearls.com:

- Copy of your official acceptance letter from the college/university you plan to attend
- Completed application form with applicant's and parent's/guardian's signatures
- Your essay

Mail the following, postmarked no later than **Friday, March 1, 2024**:

- Official transcript
- Copy of your official acceptance letter from the college/university you plan to attend
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, or community representative

If you have questions, please contact Denita Bottoms at 757-575-0887 or Bertha Escoffery at 757-777-8384.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_