

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PRECIOUS HEARTS FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

## ABOUT PRECIOUS HEARTS

The Precious Hearts Foundation is a private organization founded by Erica Mills-Hollis, exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The mission of Precious Hearts is to improve the self-esteem and lives of pregnant teens and teen parents by providing resources to help them complete their education, achieve economic self-sufficiency through empowerment and training, child development services, support services and job searching techniques, and future teen pregnancy prevention.



#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Precious Hearts Scholarship Fund is to assist pregnant and parenting teen mothers in furthering their education, so that they may become successful in spite of their situation. Precious Hearts would also like to help ensure that the rates increase for teenage mothers continuing their education beyond high school graduation. The scholarship can be used for tuition, books, and G.E.D. training.

### **PARTICIPATION**

To be eligible for the Precious Hearts Scholarship Fund, the applicant must to be a pregnant or parenting teenage mother. She may be faced with such adversities as poverty and economic or financial difficulties that threaten to hinder her future success.

"In order to be the best mommy you can be, you must let go of feelings of fear.."



All applicants for the Precious Hearts Scholarship Fund should:

- (1) Be a teenage mother
- (2) Have a current 2.8 average GPA or above
- (3) Be in pursuit or planning to participate in a fulltime postsecondary course of study in a degree program at an accredited United States college or university

## APPLICATION/REAPPLICATION

Those who wish to apply for the Precious Hearts Scholarship Fund should fill out the application form that begins on **page 3** of this document. It is important that the application form is **typed** and filled out in its entirety. It is also important that applicants follow all instructions and submit the supplemental information that is required. If the application is incomplete or if all supplemental information is not submitted, this may be grounds for application rejection. Those who apply are always encouraged to apply again. The due date for the Precious Hearts Scholarship Application is **May 15** of each year.

#### **WINNERS**

The Precious Hearts Board of Directors reviews all applications and selects the winners based on those applications and the supplemental information submitted by each applicant. The winners are notified by telephone, mail or email no later than **June 15** of each year. All decisions made by the Precious Hearts Board of Directors are final.

### AWARD AMOUNT

\$500 - \$1000 per Individual

# **APPLICATION**

To apply for the Precious Hearts Scholarship Fund, please complete this application form and mail along with supplemental information to the following address:

Precious Hearts
ATTN: Chair of Scholarships
6841 Virginia Parkway
Suite 103, #218
McKinney, TX 75071

You may also email your completed application form along with scanned copies of your supplemental information to **erica@precioushearts.care**.

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Please attach the following documents or arrange to have them sent to Precious Hearts:

- 1. Personal Letter from Applicant (at least 1000 words). The Precious Hearts Scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholastic proficiency, financial need, and your unique ability to have overcome any life challenges associated with teenage motherhood. Precious Hearts would like to know what you have learned from the experience of early motherhood. We would also like to know your plans to ensure that you will be the best parent you can be while remaining committed to pursuing an education of higher learning.
- **2.** Two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation must be from an institutional professional (high school teacher, professor, dean, etc.). The letter of recommendation from an institutional professional must be submitted via mail to the Precious Hearts on official institution letterhead. The other letter of recommendation may be unofficial, and it does not require special mailing procedures.
- **3.** Current official transcript from institution now attending and transcripts from all other postsecondary institutions attended. If you have not yet attended such an institution or have not completed one year of study, send your high school transcript.
- **4.** Score Reports (for high school seniors only). Please attach a copy of your score reports for all standardized tests taken for college admission. Copies are acceptable; there is no need to attach official reports.
- **5.** One (1)  $5" \times 7"$  or  $8" \times 10"$  headshot. If your photo is emailed to us, a high resolution photo of at least 300 dpi quality is preferred. (The headshot is requested for virtual announcement purposes should you receive the scholarship award.)