



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Southern Region

1302 Waugh Drive

PMB 563

Houston, Texas 77019-3908

Lisa M Lopez Ware, Chapter President



Academic Scholarship Application

January 1, 2017

The Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated will award scholarships to eligible high school seniors from the greater Houston area.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was organized on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C., as the result of encouragement given to its five founders by Charles Taylor and Langston Taylor, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. The five Founders: Arizona Cleaver, Fannie Pettie, Myrtle Tyler, Pearl Anna Neal, and Viola Tyler, affectionately known as the Five Pearls, formed a sisterhood to encourage the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs. In addition, they promoted service projects on college campuses and in the community, fostered sisterhood, and exemplified the ideals of finer womanhood.

On December 8, 1990, the Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was chartered for the Clear Lake Area by nine degreed women who had become affiliated with the organization as undergraduates.

Consistent with the founding principles of *Finer Womanhood, Scholarship, Service, and Sisterhood*, the Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter will award scholarships to college-bound, high school seniors who have a GPA of 2.7 or above.

Family of Omicron Gamma Zeta members (past or present) are **NOT** eligible to apply for the academic scholarship. This includes children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, siblings, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

To be considered for a scholarship award, each applicant must submit:

- A completed Academic Scholarship Application (must be typed). A copy of the application can be downloaded from the Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter website at www.zphibogz.org
- An official sealed transcript. (Must be sent by high school registrar to the address listed)
- Two letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, employer, or community service organization representative, etc. (No letters from family members, please)
- 500 word essay (must be typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced, and 1" margins) responding to the following prompt, "*Identify and explain three issues you believe have the most detrimental impact on minority males and/or females today. What are some of the ways you believe that these problems can be diminished or resolved?*"

- A minimum of 20 documented community service hours on official letterhead. (e.g. church nursery, nursing home, public library, tutoring)

To be eligible for consideration for a 2016-2017 scholarship award, a complete application must be post marked no later than **March 1, 2017**. Applications are to be mailed to:

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
1302 Waugh Drive
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Houston, TX 77019-3908

Applications may also be scanned in and emailed to scholarship@zphiogz.org. Official transcripts should be mailed to the physical address above.

Interviews will be held in late March and early April for a select group of candidates. Awardees will be invited to attend a reception in their honor in May. Information regarding the disbursement of scholarship funds to awardees will be provided at the time congratulatory letters are sent out.

Best of luck in all your future endeavors,

Scholarship Committee
Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter
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“Zeta: A Community – Conscious, Action – Oriented Organization”

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Please type.

Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____ Age: ____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name & Contact Number: _____

High School Name: _____

Address: _____ District: _____

GPA: $\frac{\text{Your GPA}}{\text{Scale}}$ / _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____

Colleges/Universities Applying To:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Organizations (Please specify any leadership roles within each):

Awards/Recognitions/Achievements (Please include month and year you received each):

Community Service (Please describe service and why service was chosen):

State your career goals:

Briefly state your knowledge of college sororities/fraternities:

Specifically, what is your knowledge of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated?

Why do you believe that you are in need of a scholarship?

What is your planned major? Why?

What three words best characterize you? Why?

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Scholarship Criteria
2016 - 2017

- i. The scholarships will be given to students who meet the following criteria:
 - i. Active community service participants (minimum of 20 hours)
 - ii. Grade point average of 2.7 or above
 - iii. College-bound.

- ii. Applicant must type (must be typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced, and 1" margins) a five hundred word essay based on the prompt, "Identify and explain three issues you believe have the most detrimental impact on minority males and/or females today. What are some of the ways you believe that these problems can be diminished or resolved?"

- iii. The following items should accompany the Scholarship Application:
 - i. Official sealed transcript
 - ii. Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - iii. Documented community service hours on official letterhead.
 - iv. 500 word essay – social action

- iv. To be eligible for consideration, application must be postmarked by **March 1, 2017** and mailed or email to the address provided.
 - i. All paperwork should be intact.
 - ii. Scholarship application must be complete and typed.

- v. Have knowledge of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

Submit all information to:

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