



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.
Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter

9532 Liberia Ave, #189
Manassas, VA 20110

PEARLZ OF ZETA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

for Undergraduate and Trade School Studies



*Awarded to graduating High School
Seniors in Manassas, Manassas Park,
Bristow, Haymarket, Gainesville and
Nokesville attending two-year or
four-year University or college*

**Applications Due: March 22, 2024,
11:59PM (EST)**



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HISTORY OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is distinguished as a **community-conscious, action-oriented** organization. We were founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC by five illustrious women, affectionately known as our Five Pearls. These ladies sought out to establish an organization predicated on the precepts of **Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love**, and **Finer Womanhood**. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority members are college-educated women seeking to positively affect our communities. Our signature programs include Stork's Nest, March for Babies, Adopt-a-School, Elder Care, Autism Awareness, Mental Health Awareness and Z-H.O.P.E. (Zetas Helping Other People Excel): Through Mind, Body, and Spirit.

HISTORY OF PSI OMICRON ZETA CHAPTER

To further the mission of the Sorority, on November 6, 2010, eight (8) zealous women chartered the Psi Omicron Zeta (POZ) Chapter of Manassas, VA serving Manassas and the surrounding areas. The charter members are: Mishta Brooks, Tameko Friend, Andrea Jones, Loleta Lewis, Judy Meekins, Trica Miles, Valanda Riley, and Kenya Whitener. The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Manassas are a group of women committed to excellence in all areas of life. We strive tirelessly to exude the ideals of our beloved organization and founders.

Since the chartering, the chapter has participated in various community service projects over the years. Some of the many community involvements and achievements of POZ include, but are not limited to mentoring young girls and teaching them leadership skills through three (3) youth auxiliaries' groups (Pearlettes, Amicettes and Archonettes) that was established for young ladies ranging from ages 4 to 18. We also have established an auxiliary group called Zeta Amicae who lend assistance to Zeta activities, make women who are not affiliated with a Greek letter organization feel closer to the programs of a Greek group, and to assure more



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cooperation in community affairs sponsored by Zetas. In addition, POZ has partnered with Metz Middle School and Unity Reed HS for our Adopt-a School Program as well as Birmingham Greens Senior Center, ARC of Prince William County, and the Haymarket Food Pantry. We are actively participating in Wreaths Across America, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society and St. Jude.

POZ is honored to announce the Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship Fund for graduating High School Seniors from Manassas, Manassas Park, Bristow, Nokesville, Gainesville and Haymarket. Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter's Scholarship Program provides scholarships to deserving High School graduating Seniors intending to pursue a path of study at either a two-year or four-year educational institution or Trade School. The Scholarship is to recognize the persistence and academic resilience of students. It also serves to encourage those students who continue to pursue academic and career goals despite any challenges. It is our organization's idea to promote and assist students who are readying for college through this essay competition. The award recipient will receive a stipend toward tuition at the college or university of his/her choice.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Manassas, VA would like to acknowledge and thank our scholarship and service supporters. The scholarships we can offer to deserving students are possible only because of their generosity and commitment to educating young people in our communities.

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?

Your High School counselor/academic/career counselor is a great resource to call upon for advice when completing scholarship applications. You may also contact our Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship Fund Committee at scholarshippsiomicronzeta1920@gmail.com. We encourage you to email us if you have any questions.

**Please do not wait until the last minute
Start early! The deadline is March 22, 2024, 11:59PM EST!**

Your complete application, including all required attachments, must be received via email (scholarshippsiomicronzeta1920@gmail.com) by March 22, 2024, 11:59PM (EST). Incomplete and late packets will not be accepted, reviewed, or considered. You will receive an email acknowledgment once your packet is received.



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INSTRUCTIONS

Before you begin the application form, please read the entire scholarship packet.

By reading through the scholarship packet first, you will have important insight into why this Scholarship was established, who is eligible to apply, qualifications, and how the reviewers will evaluate packets and select recipients.

To make it easy for the applicant and the review committee, use the application form, and create a title page for the essay topic. Please be sure to fill out the forms correctly. Please feel free to draw upon the expertise of people around you—High School career counselors, financial aid officers, teachers, parents, or friends who may have already been through the process and POZ members.

Again, late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Furthermore, failure to follow instructions will lead to disqualification. Applicants who make false or misleading statements will be disqualified from the selection process.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLICANTS

Scholarship recipients must attend their school's High School Senior Scholarship Awards program or other alternate location to receive the scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee requests that all completed application materials, including senior photo in a JPEG format, be submitted electronically to scholarshippsiomicronzeta1920@gmail.com by March 22, 2024, 11:59PM (EST).

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATIONS

- Resident of Manassas, Manassas Park, Bristow, Nokesville, Gainesville and Haymarket
- Must be a student at a school in Manassas, Manassas Park, Bristow, Nokesville, Gainesville or Haymarket
- Graduating High School Senior
- Pursuing an Undergraduate Academic Degree or Trade School
- Beginning college in the Fall 2024
- **Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.75 (out of 4.0)**



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Actively involved in School Activities and Organizations (within the last two years)
- Community Service Involvement Report (within the last two years)
- Honors/Awards/Recognitions (within the last two years)
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Scholastic Record (school transcript)
- University/College Acceptance Letter to include Student ID#
- Applicants shall submit a typed essay in response to the topic below:

**Why is mental health just as important as physical health
and what are you doing to manage both?**

- Applicants shall also submit a video link with essay submission in response to the topic below:

**Who are you and what are you actively doing
in your community to make a difference?**

- The video should be engaging, fun and creative. Show your personality!
- The video should not include inappropriate, illegal, offensive images, sounds or content. Nor should it have violent or sexual content, it should be appropriate for a child.
- The video should be at least 1 minute , but no longer than 3 minutes.



