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## **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated** Omicron Rho Zeta Chapter *Five Pearl Academic Scholarship*



### ***History of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated***

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded at Howard University on January 16, 1920 by five dynamic women: *Arizona Cleaver, Fannie Pettie, Pearl Neal, Myrtle Tyler, and Viola Tyler*. The women sought to form a sisterhood that would answer the call and work to meet the needs of an ever-changing society. The women, our Five Pearls, founded the organization based upon the precepts of *Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood*, and the notion that collegiate life, sorority socializing, and popularity should not outweigh the true purpose of these organizations: to strive to increase the standard and quality of life for those in her community.

The founders saw the need for a more inclusive sisterhood, one who welcomed all types of women irrespective of color or creed. As long as a woman maintained high academic and moral standards, she would be considered worthy to join the organization.

90 years later, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated has grown into an international organization, comprised of women in all fields of study. With over 125,000 members worldwide, Zetas are doctors, lawyers, social workers, teachers, and scientists.

The Inglewood Graduate Chapter of Omicron Rho Zeta was chartered in 1993 for the purpose of promoting high ideals and scholastic achievement, encouraging literary, scientific and social advancement, cultural enrichment, and civic responsibility. It is in the spirit of our founders that we offer this scholarship, and with great happiness that we continue the work of our beloved organization by supporting our future leaders on their quest for education.

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**Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements**

Overview

There will be 2 scholarships awarded in the amount of **\$1000.00**: one merit-based scholarship, and one needs-based scholarship. The scholarships are designed to financially assist young African American women in the pursuit of their academic goals. The first scholarship disbursement will be awarded in **Fall 2010** in the amount of \$500. The second disbursement will be awarded in the **Spring 2011** in the amount of \$500 after proof of enrollment and official transcripts verifying a cumulative 2.8 GPA or higher have been received by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Omicron Rho Zeta Chapter. A continuing education scholarship may be available.

Requirements

- Applicant must reside in Los Angeles County.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Applicant must provide transcripts with proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Applicant must provide two (2) letters of recommendation.
- Applicant must furnish an acceptance letter from an accredited four-year college or university.
- Applicant must show personal involvement in community service and/or volunteer work.
- Applicant should provide employment history (if applicable).
- Applicant must submit a typewritten (double-spaced) personal statement:
  - a. Describe your community service/volunteer experience.
  - b. Discuss any clubs or organizational affiliations, your involvement, leadership positions held (if any).

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- c. Discuss your future academic goals, career goals and how you envision yourself in the community in five years.
- d. Applicant shall provide an acceptance letter to the college/university they plan to attend by April 15th (or May 1st if applicable).



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Additional Information and Requirements

The attached 2-page scholarship application and required supporting documentation must be received at the noted address below by **Thursday, April 15, 2010**. The selected applicants will be notified to participate in an interview on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**. Those selected will be informed of the interview location.

Should you be awarded the scholarship, your attendance will be required at the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Omicron Rho Zeta Chapter's 5th Annual Scholarship event. The event will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 2010**. The recipient will be notified with the location and time of the event.

For more information contact:

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Mail application to:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Omicron Rho Zeta Chapter

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Inglewood, CA 90308

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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY**

*Personal Information:*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*School Information:*

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Objective \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

***I certify that the information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false statement(s) may result in the disqualification of my application.***

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*(If applicant is under 18 years of age.)*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

