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**Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter**

**2020-2021 Scholarship Application**

**Deadline: March 26, 2021**



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**Purpose Statement**

The purpose of scholarship through Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter is to provide financial assistance to matriculating minority female college students in pursuit of self-improvement through education. It is our fervent prayer that the award is received with a spirit of thanksgiving and utilized to support the aspirations of its recipient.

**Grace Shallowhorn “Silver Belle” Graduate Scholarship - \$1,000**

Grace Shallowhorn became a member Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated in 1954 while attending college in New York City. She truly exemplified the sorority’s founding principles of Scholarship, Community Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood. She served the sorority for over 50 years. Grace was one of five Zetas responsible for the charting of Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter and a two-time recipient of Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter’s Longevity Award. She was crowned Zeta of the Year in 1998 and is the chapter’s first and only “Silver Belle”; one of the highest honors a chapter can bestow on an elder member. The recipient of the Grace Shallowhorn Graduate Scholarship displays characteristics of Finer Womanhood, Sisterly Love, has a strong academic foundation and the ability to follow through on her goals no matter what obstacles cross her path.

**Willie Carney Hardin Undergraduate Scholarship - \$500**

Willie C. Hardin became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated while obtaining her undergraduate degree. In 1980, Willie C. Hardin joined four other phenomenal members of the sorority and chartered the Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter the graduate chapter in Buffalo, New York. She remained active in the chapter until she became sick and moved out of town with family. Willie C. Hardin passed away in the early 1990s and despite her illness was very active in the community up to her passing. Since her induction into the sorority, Willie C. Hardin believed strongly in the principles of the sorority especially the principle of community service and scholarship. She believed with a good education there is nothing that could not be achieved in life. The recipient of the Kappa Upsilon Zeta Willie Carney Hardin Undergraduate Scholarship has demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in the community and displays academic progress.

**Connie C. Bowman Book Scholarship - \$250 (Graduate, Undergraduate and High School)**

Mrs. Connie C. Bowman became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated at Jackson State University in the fall of 1970. Connie C. Bowman graduated from Jackson State University as an honors student with a Bachelor’s of Science in Social Science and a Master’s of Science in Secondary Education. She kept the flame of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated alive when she and four other phenomenal members of the sorority chartered Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Buffalo, NY in 1981. Connie was a tireless, committed, and exemplary educator who cared foremost for her students. There was never a child she felt didn’t deserve the best she had to offer; and, tried to instill within them the knowledge, drive, will and understanding that they could achieve success with work. Connie C. Bowman also served as a Professor within the Graduate School of Education for SUNY Buffalo. Connie C. Bowman was a true example of the principals of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. Her passion to educate others and encourage scholarly pursuits is evident throughout her career. She set an example for others to follow as a finer woman who always remained sisterly and actively engaged in her community. Connie C. Bowman’s legacy continues through her daughter, Kimberly N. Bowman, as a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and her husband, Albert R. Bowman, a member of our brother organization, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.



## **Eligibility Requirements**

Each applicant must fulfill all the requirements listed below:

1. Each applicant must be a female and have at least one birth parent who is a member of one of the following groups: Black/African-American, Hispanic, Native American, African or Black/African Caribbean.
2. Meet one of the following circumstances:
  - Currently matriculating in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university in Erie or Niagara County which provides for the aforementioned enrolled in a minimum number of credit hours as follows:  
Graduate Student - 9 credit hours  
Undergraduate Students - 12 credit hours
  - Currently matriculating in an accredited undergraduate and graduate program via traditional classroom or distant learning course of study at a college or university which provides online/distant learning opportunities and be a resident of Erie or Niagara County. (proof of residency required: copy of a New York State ID or voter registration card)
  - Currently matriculating as a high school student in Erie or Niagara County and enroll at a college or university in Erie or Niagara County and register for a minimum of 12 credit hours.
3. High School Seniors, Undergraduate and Graduate applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 Scale) (85 and above on a numeric scale for high school students given the districts grading policies). Applicants must submit an official copy of their transcripts.
4. Applicants must provide one professional letter of recommendation and one letter of recommendation showing your community involvement.

## **Application Procedure**

To be considered for a scholarship, application and supporting materials must be received by March 26, 2021. Applicants may submit the following documentation listed below via email to the scholarship chair at [kyzscholarship1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyzscholarship1920@gmail.com) or in one envelope addressed to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter ATTN: Scholarship Committee 170 Manhattan Ave #54 Buffalo, New York 14215. Applicants will be considered for all applicable scholarships and may only be granted one scholarship per application year.

