



The Deborah & James Carty African American History Scholarship Application 2020

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Omega Mu Zeta Chapter**

**Mail to:
Mrs. Maxine Robinson
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Somerset, NJ 08873**

Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood

December 19, 2019

Dear Applicant:

On behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Omega Mu Zeta Chapter, we would like to congratulate you on this very important milestone in your life. The principles of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc are Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. We value education and scholarship dearly. The process of not only choosing a college, but also deciding how you would like to continue your education can most certainly be an overwhelming task. With this in mind, the Ladies of Omega Mu Zeta Chapter, are presenting you with an opportunity to apply for **The Deborah & James Carty African American History Scholarship of \$1000** to be used towards tuition, books and supplies. **The African American History Scholarship** is for applicants who are interested in **African American History**.

The African American History Scholarship would like to offer **graduating females of African descent, attending a four (4) year college/university, who meet academic and leadership criteria a non-renewable academic scholarship**. A few of the qualifying details are as follows: to **attend school and reside in our service area of Middlesex County and/or have a parent who is member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Omega Mu Zeta Chapter, and/or be a member of Omega Mu Zeta Youth Auxiliary**. You must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of **2.5, and demonstrate leadership through extra-curricular activities and community service**. You must be available to attend an interview during the week of *March 22 through March 28, 2020*. Also, all scholarship winners **MUST attend the Zeta Youth Rocks Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 30, 2020**.

The completed application along with the required documents must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN Sunday, February 9, 2020**. **Applications that are submitted late and/or incomplete will not be considered – NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please make sure that you have read and understand all of the guidelines of the scholarship application. Enclosed you will find the guidelines and application for our 2020 Scholarship. If you are chosen to receive one of the scholarships, your Guidance Counselor will be notified. An official letter from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Omega Mu Zeta Chapter will be sent to your current address. Only scholarship recipients will be notified. Again, congratulations on your decision to pursue higher education, and we pray you have much success in your future.

Please read the guidelines and instructions carefully. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Maxine Robinson, Scholarship and Educational Programs Committee Chair at omz2vpmr@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Deborah and James Carty, Scholarship Sponsors
Maxine Robinson, Omega Mu Zeta Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Linda Robinson, Omega Mu Zeta Chapter President

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**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. OMEGA MU ZETA CHAPTER
GUIDELINES FOR 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR
ANY APPLICATION NOT MEETING THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE
DISQUALIFIED**

1. This scholarship is for a graduating female senior of African descent attending a four (4) year college/university, from high school in our service area of Middlesex County and/or the daughter of a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc - Omega Mu Zeta Chapter member and/or Omega Mu Zeta Youth Auxiliary member. **The African American History Scholarship of \$1000** to be used towards tuition, books and supplies. **The African American History Scholarship** is for those female applicants who are **majoring in any discipline with an interest in African American History.**
2. Only **completed applications** will be reviewed. If sections of the application are not applicable to you, please note it by answering “N/A.”
3. Please include your complete permanent mailing address, phone number and email address (*if applicable*) on the application.
4. Current headshot photo.
5. Submit **TWO (2)** letters of recommendation, **one from a non-relative (friend, neighbor, minister, etc.) and another from a current or recent administrator or teacher.** Letters must be current, dated, and include original signatures.
6. **Proof of Community Service** and **number of hours completed** (includes certified documentation from community organization ie. certified letter, certificate, or school transcript of service). ****You cannot just list your hours, we need official proof****
7. **Submit current transcript with official school stamp, embossed seal, or authorizing signature of school official. Transcript should include current GPA, Class Rank, and ACT/SAT score. Home-schooled students must have their transcripts and SAT/ACT scores verified by an authorized home school administrator.** (Signature/Position in school/administrator with phone # for verification.)
8. Submit current **2019-2020** semester/cycle grades.
9. **Proof of acceptance** to a four (4) year college/university.

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10. **Submit a typed personal essay between 500-750 words** which includes **ALL** of the following:

1. **Why should you be considered to receive the African American History Scholarship?**
2. **What have you done so far to benefit the African American community?**
3. **Your intended major in college, and how will you use your college education to benefit the African American community in the future.**
4. **Name at least one person and or event that has influenced you the most in your life and why.**

11. **Submit a typed essay between 500-750 words on the following topic:**

Why should the Reconstruction period from the end of the Civil War until the disputed presidential election of 1876 be considered the most important period in American history?

12. **For High School Official Use Only** - Your guidance counselor/home school administrator must complete the section at the bottom of the application requesting GPA, rank, and SAT/ACT score information.

13. All recipients will be sent (1) additional **ticket to “Zeta Youth Rocks” event on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Additional ticket (s) will cost \$30. You must attend the event in order to receive the scholarship. All scholarship winners who do not attend will forfeit their scholarship.**

14. The application must be **completed and postmarked** to the **Scholarship Committee Chairperson c/o Maxine Robinson – 2 Gary Court Somerset, NJ 08873 no later than Sunday, February 9, 2020. All applications must contain all enclosures and be mailed in one packet only. Applications that are submitted late will not be considered.**

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A qualified scholarship is any amount you receive as a scholarship or fellowship grant that is used according to the condition of the grant for:

1. Tuition and fees required to enroll in, or to attend, an educational institution, or
2. Fees, books, supplies, and equipment that is required for the courses of instruction at the educational institution.

SECTION I – *Contact Information (please type)*

Students First Name: _____ Students Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Full Address: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

How did you hear about our scholarship? Omega Mu Zeta Website, Guidance Counselor or Other

SECTION II – *High School Information*

High School Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Counselor's Phone Number

An official high school transcript must accompany this application.

Please list any high school activities in which you have participated: _____

Please list any awards and/or honors that you have received: _____

SECTION III – *Community Service*

Please attach a list of all community service/volunteer activities in which you have participated, along with the number of hours and official proof of community service.

SECTION IV – Hardship

If applicable, please explain any hardships (ex. financial, family circumstances, illness)

SECTION V – Seal of Application

I have fully read and understand the guidelines of this application. If for some reason I am not able fulfill the request of participating with the “Zeta Youth Rocks” I will forfeit this scholarship.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

For High School Official Use Only

Have your High School Guidance Counselor/Home School Administrator complete this section.

GPA _____ # of Graduating Seniors _____ Rank _____ Highest SAT/ACT Score _____

(GPA is computed on a _____ scale)

School Official Print Name

School Official Signature

Title

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