

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Upsilon Nu Zeta Chapter
Lancaster, Texas

2026-2027
Dr. Joyce Teal and Dr. Mary Beck
Scholarship Application

The application form and documents must be **submitted electronically by 11:59 PM on**
Monday, March 9, 2026.

Eligibility

- High School graduating seniors (male or female) who reside or attend high school in the cities of Lancaster, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Glen Heights, Ovilla, Red Oak, Midlothian, or Waxahachie.

OR

- High School graduating seniors (male or female) who are children or relatives of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Upsilon Nu Zeta members in good standing, who live outside of Lancaster, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Glen Heights, Ovilla, Red Oak, Midlothian, or Waxahachie.

Additional Requirements

- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted), or its equivalent, to qualify for a scholarship.
- Applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Applicants must have at least 20 hours of community/volunteer service obtained between 9th and 12th grades.
- Applicants must have (at a minimum) one of the following:
 - ACT composite score of 14
 - SAT score of at least 810

Application Requirements

The application packet shall consist of:

1. Completed electronic application form, required uploaded documents.
2. Official transcript emailed to scholarshipynz@gmail.com from a school official (registrar, counselor, or administrator) **or** via Greenlight, Xello, or other official platforms used by your school (these are acceptable means of submission). Note: transcript must include 1st-semester senior grades (typically finalized in January).

NOTE: If SAT or ACT scores are not included on your high school transcript, a score report from College Board (SAT) or ACT.org is required.

3. Essay on one of the topics below:

• ***What are your educational and career goals for the future, and why have you chosen this path?***

• ***Describe areas in your life where you demonstrated leadership and overcame obstacles, either through your school, social, or family life.***

• ***Identify a national event happening right now. Explain what it is and how it has impacted you, your family, or your community.***

Essay Requirements:

First and last name "typed" in the upper right-hand corner of each page

Length: Minimum 500 words - Maximum 700 words

Word Count: indicated at the end of the last paragraph

Font: Times New Roman 12-pt font

Spacing: Double Spaced

Margins: 1-inch margins on all sides (top, bottom, left, right)

4. Two (2) recommendation forms and/or letters must be submitted per the guidelines below:

One (1) from a school administrator, teacher, counselor, or college advisor.

One (1) from a community member, community leader, clergy, or employer.

5. Community Service Documentation

6. Achievements, Awards, Leadership Documentation

7. Scholarship Application Disclaimer/Agreement for Disbursement of Scholarship Funds signed and dated by a parent or guardian.

8. A headshot photo (tightly cropped photo of the face, from the shoulders up).

Awarding

- Complete application submissions will be evaluated by the scholarship committee based on all items submitted in the application packet.
- The scholarship committee will award two or more scholarships.
- **Scholarship recipients will be notified by Thursday, March 26, 2026.**
- If selected as a scholarship recipient, please plan to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday, April 11, 2026. All applicable information for the awards ceremony will be provided on or before Saturday, March 28, 2026.
- Scholarship recipients will be asked to provide a current photograph and a brief biography describing their educational and career plans and goals for use in publicity and marketing materials.

For additional information and/or questions, please email: scholarshipynz@gmail.com.