



SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.
ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER

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EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

PO Box 78455
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will award scholarships to high school students that exhibit exemplary scholastic achievement, strong leadership ability, and service to their community. The qualifying seniors will receive a scholarship up to \$1,000.

The Educational Fund Committee would appreciate if you would distribute the enclosed documents and application link to qualifying seniors. **Seniors should know that any application received that does not meet the guidelines, that are incomplete, or received after the deadline of May 15, 2021, will not be considered.**

Thank you for your assistance and the committee looks forward to meeting candidates from your school. For additional information, please feel free to contact Vicki Hopkins, Educational Fund Committee Chairperson, via email at Scholarship.ZetaSigma.SGRho@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Vicki Hopkins

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Educational Fund Committee Chairperson
Zeta Sigma Chapter
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



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Mission Statement

It is the mission of *Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.* to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.

About Sigma

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922 by seven young educators. The sorority is committed to the tenets of excellence in scholarship, sisterhood and service. Sigma Gamma Rho has a proud legacy of providing positive and proactive community leadership and support when and wherever needed as indicated by the sorority's international slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress."

Zeta Sigma Chapter is the largest and oldest graduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, chartered June 5, 1932. Building upon the legacy and vision of the seven Founders, the chapter supports the pursuit of higher education by offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **2021 senior** graduating from a high school in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.
- ✓ Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Submit an **OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT** or it may be emailed directly from the School Counselor or Registrar's Office. (An unofficial transcript will be tentatively accepted until an official copy is obtained.)
- ✓ Acceptance into a college or university (provide copy of admission letter).
- ✓ Community service hours within school and/or community (documentation required).
- ✓ 3 letters of recommendation - **2 academic references** (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc.) and **1 personal reference** (cannot be a family member).
- ✓ Submit a 2-3 page, double spaced, 12 point font essay on ONE of the following topics:
 1. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.
 2. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.
 3. Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?
- ✓ Recipients of the scholarship will be notified during the week of June 10, 2021.

**** APPLICATION MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY RECEIVED BY MAY 15, 2021 ****

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/APv2Phc45V8ZVfLg9>

Essays should be submitted to: scholarship.zetasigma.sgrho@gmail.com

Please use the subject line "Scholarship Essay Sfor (insert your name)"



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Please use this checklist to ensure everything is accounted for in the application packet. Only completed applications with the requested supporting documents will be considered. Please see the "Scholarship Requirements" section for specific information regarding criteria and application documents.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic we have made the following changes to minimize barriers and to ensure the safety of our scholarship applicants. For the safety of all, **all application materials must be submitted electronically**. Please do not mail anything. To ensure the integrity of your documents, we ask that you **convert all Word documents to PDF** (essays, letters of recommendation). Due to school closures, if you are unable to obtain a copy of your official transcript we will tentatively accept an unofficial copy. In lieu of a sealed transcript, we will accept one emailed directly from the School Counselor or the Registrar's Office. **Please note, if you are selected to receive an award you will be required to provide your official transcript before monies are released.**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Vicki Hopkins, Educational Fund Committee Chairperson, via email at Scholarship.ZetaSigma.SGRho@gmail.com

1. _____ Scholarship Application (type or print legibly, attach additional sheets if needed)
2. _____ Transcript - **Official Sealed High School Transcript required before funds expended**
3. _____ Copy of college admission letter
4. _____ Documentation showing community service hours
5. _____ (1) Typed essay (see "Scholarship Requirements" for topics; please submit as a PDF)
6. _____ (2) Letters of recommendation - academic (please submit as a PDF)
7. _____ (1) Letter of recommendation - personal (please submits as a PDF)

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NOTE: Incomplete application packets (unanswered application questions, missing documentation) and late applications will not be accepted for consideration. Thank you for your understanding.