




**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated**

 **Founders'**  
*Centennial*  
**Scholarship**

**Application Deadline**

**January 16, 2020**

**Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker**

**25th International Centennial President**



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*Dear Applicant!*

As Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated prepares to commemorate 100 years since her founding by young visionaries on the campus of Howard University in 1920, I am proud to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Founders' Centennial Scholarship. To honor the legacy of the five founding members of the sorority, a \$100,000 scholarship will be awarded annually, for five (5) consecutive years beginning March 2020.

The Founders' Centennial Scholarship offers financial assistance, not to exceed the maximum of the award to cover the cost of tuition and related expenses, to a graduating female senior at a Title I high school meeting the eligibility requirements, which includes enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited college or university in Fall 2020. *Please note - affiliation with any member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated or any of its auxiliary organizations is not an eligibility requirement for this scholarship.* However, community service and involvement is a plus.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood through the vision of our courageous Founders to affect positive change in the community and encourage the highest standards in the achievement of academic excellence. With the principle of scholarship in mind, the Founders' Centennial Scholarship program has been implemented to provide recipients with the opportunity to maximize their college experience through service-learning, volunteerism and internships.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, I encourage you to apply today for the 2020 Founders' Centennial Scholarship. The deadline to submit your application for consideration is Thursday, January 16, 2020! Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated takes pride in her continued zest for excellence and is poised for perpetual service to mankind by awarding the most worthy recipients. Good luck!

Sisterly in Service,

Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker  
25<sup>th</sup> International Centennial President

## About Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 16, 1920, at Howard University, Washington, D.C. by five coeds who envisioned a sorority which would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise consciousness of their people, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members. These women believed in a mission of progressiveness that would address fully the societal mores, ills, prejudices, and poverty affecting humanity.

Since its inception, Zeta has continued to demonstrate concern for the human condition both nationally and internationally. Zeta's national and local programs include the endowment of its National Educational Foundation community outreach services and support of multiple affiliate organizations. Zeta chapters and auxiliaries have given untold hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social and civic change.

The sorority takes pride in its continued participation in transforming communities through volunteer services from members and its auxiliaries. Zeta Phi Beta has chartered hundreds of chapters worldwide and has a membership of 100,000+.

As the sorority moves toward its centennial, it retains its original zest for excellence. It espouses the highest academic ideals and that has resulted in its members serving in groundbreaking roles in all fields of entertainment, science, education, technology, public service, entertainment and beyond. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is poised for perpetual service to mankind into her second century and beyond.

For more information about Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated visit [www.zphib1920.org](http://www.zphib1920.org)

## Award Intent

In honor of the five founding members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, the Centennial International President of Zeta Phi Beta will award \$100,000 scholarship each year to a new recipient, for five consecutive years beginning the sorority's Centennial Anniversary year of 2020. The award will be made to one deserving female high school senior to cover educational cost up to and not to exceed \$100,000 total. The award is targeted to honor a Title I school senior, who exhibits personal integrity and excellence through academic achievement and community involvement, and demonstrates a moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining her educational goals. The recipient may complete her undergraduate studies in the field of her choice at an accredited four-year college or university of her choice. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated will conduct an international search to find and award the most worthy recipient of this award. The award recipients' journey to Centennial will be chronicled from March 2020, award through June 2020, Centennial.

**Application Deadline:**  
**January 16, 2020**

**Award Announcement:**  
**March 2020**

## Amount

\$100,000 to cover the cost of tuition and related expenses.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Must be female senior student at a Title I high school or an International equivalent high school.
- Must be graduating in May (spring) of the award year and enrolling as a full-time student in an accredited college or university in the fall of the same year.
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate financial need.
- Community service and involvement is a plus.

Affiliation with any members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated or any of its auxiliary organizations is not a requirement.

Due by **January 16, 2020**. Applications and support documents received after this date will not be considered for award.

# Scholarship Application Instructions

All scholarship applications must include the application, the goal statement, personal essay, two (2) letters of recommendation and official transcripts to be considered for an award.

All submissions must be complete at the time of submission. NO partial submissions will be accepted. All submissions must be **emailed** in one PDF to:

**Scholarships@ZetaPhiBetaSororityHQ.org**  
**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated**  
**Subject: Centennial Scholarship Application**

## Legal Name

Please use your legal name. Do not use nicknames. Make sure your name is consistent throughout your submission. The name that appears on your official transcript should match your application and letters of recommendation.

## Transcripts

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. accepts official transcripts that are stamped with an official school seal and signed by an authorized school administrator in a PDF format.

## Letters of Recommendation

All letters of recommendation need to be addressed to the Centennial Scholarship Committee. Letters of recommendation addressed to other individuals and/or other organizations will not be accepted and will be denied. Letters of recommendation need to clearly state that the letter is recommending the applicant's legal name for the Centennial Scholarship. Letters of recommendation need to be reflective of activities and accomplishments within a reasonable time frame. Letters of recommendation should be current, within six months of your application submission.

