2021--2022 Academic Scholarship Application

October 1, 2021

The Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated will award scholarships to eligible high school seniors from the greater Houston area.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was organized on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C., as the result of encouragement given to its five founders by Charles Taylor and Langston Taylor, members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. The five Founders: Arizona Cleaver, Fannie Pettie, Myrtle Tyler, Pearl Anna Neal, and Viola Tyler, affectionately known as the Five Pearls, formed a sisterhood to encourage the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs. In addition, they promoted service projects on college campuses and in the community, fostered sisterhood, and exemplified the ideals of finer womanhood.

On December 8, 1990, the Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was chartered for the Clear Lake Area by nine degreed women who had become affiliated with the organization as undergraduates.

Consistent with the founding principles of *Finer Womanhood*, *Scholarship*, *Service*, and *Sisterhood,* the Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter will award scholarships to college-bound, high school seniors who meet the below requirements:

* Aundria Brown STEM Scholarship Award requires a GPA of 3.5 or above
* Omicron Gamma Zeta General Scholarship Awards requires a GPA of 3.3 or above
* Omicron Gamma Zeta Specially Abled Scholarship Award requires a GPA of 2.27 or above and an IEP
	+ For Specially Abled Students that face several barriers, e.g. physical, mental, and psychological in pursuing studies and living with dignity
* Batson Ballard Memorial Athletic Scholarship requires a GPA of 3.0 or above
	+ Participated in at least one athletic sport through their senior year and
	+ Good Standing with their school
* “The I Matter” Scholarship Award requires a GPA of 2.7 or above

Family of Omicron Gamma Zeta members (past or present) are **NOT** eligible to apply for the academic scholarship. This includes children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, siblings, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

**To be considered for a scholarship award, each applicant must submit:**

* A completed Academic Scholarship Application (must be typed or can be auto-filled online and printed). A copy of the application can be downloaded from the Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter website at [www.zphibogz.org](http://www.zphibogz.com/)
* An official sealed transcript and (IEP as applicable). (Must be sent by high school registrar to the address listed)
* Two letters of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher, employer, or community service organization representative, etc. (No letters from family members, please)
* Failure to complete all required information will result in a disqualification.
* A minimum of **30** documented community service hours on official letterhead, to include virtual. (e.g. church nursery, nursing home, public library, tutoring)
* A 500-750 word essay (must be typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced, and 1” margins) responding to **EACH** of the questions listed under the respective scholarship you are applying for:

For the STEM Scholarship Award Applicants answer all of the questions listed below:

* *Identify and explain an issue within your major that has affected the minority community. What are some of the ways you believe that this problem can be diminished or resolved?*
* *What do you think your desired profession/career will be like in 10 years?*
* *How are you currently active within STEM and how do you plan to be active in college?*

Batson Ballard Memorial Athletic Scholarship Award answer all of the questions listed below:

* *Identify and explain an important issue you believe is affecting the sports industry today. What are some of the ways you believe that this problem can be diminished or resolved?*
* *What do you think your desired profession/career will be like in 10 years?*
* *Choose an athlete you admire and explain why?*

For the ”I Matter”, General Scholarship and Specially Abled Scholarship Awards answer all of the questions listed below:

* *Identify and explain at least two issues you believe have the most detrimental impact on minority*

males *and/or females today. What are some of the ways you believe that these problems can be diminished or resolved?*

* *What do you think your desired profession/career will be like in 10 years?*
* *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a community conscious action oriented organization what does that mean to you?*

To be eligible for consideration for a 2020-2021 scholarship award, a complete application must be post marked no later than **March 1, 2021.** Applications are to be mailed to:

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter **Attention: Scholarship Committee** 1302 Waugh Drive

PMB 563

Houston, TX 77019-3908

Applications may also be scanned in and emailed to OGZscholarship@gmail.com. Official transcripts and IEP should be mailed to the physical address above.

Interviews will be held in late March and early April for a select group of candidates. Awardees will be invited to attend a reception in their honor in May. Information regarding the disbursement of scholarship funds to awardees will be provided at the time congratulatory letters are sent out.

Best of luck in all your future endeavors, Scholarship Committee

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter

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**Date:**

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| Applicant’s Name: |
| Address and Apt. No: |
| City, State, Zip Code: |
| Primary Contact Number: Age: Date of Birth: / /  |
| Email Address: |
| Parent/Guardian’s Name & Contact Number: |
| High School Name: |
| Address: District: |
| GPA: / SAT Score: ACT Score: Your GPA Scale |
| Class Rank: Class Size: |
| Colleges/Universities Applying To: 1st Choice:2nd Choice: |

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| Organizations (Please specify any leadership roles within each): |
| Awards/Recognitions/Achievements (Please include year you received each): |
| Community Service (Please describe service and why service was chosen): |
| State your career goals: |
| What is your planned major? Why? |
| Briefly state your knowledge of college sororities/fraternities: |
| Why do you believe that you are in need of a scholarship? |
| What three words best characterize you? Why?**(Please include a separate piece of paper if you need additional space to answer the questions and include the number of the question on the continuation sheet)** |