

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Phi Kappa Zeta Chapter - Woodbridge, Virginia

*Providing Scholarships & Development Programs
for
Young Ladies*



**Scholarship Application Packet
School Year 2017-2018**

<http://phikappazeta1920.org/initiatives/scholarship-fund/>

About Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the Phi Kappa Zeta Chapter

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Five coeds, Arizona Cleaver, Pearl Neal, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler and Fannie Pettie were encouraged by Charles Robert Taylor and A. Langston Taylor, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, to form a sister organization. The sorority's principles are Scholarship, Sisterhood, Service, and "*Finer Womanhood.*" Phi Kappa Zeta Chapter (PKZ) was chartered on December 5, 2007, in Woodbridge, VA by eight women ranging in all professional backgrounds and age groups. PKZ programming primarily focuses on education/literacy, meeting the needs of women and children, and health/wellness.

The Phi Kappa Zeta Scholarship Program

The Phi Kappa Zeta Scholarship Program was established in January 2008. The program consists of a morning and afternoon workshop and observation known as "Scholarship Day". Applicants must meet the following Eligibility Requirements: enrolled in Prince William County **Public** School; high school junior or senior; minimum GPA of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

Calendar

The application period opens October 23, 2017. Packets **MUST** be **mailed and postmarked** by January 26, 2018 to **P.O. Box 6369, Woodbridge, VA 22195**. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. Scholarship Day will take place February 3, 2018. Award determinations will be finalized February 11, 2018 and notification letters will go out the following week. Successful applicants will be notified separately regarding a formal presentation that will take place during their school's end of year award ceremony.

Responsibilities and Expectations

Each participant is required to make a personal investment and should be committed to attendance and full participation in **the morning and afternoon** workshops that are part of this program. Each participant should adhere to all deadlines and administrative requirements. Each participant shall recognize that this scholarship program is designed for the personal enrichment of all participants and shall do her part to ensure it is a pleasant environment for all.

Thank you for your interest in our Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Scholarship Committee via email: scholarship@phikappazeta1920.org Please include your contact information so that we may respond to your inquiry.

Participant Essay

Please respond to the following question: *“The principals of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. are Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. Explain how you have incorporated at least two of these principals during high school and how these principals will enhance your college experience.”*

Essay response should be 450-500 words, typed on a separate sheet of paper, double-spaced, Times New Roman or Arial font (size 12). Please be sure applicant’s name AND signature is on the essay.

Parent/Guardian Initial that you have read and understand this requirement: _____

Grade Verification

Applicant must submit her OFFICIAL transcript in a sealed envelope with this application. The minimum overall Grade Point Average (GPA) requirement for participation in the Phi Kappa Zeta Scholarship Program is 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

Parent/Guardian Initial that you have read and understand this requirement: _____

Community Service Verification

Applicant must submit verification of active involvement in community service. Acceptable verification consists of a form letter from the organization(s) that provided the service opportunity in a sealed envelope with this application.

Parent/Guardian Initial that you have read and understand this requirement: _____

Reference Letters

Applicant must submit two letters of reference, each in sealed envelopes with the reference’s signature on the flap, with this application. References must be typed, and not handwritten. References must come from an academic or professional resource and must include – at a minimum – the following:

- Relationship to applicant
- Character and integrity of applicant
- Applicant contribution to school or community

Parent/Guardian Initial that you have read and understand this requirement: _____

Certification

I hereby certify that:

- All information submitted in the application is true and correct. I give the Phi Kappa Zeta Chapter permission to verify any information contained in this package, as necessary.
- I am a student intending to enroll in a college or university's degree program.
- Any funds received from Phi Kappa Zeta will be used solely for the purpose of paying for educational expenses, i.e. tuition or books.
- I understand the College Verification Form has to be completed and returned to the Phi Kappa Zeta Chapter prior to funds being disbursed, and funds will be sent directly to the college.
- The Phi Kappa Zeta Chapter will be notified in writing immediately if there should be any change or interruption in plans to enroll in college.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email/Telephone Number: _____

Permission/Release

I hereby grant permission to use my name, comments, pictures, or photography for public relations, advertising, or any other lawful purposes, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s) including written copy that may be created in conjunction therewith. I understand that information from my official transcript(s), scholarship application, and submitted essay may be used.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

(Note: The form MUST be included with your application packet)

Application Requirement	Applicant Only Circle Y or N	Scholarship Panel Only Circle Y or N
Completed Application	Y N	Y N
OFFICIAL Transcript (in a sealed envelope)	Y N	Y N
Two Reference Letters (in sealed envelopes)	Y N	Y N
Community Service Verification (in sealed envelope[s])	Y N	Y N
Completed Essay	Y N	Y N

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Scholarship Chair Signature: _____

Date: _____