## Application Deadline

All submissions are due on or before January 16, 2020 in one electronic submission; this includes the application, essay, goal statement, letters of recommendation and official transcripts. Please plan to collect your documentation and email your submission accordingly. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will not accept electronic submissions dated after January 16, 2020.



# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Centennial Scholarship Application

## I. APPLICANT

<b>Applicant Name: Last:</b>	<b>First:</b>	<b>Middle:</b>	
Permanent Address: Street:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number(s): Home:	Cell:	Email:	
Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:	Age:	
Name of High School:	Anticipated Graduation Date:		
GPA (Unweighted):	ACT/SAT Score:	High School Class Rank:	Of

**Grade Point Average Verification:** *(To be completed by school official only)*

I certify that the above-named applicant has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of \_\_\_\_\_ on a 4.0 scale for the \_\_\_\_\_ semester. (Please list the semester and the year)

Name of Verifier (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Verifier:** \_\_\_\_\_

Official School Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Other Scholarship(s) Awarded and Years Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dollar Amount Awarded: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List of School(s) Applied/Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Proof of college acceptance must be included for completion of application requirements)**

Anticipated College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors/Awards/Recognitions \_\_\_\_\_

## II. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ List Ages of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ List Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Independent of Your Parents?  Yes  No

Are you a Zeta Archonette?  Yes  No

If **Yes**, give name and location of sponsoring Zeta Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your family a member of the following?

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**  Yes  No Specify Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Zeta Amicae**  Yes  No Specify Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.**  Yes  No Specify Relationship(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### III. GOAL STATEMENT (Must be typewritten 300 words maximum)

The applicant must describe her future career goals and how receiving this scholarship award will help achieve those goals. The goals statement should not be longer than 300 words, on a separate page clearly titled, "Goal(s) Statement".

### IV. PERSONAL ESSAY (Must be typewritten, two (2) pages maximum)

*On a separate page clearly titled "Personal Essay".*

Students must show that they are committed to continuing their education by maintaining high academic and personal achievement. This essay is your opportunity to tell us about yourself and explain why you should be selected to receive this scholarship. Your written essay should clearly demonstrate experiences or accomplishments in at least **three (3)** of the **five (5)** areas listed below:

**Special Talent:** Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from your peers.

Examples may include, but are not limited to: working well with others, artistic talents, athletic ability, public speaking or writing skills, a creative activity/challenge that you engaged in, etc.

**Leadership and Service:** Clearly articulate how you have demonstrated your leadership ability both in and out of school. Examples may include, but are not limited to: community service involvement, leadership roles or unique responsibilities at home, school or church, etc.

**Challenges:** Describe how you have achieved a goal despite struggles or obstacles that may have hindered you. Be specific. Examples may include, but are not limited to: achievement of a goal despite struggles or barriers, withstanding significant peer pressure(s) that may have otherwise deterred your achievements, overcoming a major life event, etc.

**Influences:** Discuss situations or persons that have been major influences in your life. Examples may include, but are not limited to: how your personal background has affected your view of the world, an individual or group who has been your biggest influence and why, a book that has affected you deeply and why, etc.

**Financial Need:** Provide a more detailed and personal account of your financial need. You may describe, from a financial standpoint, what impact would this award would have on your education, or share any special circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.

### V. LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Two (2) Reference letters from any of the following sources: Teacher, School Counselor, Church, Community Leader. Letters from relatives are not acceptable references for this application. (Must be on Official Letterhead)

### VI. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Student must provide an official transcript with the seal and signature of the school in a PDF format.

**VII. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION & STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

I certify that all information on this application and contents in this application package are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

If I receive this award, I agree to submit proof of enrollment and report my progress in writing for each semester of the academic years. This information will be forwarded to the Centennial Scholarship Chairperson of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**Signature:**

**Date**

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Email completed application and supporting documents to:

**Scholarships@ZetaPhiBetaSororityHQ.org**  
**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Subject: Centennial Scholarship Application**

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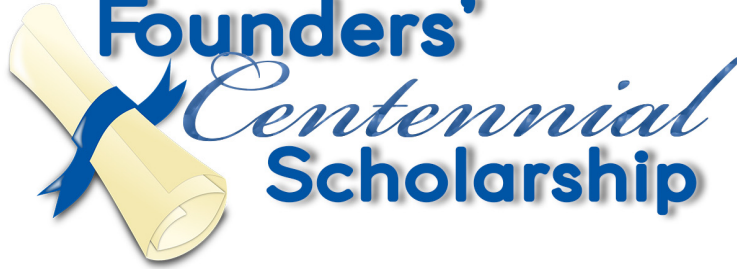
**Date Completed Application Package Received:** \_\_\_\_\_





# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

## Founders' Centennial Scholarship



### Application Package Checklist

- Official Completed Application
- Proof of College Acceptance(s)
- Certification & Statement of Agreement - signature needed
- Goals Statement (Typewritten 300 words maximum, on a separate page clearly titled "Goals Statement")
- Personal Essay (Typewritten, two page maximum, on a separate page clearly titled "Personal Essay")
- Two (2) Letters of Reference (On official letterhead)
- Official Transcript (please follow specific instructions)