**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated**

**Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter**



**Soror Sharon A. Thomas**

**Academic Book Scholarship Application Packet**

***Application Deadline: FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018***

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

~Nelson Mandela

November 12, 2017

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Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter

Scholarship Application

P.O. Box 6024

Capitol Heights, MD 20791

The Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is accepting scholarship applications from Prince Georges County private and public high school students who will be graduating in the spring of 2018. Applicants are required to submit the following information in order for their package to be considered:

1. Completed scholarship application form.

2. A written essay (see topic below).

3. An official high school transcript.

4. Certification of academic standing form.

5. A copy of the college or university acceptance letter.

6. Two (2) letters of recommendations.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**:

The Sharon A. Thomas academic scholarship will be available to High School Seniors who have overcome hardships or major obstacles. The hardships can include, but are not be limited to:

1. Homeless (broken home, group home, other)
2. Family hardships (displaced, loss of income, family death(s)
3. Substance abuse
4. Academic hardships (prior poor grades, low test scores)
5. Social hardships (youth pregnancy/parenting) etc.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate current average academic standing.

**QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE FACTORS**

a. Official cumulative GPA including grades for ninth grade through the semester ending in January 2018.

b. Essay Question: **Given the hardship(s) you have faced, explain what the principle of scholarship means to you and how it has influenced your current and future academic and personal goals.**

Failure to address this topic disqualifies the essay. The essay must be at least 300 words, typed and double-spaced. The essay will be rated on content, depth, grammar, organization, and originality. All applications MUST be mailed by: **FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018**. Applications postmarked after Friday, APRIL 20, 2018 will be ineligible! Applicants will receive written notification if selected as recipient. Applications are also available on the Sigma Psi Zeta website [http://www.zpb1920spz.org](http://www.zpb1920spz.org/). For additional information contact:

Dr. Roberta Taylor at [zphibvicepres2spz@gmail.com](mailto:zphibvicepres2spz@gmail.com).

**Rubric for Book Scholarship Essay**

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Your essay will be assessed based upon a 25 point rubric. Below you will find which categories will be assessed and their point value. Those essays that fail to follow the guidelines of the rubric will be disqualified.

**Categories**

1. 5 Paragraph Body 5 pts.

- Opening

- Body (3 Paragraphs)

- Closing

2. Grammar 5 pts.

- Punctuation

- Spelling

- Sentence Structure

3. Originality 5 pts.

4. Clear Thesis and or Topic Sentence 5 pts.

5. Address the topic 5 pts

**Applications postmarked after FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 will be ineligible!**

**Please send applications to:**

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.-Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter**

**ATTN: Scholarship Committee**

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**Book Scholarship Application Form**

(Please type or print legibly)

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| Applicant’s Name |  | |
| Applicant’s Street Address |  | |
| Applicant’s City, State and Zip Code |  | |
| Applicant’s Telephone Number |  | |
| Applicant’s Date of Birth |  | |
| Parent/Guardian Name |  | |
| School applicant attends now (name, city, state) |  | |
| Date of Graduation |  | |
| Applicant’s Cumulative GPA |  | |
| Principal's Name |  | |
| Principal's Telephone Number |  | |
| Counselor’s Name |  | |
| Counselor’s Telephone Number | | |
| School, community, church, or organizational activities: | | |
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| Honors, awards, and other achievements: | | |
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| Institution to which applicant applied for admission  in 2015 (name, city and state) | |  |
| Intended field of study | |  |
| How did you hear about the Sigma Psi Zeta Scholarship? | | |

Applicant’s Signature Date Parent/Guardian Signature

(If applicant is less than 18 years old)



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**CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING**

**Student’s Name:**

**School Name & Address:**

**Student Identification Number:**

***Please complete the following for the student named above and AFFIX SCHOOL SEAL:***

**Is officially enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic term**

**Has a Cumulative Grade Point Average of (Please calculate to FOUR DECIMAL PLACES.)**

**Has an anticipated Graduation Date of**

**Other Comments**

**Signed by: School Counselor/Administrator**

***AFFIX SCHOOL SEAL HERE!***

**Date: Phone:**

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**SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**(Please type or print legibly)**

**Applicant’s Name:**

**This applicant has applied for a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Psi Zeta Chapter scholarship. Please provide a letter of recommendation in regard to this student’s character, attitude, community involvement or any other pertinent information you wish to include. (This page can be photocopied for more than one reference, or use a blank sheet of paper.)**