



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
Psi Omega Zeta Chapter
P.O. Box 90496 | Rochester, New York 14609
Patrice B. Cummings Scholarship Application

HISTORY

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization established on January 16, 1920, in Washington, D.C. This non-profit organization, formed on the campus of Howard University, consists of 125,000 predominantly African-American women. The Sorority was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Community Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood. Zeta Phi Beta is dedicated to fostering the continuous education of young people. For more information, please visit www.zphib1920.org.

PSI OMEGA ZETA CHAPTER

Psi Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. was chartered in Rochester, NY in June 2011 by 10 Prodigious women. Driven by the belief of "Taking Steps Towards a Brighter Future," these trailblazers committed themselves to empowering, uplifting, and being agents of change for Rochester and the surrounding communities. Under the auspices of our sorority's principles of Service, Scholarship, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood, the women of Psi Omega Zeta Chapter continue to provide phenomenal service to the Rochester community.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

In March 2017, one of our chapter members, Patrice Bianca Cummings, passed away suddenly at the age of 26, of complications from Diabetes. She was raised in West Hempstead, NY, by Jamaican-born parents, attended SUNY College of Arts & Sciences at Geneseo for her undergraduate studies, and was attending SUNY College of Arts & Sciences at Brockport for her Masters of Public Health Administration. Patrice was a very passionate and disciplined woman, who continually exemplified our sorority's principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood.

To honor our sorority's principle of Scholarship, Psi Omega Zeta Chapter offers annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to institutions of higher learning. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their scholastic aptitude, academic performance, community involvement, extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership skills, and essay responses. This scholarship is NON-RENEWABLE.

APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Be a female, presently enrolled as a high school graduating senior, and has excelled academically.
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above at the time of the application deadline.
- Demonstrate being a responsible, positive, self-disciplined, and respectful individual who has drive, perseverance, and determination toward academic attainment.
- Must be a resident of Monroe County, or within 10 miles of the surrounding county.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please complete the scholarship application in full. Please provide:

- An **OFFICIAL** copy of the high school transcript
- A completed essay (500-800 words)
- One professional picture (passport or wallet size only)
- Three (3) letters of reference meeting the following criteria:
 - One letter from a counselor or a current teacher that evaluates your overall academic performance.
 - Two letters from an employer, a former teacher, community leader, minister, or mentor that speaks to your character.
 - Please note that reference letters need to be mailed directly to:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Psi Omega Zeta Chapter
P.O. Box 90496 Rochester, NY 14609
Attn: Scholarship Committee

- The application submission deadline is **Friday, March 1, 2024**.
- Once your application and its contents are received, you will receive an email confirming that we have received your application. Incomplete or late applications will be immediately disqualified.
- Applicants must attend a structured interview with Psi Omega Zeta Chapter's Scholarship Committee to be considered.
- Recipients will be chosen and notified by **Friday, March 29, 2024**.
- Recipients will be awarded in person at the **Saturday, April 27, 2024** scholarship brunch (tentative time frame 11 am – 2 pm). If unable to attend the brunch, a 1–3-minute acceptance video is required in order to receive the scholarship award.
- Award recipients must provide proof of acceptance and enrollment into an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States of America. The amount and number of awards are at the sole discretion of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Psi Omega Zeta Chapter. The funds will be awarded and mailed or sent via Zelle directly to the recipient.

Please print clearly using black or blue ink or type your responses. Please remember to review the essay requirements in the packet instructions before submitting your application. Make a copy of the application for your records. If you have any questions or concerns about this application or the process, please contact Ms. Jennifer Quick via 2ndvicepresident.psiomegazeta@gmail.com.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

II. ACADEMIC PROFILE

Current High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ SAT Scores & Date: _____

Name of Academic Awards/Honors	Received Month/Year	Grade Level

Please note the name and relationship if you are related to a member of:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Zeta Amicae Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Zeta Archonette Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Another Divine 9 Organization Name: _____ Relationship: _____

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE/ACTIVITIES

List the extracurricular activities (sports, community and/or volunteer services, employment) in which you have participated in. Begin with the most current or recent activity.

Activity/Community or Volunteer Services	Leadership Role/Position Held	List any Special Community Awards or Recognition Received	High School Year Participated?
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IV. COLLEGIATE GOALS

List all the college(s)/universities to which you have applied in order of preference (i.e., 1st choice, 2nd choice, etc.) and indicate if you have been accepted.

Name of College	Location (City, State)	Accepted?
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Intended major(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Intended minor(s) (if applicable): 1. _____ 2. _____

V. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Will you be applying for any other scholarships and/or fellowships?

Yes No

Have you been awarded any other scholarships and/or fellowships from other Black Greek Lettered Organizations?

Yes No

If yes, please list the organization's name: _____

COLLEGE EXPENSES 1st Choice College	AMOUNT
Tuition	
Room & Board	
Meal Plan	
Other	
Total (Estimated) Expenses	
B. RESOURCES	
Parents Contribution	
Applicant Savings	
Scholarship(s)	
Other Family	
Total (Estimated) Resources	
C. OTHER AID/LOANS	
Grants (PELL, T.A.P, Liberty Partnership, Excelsior)	
Veteran/ Military Benefit(s)	
Student Loans	
Other	
Total (Estimated) Other Aid/ Loans	

COLLEGE EXPENSES 2nd Choice College	AMOUNT
Tuition	
Room & Board	
Meal Plan	
Other	
Total (Estimated) Expenses	
B. RESOURCES	
Parents Contribution	
Applicant Savings	
Scholarship(s)	
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Other	
Total (Estimated) Other Aid/ Loans	

VI. INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Part of the application process includes a panel interview with the Scholarship Committee. This interview may take place on an evening during the week or on the weekend. Please put a checkmark on the slots below that could potentially work for you.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Daytime Hours							
Evening Hours							

VII. REFERENCES

Please list the names of the three individuals that you have requested references from in the table below. It is preferred that all letters will be sent with your application. If they will be sent separately, please indicate which individual will mail in their letter separately.

Name	Title	Address	Phone	Will mail separately

VIII. ESSAY QUESTIONS

All essays should be between 500-800 words, double-spaced and typed. Please answer one of the following questions:

- Explain a family, social, or school situation, in which your leadership made the difference. What was accomplished?
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

By signing this application, I affirm that the above statements contained within this application are true to the best of my knowledge and that the accompanying attachments are complete. I authorize/consent to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Psi Omega Zeta Chapter to confirm my academic transcript and verify my current cumulative grade point average and graduation date.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____