



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Tau Delta Zeta Chapter
P.O. Box 744
Laurel, Maryland 20725
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Scholarship Application

PURPOSE AND AVAILABILITY

The ladies of *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Tau Delta Zeta Chapter* are women committed to excellence in all areas of life. We strive tirelessly to exemplify the ideals of **Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood** and **Finer Womanhood**, as held by our illustrious Sorority. *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Tau Delta Zeta Chapter* created the essay contest to encourage high scholarly achievement through writing and creative expression among college-bound young women. Through the *Power of the Written Word* essay contest, we challenge young women to define the noble and unique ideal of Finer Womanhood in relation to the examples of phenomenal women in their own lives and the women they aspire to be.

Finer Womanhood – The Ideal

The ideal of Finer Womanhood originated in the minds of our Illustrious Founders: Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Viola Tyler Goings, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Fannie Pettie Watts, and Pearl Anna Neal. They envisioned a quality that held Zetas to the highest standards of womanhood. A Finer Woman is a lady of high moral character, intelligence, resilience, faith and courage. It is *the* quality that sets Zeta women apart from all other women. Though a precept and personal foundation for the women of *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated*, Finer Womanhood is an ideal that all women should strive to attain. A Finer Woman's spirit is reflected in a woman's character, what she says and does, but most importantly in the way she *lives* daily.

ELIGIBILITY

An **eligible** applicant is considered someone who meets the following requirements:

- A high school *female* senior student
- A resident of Prince George's County, MD
- Accepted into an accredited four-year college or university
- Has an overall grade point average of 2.5 (C+) or greater
- Has **not** received any other scholarship from Tau Delta Zeta Chapter
- Motivated to achieve their educational and career goals

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The *Power of the Written Word* Scholarship does not discriminate in its selection policy on the basis of race, color, creed, disability, national/ethnic origin, religion or sexual orientation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All information contained in this application will be considered confidential.

1. Obtain an application from high school or a member of *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Tau Delta Zeta Chapter*.
2. Provide a comprehensive and complete application packet (typed).
3. Essays should be submitted in typed format and be 300-600 words in length.
4. Obtain and submit an official high school transcript.
5. Obtain two letters of recommendation (**one from high school faculty/administrator and one from a community organization**).
6. A high school resume



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7. Submit a completed scholarship application, written statement, letters of recommendation, proof of community service, and one original transcript postmarked by **Friday January 26, 2018.**

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Should there be any questions about completing the application, please contact tdzscholarship@zphibtdz.org.

CHECKLIST

Include in the application packet:

- *Application (typed)*
- *Essay (typed)*
- *Recent Transcript*
- *Letters of Recommendation*
- *Proof of Community Service*
- *A copy of the candidate's college/university invoice or schedule (as soon as it is available) showing charges or registered classes*
- *A copy of the candidate's college/university financial aid award letter (as soon as it is available)*
- *A high school resume*



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DEADLINES

The completed scholarship application must be postmarked by **Friday, January 26, 2018** (including the most recent transcript and written essay). **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.** Should there be any questions about completing the application, please contact tdzscholarship@zphibtdz.org.

SUBMISSION DATE

All application materials must be postmarked no later than **Friday, January 26, 2018** and returned to the following address:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Tau Delta Zeta Chapter
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 744
Laurel, MD 20725

JUDGING & CRITERIA

The *Power of the Written Word Essay Contest* Committee will evaluate essay submissions on the basis of creativity, grammar and format. The composition must appropriately execute the aforementioned topic and adhere to the requested word length.

NOTIFICATION

Each candidate will be notified in writing of the Scholarship Review Committee's decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Scholarship(s) will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00, and \$750.00.
- Funds will be released upon receipt of proof of acceptance/registration into a four-year college or university and most recent transcript. Proof of acceptance/registration must be on official college or university letterhead. Scholarship checks will be forwarded directly to the bursar's office and made payable to the scholarship recipient and the college.



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Part I: Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	
Address	City	State	Postal Code
Telephone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx		Email Address	
Father's/Guardian's Name		Mother's/Guardian's Name	

Part II: Educational Information

Name of High School	City
Name of High School Counselor	Counselor Telephone Number (xxx) xxx-xxxx
Cumulative Grade Point Average*	

** High School transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be provided directly from the school in a sealed envelope addressed to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Tau Delta Zeta Chapter.*

Educational Plan

Expected College Major	Career Goal
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Identify each college/university to which the candidate has applied. Please add a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

Name & Location of School

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Part III: Additional Information

Do you know of anyone that is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.? If so, please list their name and relation to you. Please add a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

Are you a Zeta Archonette (youth auxiliary of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.)? If so, please list your affiliated chapter.



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Part IV: Written Essay (300-600 word maximum)

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a typewritten statement responding to the following:

- ☐ *"Being realistic is the most commonly traveled road to mediocrity." - Will Smith. What uncommon methods have you used to make sure you were successful at reaching a goal?*

Essays must be typed in 12-point, Arial font with 1-inch margins. The candidate should include her name (First, Last) at the top of each page, page numbers in the footer, and word count at the bottom of the essay.

Part V: Recommendations

Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application. The letters must be written and submitted on letterhead by a school administrator (i.e., teacher, school principal, advisor, etc.) who can verify the candidate's involvement in community service as well as personal achievements in school or community.

Applications submitted without this supporting documentation will not be considered.

Each letter of recommendation should clearly identify the name of the applicant and address why she deserves our support. All letters should be submitted in a sealed envelope and included with the final application package.

Part VI: Extracurricular Activities

The candidate should describe in a resume format their involvement/participation in any of the following areas:

- *High School Clubs/Athletics/Committees*
- *Community Service Projects/Religious Activities/Volunteer Service*



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PARENT/STUDENT SIGNATURE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby affirm that all the statements presented in this application are true. I have enclosed the necessary high school transcript and other supporting documentation. I am willing to provide additional information should it be required. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the decision and award of the scholarship committee.

I hereby affirm that the information presented in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby understand that any information submitted falsely will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

<i>I acknowledge that I meet the eligibility criteria as indicated above:</i>	<i>Applicant's Initials (required)</i>
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Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date