1. Scholarship application (1 completed and signed).
2. Completed essay typed on separate paper (4 stapled copies)
3. Most recent official academic transcripts (1 copy in a sealed envelope). (Unofficial may be emailed)
4. Two letters of recommendation (4 copies – attach a copy to each essay packet)
5. Interviews will be held virtually on Tuesday April 6, 2021 with the scholarship committee.

**\*Due to the current health pandemic, the scholarship interview will be held on Tuesday April 6, 2021 virtually. Please anticipate changes to be made to the scholarship presentation in the event further COVID-19 restrictions are put in place.\***

## **Notification and Conditions of Payment**

1. Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter will notify each applicant of the result status of their application via email by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Finalist will be notified of their award status by April 9, 2021.



2. Recipients must submit documentation from their institution providing enrollment for the Fall 2021 semester by April 16, 2021. **(In the event scholarship recipients are not able to provide a copy of the Fall 2021 semester schedule by the requested date, this information will need to be made aware ahead of time to the scholarship chair to make alternate arrangements to receive their scholarship check.)**
3. Recipients will be required to email a brief biography and a photo by April 18, 2021. The recipients will receive a scholarship check at the awards presentation on April 24, 2021.
4. Recipients will be provided a meeting location and time for the awards presentation. Scholarship recipients are required to attend the awards presentation to accept the award and participate in a photo opportunity. In the event the scholarship recipient doesn't attend the presentation, their scholarship award will be forfeited in full. Recipients will be sent a virtual invite for friends and family to celebrate their accomplishment.

### **Essay Procedure**

1. Essays must be typed on a separate sheet of paper using Times New Roman 12pt. font.
2. Please do not type your name on the essays. On each page of your essay insert your application code as a header in the upper right header. Directions for application codes can be found below. *DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON OR IN YOUR ESSAY. TYPING YOUR NAME IN OR ON YOUR ESSAY or MENTIONING NAMES OF OTHER PEOPLE WHICH CAN LEAD TO IDENTIFYING THE APPLICANT WILL VOID YOUR APPLICATION.*

*To create your application number - first write HS for high school students, UG for undergraduate students or G for graduate students followed by the first initial of your first and last name and the numerical value of your birth month and day.*

*Example: High School Cora Smith; DOB: June 2<sup>nd</sup> = 6/02*

*Application#: HSCS602*

*Example: Undergraduate Karen Smith; DOB: May 22<sup>nd</sup> = 5/22*

*Application# UGKS522*

*Example: Graduate Mary Williams; DOB: April 27<sup>th</sup> – 4/27*

*Application# GMW427*

3. All pages should be numbered in the footer of the document.
4. Include 4 stapled copies of your essay & recommendation packets and 1 copy of your signed application cover sheet.
5. Respond to all of the following questions as directed below.

### **Essay Questions**

Item I:

Give a brief biographical sketch, not to exceed 500 words identifying your educational goals, future aspirations, community involvement and how this award will assist you in fulfilling your goals.

Item II:

In 250 words or less detail how you would utilize a million dollars to positively impact minority women in your community.

Item III:

In 250 words or less answer the following question: The lessons we take from obstacles we can encounter can be fundamental to a 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?

**Please send all scholarship inquiries to: [kvzscholarhsp1920@gmail.com](mailto:kvzscholarhsp1920@gmail.com).**



**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter  
2020-2021 Scholarship Application Cover Sheet**

*(Please print neatly)*

Application Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Presently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Matriculation Status:     High School Student     Freshman     Sophomore  
                                  Junior     Senior     Master's Candidate     Doctoral Candidate

Earned Degree (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:

Black/African-American     Hispanic     Native American     African     Caribbean

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest the information submitted for the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter 2020-2021 Scholarship is true. I understand that if it is found that I have misled the scholarship committee with manipulated information my application will be void and I will be disqualified from applying for scholarship funds from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Kappa Upsilon Zeta chapter indefinitely. I understand and agree to all of the requirements detailed in the application description.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHOTO RELEASE AGREEMENT**

I grant Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter permission to use and/or reproduce photographs or likenesses of myself in any legal manner for the internal or external promotion regarding the activities of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter. I also agree to allow my photograph to be published on the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated’s national, regional, state and/or local chapter Website, social media platforms and publications. I further understand that by signing this release, I waive all rights to compensation, present or future regarding the use of the above stated material(s) by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Event/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_