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APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application
- ☐ 500 Word Essay (Typed) - Double Space - 12-point Font - Times New Roman
- ☐ Link to video
- ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from the following sources: a school teacher, school administrator, guidance/career counselor, or a community leader. Not to exceed one (1) page.
- ☐ Proof of College Enrollment for Fall 2024 to include Student ID#
- ☐ Electronic High School Transcript
- ☐ Current School Activities and Organizations
- ☐ Community Service Involvement Report
- ☐ A senior photo in a JPEG format
- ☐ Honors/Awards/Recognitions
- ☐ Parental Consent Form

Award Amount: \$1,000

Scholarship funds will be released directly to the college/university, once the winners/recipient submits evidence of his/her enrollment (i.e., proof of registration, school's bursar information, etc.) to the Scholarship Committee.

All application forms, essay, video link and senior photo in a JPEG format must be emailed to the following email address: scholarshippsiomicronzeta1920@gmail.com, **no later than March 22, 2024, 11:59PM (EST)**.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS: POZ Scholarship Committee at scholarshippsiomicronzeta1920@gmail.com. Additional copies of the application forms may be downloaded from our website at <http://psiomicronzeta1920.org/scholarship-program.html>

**Please note, previous applicants or recipients, are not eligible.*

We look forward to receiving your complete application.

Sincerely,

The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____

High School Year of Graduation: _____ GPA: _____

Selected College/University: _____

Major (if known): _____



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II. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

List types of school-sponsored activities including sports, clubs, student government, newspaper, etc. Discuss leadership roles, accomplishments, hours per week or month and extent of involvement. List any academic awards or honors received.

1. School Sponsored Activities and Organizations:

2. Leadership:

3. Honors/Awards/Recognitions (to include year):

4. Community Service Involvement Report (to include hours, year, role, and impact):



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III. PARENTAL CONSENT

I _____, give permission for my
child, _____, to apply for the current high
school year 2023-2024, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of
Manassas, Virginia Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship Fund Scholarship.

Parent (s)/Legal Guardian: _____

Phone/Cell Number: _____

Parent(s) /Legal Guardian Email Address:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Parent(s)/Legal Guardian will be cc'd on email for all correspondence and/or notification is
sent to the scholarship recipient(s).



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JUDGING CRITERIA

Scholarship essay submissions can receive a maximum score of 100 points, according to the following measurements:

Focus/Development – 40 points: The main message of the piece, the theme, with supporting details that enrich and develop the theme.

- Writing clear connection to the selected prompt.
- A topic is developed to fully respond to the prompt.

Conventions/Mechanics/Spelling – 25 points: The mechanical correctness of the piece; spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and paragraphing.

- Frequent errors will result in the loss of points.
- Provides transitions and variety of sentences.
- Accurate use of punctuation, grammar, and spelling in the essay.

Word Choice/Language – 10 points: The use of rich, colorful, and precise language that moves and enlightens the reader. The rhythm and flow of the language; the sound of word patterns; the way in which the writing plays to the ear, not just to the eye.

The student's word choice is formal and academic. Language is sophisticated, natural and not repetitious.

Originality/Organization – 10 points: The internal structure, thread of central meaning, logical and sometimes intriguing pattern or sequence of the ideas.

Personal Details – 10 points: The unique perspective of the writer evident in the piece with compelling ideas, engaging language, and revealing details - Multiple examples in the essay show the activities, skills, experiences, community service, awards, talents, major, future occupation, etc. of the student.

Word Count – 5 points: Meets the required minimum 500-word requirements.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation will consider the applicant's entire package to include the essay, video, extra-curricular activities and grades/GPA. Applicants that are active member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's Sigma Beta Club or Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated's Youth Auxiliary group (Archonettes) will receive an additional 10 points.



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CHECKLIST

Please initial off on each item to indicate completion.

1. ____ Parental Consent Form Signed
2. ____ Scholarship Application clear, neat and professionally packaged
3. ____ 500-Word Essay (typed)
4. ____ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from the following sources: a school teacher, school administrator, guidance counselor or a community leader. Not to exceed one (1) page
5. ____ Link to video
6. ____ Proof of College Enrollment for Fall 2024 to include Student ID Number
7. ____ Official High School transcript (electronic)
8. ____ Current School Activities and Organizations
9. ____ Community Service Involvement Report
10. ____ Senior photo in a JPEG format
11. ____ Resident of Manassas, Manassas Park, Gainesville, Bristow, Haymarket, or Nokesville
12. ____ Graduating High School Senior from high school in Manassas, Manassas Park, Gainesville, Bristow, Haymarket, or Nokesville.
13. ____ Beginning College/Community College or trade school in the Fall 2024
14. ____ **Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.75 (out of 4.0)**

I _____ have completed all of the above items for the School Year 2023-2024 Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship Fund. The information from my official transcript(s), scholarship application, video, and submitted essay may be used and will become property of Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Manassas, VA.

Signature: _____ Date: _____