



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation

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XI ZETA ZETA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PACKET



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Sorority History

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by Arizona Cleaver Stemmons, Viola Tyler Goings, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Fannie Pettie Watts, and Pearl Anna Neal, fondly referred to as our Five Founding Pearls. These women dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for African-American women and sought to establish a new organization based the ideology of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood.

Since its inception, the sorority has expanded to encompass hundreds of chapters and a multitude of college-educated and successful initiates, in undergraduate and graduate chapters, throughout the United States, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Europe.



Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter

Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter of San Jose, CA, was established in May 1988 by eight phenomenal women:

Charlene Bellinger	Ardette Fulton	Jackie Moore	Catherine Sweat
Stella Bronson	Karen Mathis	Elizabeth Smith	Glendora Turner

The chapter was chartered by Pacific Region Director Myrtle Ballard at the home of Jackie Moore. The chapter has produced many talented leaders, including numerous past and current national, regional, and state officers. Today, the chapter also encourages and develops future leaders through our youth auxiliary.

Through the sorority's national program, Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel), chapter members also participate individually and collectively in many community service projects across the Bay Area, at their churches and through their jobs, and in partnership with organizations such as the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association.

Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, created in 2004, is operated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable entity of the chapter. The Executive Committee, as outlined in our Constitution and Bylaws, manages the Educational Foundation. This committee is composed of the chapter's President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

We are proud to award academic scholarships each year to deserving high-school seniors. Our talented scholarship recipients come from high schools across Santa Clara county, such as Mt. Pleasant, Overfelt, Silver Creek, Yerba Buena, Milpitas, Piedmont Hills, Andrew Hill, and Santa Teresa. Additionally, our awardees have gone on to further success at colleges and universities all over the United States, such as Stanford, Santa Clara, San Jose State, Cal State East Bay, Grambling, Spelman, Howard, Xavier, Tuskegee, MIT, and many others.

Through the chapter's Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, we hold several events throughout the year which fund the scholarships being awarded today. Our events and programs include the annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon, opportunity raffles, bus excursions, fish fry, personal donations, and grants received from local companies and organizations.

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Scholarship Overview

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, in conjunction with Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, will award one or more merit-based scholarships to selected high-school seniors who meet eligibility requirements. The scholarship is intended to financially assist students in the pursuit of their academic goals. The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee, under the counsel of the foundation's Executive Board, will determine the scholarship amount disbursed to each recipient.

The amounts determined will be based on, but are not limited to, the applicant's academic excellence, community service, references, financial need, and type of higher education institution attending (ex. accredited community college or four-year university). Additional considerations of the amounts disbursed are based on the number of applicants who meet and exceed the eligibility requirements.

Scholarship recipients will receive the awarded amount in **two equal disbursements**: the first half of the scholarship disbursement will be awarded in **Fall 2017**; and the second half of the scholarship disbursement will be awarded in **Spring 2018**. Recipients must show proof of enrollment and official transcripts verifying a **cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher** by submitting all required documentation no later than the specified deadline.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Applicant must reside in the greater Santa Clara County area.
- Applicant must be a graduating, high school senior (in Spring 2017).
- Applicant must complete the entire scholarship application and provide a typed, personal essay/cover letter.
- Applicant must provide official transcripts (must include Fall 2016 grades) showing proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Applicant must provide two (2) letters of recommendation from an instructor, spiritual leader, community leader, or employee supervisor / manager.
- Applicant must furnish an acceptance letter from an accredited college or university (once received from the institution).
- Applicant must show and provide proof of personal involvement in civic engagement / community service / volunteer work within his or her community.
- Applicant should provide employment history (if applicable).
- Applicant must provide all required materials and meet all stated deadlines.
- If selected as a finalist, applicant must be available to attend a scheduled personal interview.
- If chosen as a recipient, applicant must be available to attend the Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation Finer Womanhood Scholarship Brunch on March 4, 2017.

IMPORTANT: All application materials, with the exception of official transcripts, must be sent electronically (e-mailed) to xzz.edufound@gmail.com. Official transcripts must be sent by US Postal Service to: Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, c/o Scholarship Chair, P. O. Box 610985, San Jose, CA 95161-0985.

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Important Dates to Remember

- **February 3, 2017** – Scholarship application postmark / timestamp deadline.
- **February 6 - 10, 2017** – Scholarship Committee review applications; selects candidates for interviews.
- **February 11-12, 2017** – Scholarship Committee contacts selected candidates to schedule interviews.
- **February 18, 2017** – Candidate interviews (in-person only, no exceptions); time and location TBA.
- **February 24, 2017** – Deadline for Scholarship Committee to notify candidates of final selections (i.e. scholarship recipients).
- **March 4, 2017** – Finer Womanhood Scholarship Brunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Milpitas, CA. Scholarship recipients are required to attend this event, where they will be honored.

Remaining dates are approximate.

- **August 31, 2017** – Proof of enrollment at an accredited two-year college or four-year university is due to the Scholarship Committee Chair. Proof of enrollment must include registered classes (full-time load = 12 units or more) and proof of payment for at least half of the total fees for the Fall 2017 term. Failure to meet this deadline and required documentation may result in delay or forfeiture of a recipient's award.
- **September 16, 2017** – Disbursement #1 sent by Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation to all scholarship recipients who meet all requirements.
- **January 12, 2018** – Proof of continued enrollment at an accredited two-year college or four-year university AND a one-page letter of intent to continue your higher education is due to the Scholarship Committee Chair. Proof of enrollment must include registered classes (full-time load = 12 units or more) and proof of payment for at least half of the total fees for the Spring 2016 term. Failure to meet this deadline and required documentation may result in delay or forfeiture of a recipient's award.
- **February 1, 2018** – Disbursement #2 sent by Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation to all scholarship recipients who meet all requirements.

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To apply for a scholarship, complete this application in its entirety, and submit it, along with a personal essay, two letters of recommendation, and an official high school transcript (grades 9 to current). If you are invited for an interview, you may be asked to provide a 2"x 4" (or larger) photograph (headshot).

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Application Deadline – February 3, 2017

*** PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME _____
Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL _____

*** FAMILY INFORMATION**

FATHER'S NAME _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____

SIBLINGS' NAMES _____

TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$ _____

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Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

**PLEASE LIST ALL SCHOLASTIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH DATES OF SERVICE
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)**

**PLEASE LIST ALL COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED OR PLAN TO APPLY
(Indicate the name and location of each college/university)**

	Applied?	Accepted?
1st Choice: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Choice: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd Choice: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Personal Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please address the following items (*in no less than 200 words*):

- Your personal hobbies and likes
- Your community involvement
- Your educational goals
- Your professional goals
- How this scholarship award can help you achieve your goals
- Why you should receive this scholarship award

Please remember to attach your essay to your electronic message (e-mail) when submitting.

References

You must submit two (2) letters of recommendation with this application, which can be written by a teacher, a counselor, a minister, or a community leader. Please remember that your application will not be considered without your letters of recommendation (no exceptions).

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