



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Rho Xi Zeta Chapter

**2021 Excellence in Leadership
Book Award Application**

The Five
Founders
of Zeta Phi Beta



Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the [Excellence in Leadership Book Award](#). In order for you to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Must be a female presently enrolled as a high school senior, located in the metro Atlanta, GA area (or surrounding counties).
- ❖ Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of the application deadline and at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- ❖ Should be a responsible, supportive, and positive individual who is committed to leadership and service in her community.
- ❖ Must have been accepted to any **accredited** college or university (4-year Bachelor's Degree or 2-year Associate's Degree program).

Below you will find the link to access the 2021 Excellence in Leadership Book Award application. The scholarship application must be submitted via email no later than:

Sunday, February 21st, 2021 by 11:59pm EST
Email Your Application: scholarship@zpb-rhoxizeta.org

Please make sure that the following forms and documents are submitted:

- ❖ COMPLETED 2021 Excellence in Leadership Book Award Application
- ❖ Scholarship Essay (300 - 400 words)
- ❖ Official copy of high school transcript (scanned as an attachment and submitted with application in one compressed file)
- ❖ Two letters of recommendation: letters should be typed and printed, or saved as a PDF and then scanned as an attachment, to be submitted with application in one compressed file.
 - Recommendations should be provided by:
 - A teacher or other faculty/staff member from your school who can speak to your leadership potential and overall character as a student
 - A member of the local community (i.e. work supervisor, coach, community leader, civic organization member) or an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc who can speak to your demonstration of leadership, service, and character within your community

You will receive an email confirming receipt of your full and complete application packet (**electronic** file including application, essay, transcript, and two letters of recommendation).

Please be advised: incomplete or late packets will *not* be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.

As applications are reviewed, applicants will be assigned points based on the following information:

- ❖ Recommendation Letters (demonstrated leadership, character, school and community involvement)
- ❖ Scholarship Essay
- ❖ Overall Demonstration of Leadership, Determination and Commitment to Success

If you have any questions about the scholarship application, please contact Mrs. Nana Adwoa Boone at scholarship@zpb-rhoxizeta.org. Thank you for your time and best of luck to you!

Warm Regards,
Nana Adwoa Boone, Scholarship Committee Chair
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rho Xi Zeta Chapter

Scholarship Rules and Guidelines

In order to be eligible to receive the 2020 Scholars Succeed Book Award, the following rules apply:

1. Must be a female presently enrolled as a high school senior, located in the metro Atlanta, GA area (or surrounding counties).
2. Must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA at the time of the application deadline and at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Should be a responsible, supportive, self-disciplined, and energetic individual who is interested in the being a leader and positive role model in the community.
4. The number of awards is at the sole discretion of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Rho Xi Zeta Chapter.
5. The Scholars Succeed Book Award is \$500.00 in total and is non-renewable.
6. The scholarship must be used to cover book expenses at an accredited college or university (4-year Bachelor's Degree or 2-year Associate's Degree program) in the United States of America and will be made payable to the student.
7. The Rho Xi Zeta scholarship committee will either review or appoint additional individuals to review and score the submitted scholarship application packets. Finalists will be selected based on the merits of the full application packet. The scholarship committee reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who does not successfully adhere to any of the scholarship application requirements, as stated.
8. The Rho Xi Zeta scholarship committee reserves the right to conduct an interview with any finalists, if deemed necessary.
9. Scholarship recipients will be selected through an impartial, structured, and unbiased application review process. Final award recipient selection decisions are at the sole discretion of the Rho Xi Zeta Scholarship Committee.
10. Selected scholarship award recipients will be notified no later than **March 21, 2021**.

Please be sure to complete the scholarship application form and include ALL attachments listed below. Failure to adhere to the instructions will result in disqualification of your application.

1. Completed 2020 Excellence in Leadership Book Award Application.
2. An official copy of your high school transcript showing your cumulative GPA.
3. Two letters of recommendation.
4. A 300-400 word scholarship essay (as directed in the application).

Your completed application package should be received no later than February 21, 2021 at 11:59pm EST. All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted in one compressed file, electronically, to scholarship@zpb-rhozeta.org.



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Please answer all questions completely. If you are handwriting any portion of the application, be sure to print information clearly before scanning to submit your full packet.

Part 1: Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant's Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

High School Information

Current Institution: _____

Address: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ to _____

Un-weighted GPA: _____/Weighted GPA: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Institutions To Which You Have Applied: _____

Institutions To Which You Have Been Accepted:

Part 2: General Information

Please answer the following questions concisely. Be sure to highlight any leadership roles you currently hold or have previously held. You may include additional typed sheets if needed.

1. What other scholarships, grants, or financial aid awards have you received or do you expect to receive for the 2020-2021 school year?

Award Name	Date	Amount

2. What academic awards, recognitions, or honors have you received during your high school career?

Award Name	Description	Date

3. What leadership activities, community service initiatives, or civic organizations have you been involved with in the last year?

Activity/Organization	Role	Date Participated

4. List any student organizations of which you are a part. Please indicate any leadership positions you hold (or have held), as well as your dates of participation.

Activity/Organization	Position	Dates Participated

5. List your current and previous work experience. Please indicate your role, average number of hours worked per week, and length of employment.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Hours Per Week

Part 3: Essay

ESSAY PROMPT: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1920 on the principals of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. As a leadership organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is committed to supporting young women in their pursuit of excellence in leadership and making a positive difference in the community. Describe how, even in the midst of a pandemic, you have been able to demonstrate resilience and a spirit of excellence in your academic or personal pursuits. How have you exhibited leadership as a student and/or member of your community during these challenging and unprecedented times? Please provide clear examples in your essay.

Essay Criteria:

- ❖ Your essay should be between 300 to 400 words, double-spaced and typed.
- ❖ Size 12pt font (only Times New Roman or Arial fonts are accepted)
- ❖ Please include in your essay which college you plan to attend and your intended major (if possible).
- ❖ **Your essay will be judged based on the following:**
 - The degree to which you establish a main idea and elaborate with examples, illustrations, and facts or details that are appropriate for the audience.
 - The degree to which your ideas are arranged in a clear order and concessive manner.
 - The degree to which you demonstrate control of sentence formation, usage, and mechanics.

Part 4: Verification

By signing and submitting this application electronically, I affirm that all information contained within this application and accompanying attachments are complete, accurate and submitted to the best of my ability in truth. Also by submitting this application electronically, I authorize Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Rho Xi Zeta Chapter to reference my academic transcript to verify my current cumulative GPA.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Name: _____

Scholarship Application Package Checklist:

- COMPLETED 2020 Excellence in Leadership Book Award Application
- Official copy of high school transcript
- Two letters of recommendations
 - One from a local member of the community
 - One from a faculty or staff member affiliated with your school (i.e. teacher, coach, counselor, principal, administrator)
- 300-400 word scholarship essay

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You can find original application at

<http://www.zpb-rhoizeta.org/scholarssucceedbookaward>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Nana Adwoa Boone at scholarship@zpb-rhoizeta.org.