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**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated**  
**Phi Gamma Zeta Chapter**  
**P. O. Box 1419**  
**Hopewell, VA 23832**

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## **Phi Gamma Zeta Scholarship - Overview**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Phi Gamma Zeta Chapter will award a **\$1,500** scholarship to a female residing in Hopewell and entering a United States college or university in the summer or fall of 2026. The scholarship recognizes academic distinction as well as strong character and personal qualities.

### **Eligibility Criteria/ Applicant must:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Be a current female residing in Hopewell, VA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be anticipating completion of a high school diploma in the spring of 2026 or have completed a GED.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or score at least a 580 on the GED Exam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in at least twenty (20) hours of community service and extracurricular activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be entering into a United States college or university in the summer or fall of 2026.

### **Please submit in one envelope:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The completed application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An official copy of your high school transcript or GED score.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter(s) of documentation for at least twenty (20) community service hours.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of your acceptance letter to a US college or university.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three (3) professional letters of recommendations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An original essay of at least 250 words highlighting the life and career of a notable African American female or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the impact she made/makes on your life.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicant will be selected based on her academic accomplishments, intellectual and creative distinctions, extracurricular and community service activities, letters of recommendations, and essay. Please, see attached Scholarship Scoring Rubric. **Note: Proof of enrollment is required prior to receipt of the monetary award.**

### **Application Deadline**

All completed applications and essays should be postmarked **on or before Thursday, April 30, 2026**, to the following address:

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Phi Gamma Zeta Chapter**  
**c/o Scholarship Committee**  
**Post Office Box 1419**  
**Hopewell, VA 23860**

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### Phi Gamma Zeta Scholarship – Application Rubric

CATEGORY	4-Exceeds Expectations	3 - Above Standard	2 - Standard	1 - Below Standard
<b>Accuracy</b>	All supportive documents are included (two letters of recommendation, high school transcript, essay, community service letter, college acceptance letter) and the scholarship application is postdated on or before the due date.	All supportive documents except for one are included (two letters of recommendation, high school transcript, essay, community service letter, college acceptance letter) and the scholarship application is postdated on or before the due date.	All supportive documents except for two are included (two letters of recommendation, high school transcript, essay, community service letter, college acceptance letter) and the scholarship application is postdated after the due date.	The application is missing two or more supportive documents are missing (two letters of recommendation, high school transcript, essay, community service letter, college acceptance letter) and the scholarship application is postdated after the due date.
<b>GPA/GED Score</b>	<b>Applicant has a cumulative: GPA of 3.5 or higher or GED score &gt; 700.</b>	<b>Applicant has a cumulative GPA between a 3.0 - 3.4 or GED score 600-680.</b>	<b>Applicant has a cumulative GPA of between 2.75 - 2.9 or GED score 580.</b>	<b>Applicant has a cumulative GPA &lt; 2.75 or GED score &lt; 580.</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	Applicant has completed 20 or more community service hours in any area or 16 hours in an area related to her goals.	Applicant has completed 10 to 30 hours of community service in any area or 11 to 15 hours of community service in an area related to her goals or college program.	Applicant has completed 10 hours of community service in any area.	Applicant has completed fewer than 10 hours of community service.
<b>Leadership Experience</b>	Applicant has held three or more leadership roles during the last 4 years.	Applicant has held two leadership roles during the last 4 years.	Applicant has held at least one leadership role during the last 4 years.	Applicant has not held any leadership roles during the last 4 years.
<b>Essay-Grammar and Spelling</b>	Essay is typed and contains two or fewer spelling or grammatical errors.	Essay is typed and contains three to five spelling and grammatical errors	Essay is typed and contains six to nine spelling and grammatical errors	Essay is typed and contains ten or more spelling and grammatical errors
<b>Essay-Content</b>	Essay is well-written and details the life of an African American female or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. This female's story directly relates to the applicant's career aspirations.	Essay is well-written and details the life of an African American female or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. This female's story does not relate to the applicant's career aspirations.	Essay details the life of an African American female or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. This female's story may or may not relate to the applicant's career aspirations.	Essay does not detail the life of an African American female or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
<b>Professional Recommendation Letters</b>	Three strong letters of recommendation are included.	Two strong and one mediocre letters of recommendation are included.	Two mediocre letters of recommendation are included.	Only one mediocre letter of recommendation is included.

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### **STUDENT PROFILE (Please print)**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/ccyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 (if minor/applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 (if minor/applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) Attended (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA or GED Score : \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

\_\_\_\_\_I will have graduated from high school or completed my GED by the end of June 2026 and will be a first-time freshman in the summer or fall of 2026. If yes, please provide the following information:

### **HIGH SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACTIVITIES**

Please list all your important high school and/or community activities, date(s) of participation, award(s), and office(s) held (include student government, sports, school publications, arts, debate, exchange programs, etc.).

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Award(s)</u>	<u>Office(s) Held</u>

Please list all public service and/or community service activities that you have voluntarily participated in, without pay, (include projects with community organizations, environmental protection and conservation efforts, work with religious organizations, candy striping, Scouts, etc.).

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Hours</u>

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**PAID EMPLOYMENT**

Are you currently employed part-time \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No and/or fulltime? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please list position(s), date(s) of employment and a brief job description below.

Company 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Company 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Company 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**By printing and signing below, I confirm that all information submitted on this application is true.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/ccyy)

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