



**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
New York State  
Dr. Deborah Cannon Wolfe Scholarship**

**Application Deadline April 2, 2022**

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., New York State, Dr. Deborah Cannon Wolfe Scholarship is awarded annually to a financially active member of the sorority. It recognizes the academic achievements, educational pursuits, and the personal qualities of its applicants. Dr. Deborah Cannon Wolfe, for whom the award is named, was phenomenal in her work as a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for the national and international community of African descent and for women worldwide. Her accomplishments were bountiful in the plight of education and she was the first of her gender and race to break many barriers since becoming the Grand Basileus in 1954. A few of her accomplishments are listed below:

- Originated the National Education Foundation of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.;
- Possessed 26 Honorary doctorates;
- First Education Chief of African descent, United States Congress (1962);
- First professor of African descent at City University of New York at Queens College;
- Originated the African Study Abroad Program at the City University of New York;
- First and only Trustee of African descent at Science Service, which publishes Science News and conducts the famous Westinghouse Awards for outstanding science students;
- First person of African descent to serve on the National Board of the American Association of University Women;
- Educational consultant to the following Governments: Kuwait, Liberia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Malawi;
- First person of African descent to serve as Secretary, Council of National Organizations for Children and Youth....and the list goes on

Soror Wolfe was also affiliated with numerous organizations and on the forefront of scholarship raising programs for decades. It is with the sorority's deep respect and admiration for this dynamic woman that this scholarship is awarded in her name to a deserving Soror.



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This scholarship recognizes academic achievement, and educational pursuits, as well as special personal qualities. In addition to the selection criteria, the scholarship committee will recognize the applicant's academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, volunteerism/community service and future goals. The scholarship will be awarded to a financial active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., in New York State. The award recipient will receive \$1,500.

**Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a financial active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., in New York State.
- Applicant must be enrolled or expected to enroll as a Full or Part Time student in an accredited college or university in the upcoming Fall 2022 semester.
- There are no restrictions to fields of academic interest, age, financial need, or marital status.
- **An Official sealed school transcript** must be mailed to: Zeta Phi Beta NYS Scholarship, 3300 Conner Street, PO. Box 288, Bronx, NY 10475. **Transcripts MUST be postmarked no later than April 2, 2022.** In absence of an Official Transcript, applicant will not be eligible for award.

**Selection Criteria**

- Completed Type-Written Application
- Two letters of reference; One (1) letter **MUST** be from a financial active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Official Sealed School Transcript
- Original essay of 750 words or less on one of the provided essay topics
- Proof of Enrollment **must be provided** by October 31, 2022, prior to issuance of scholarship funds or scholarship award will be forfeited.

**Application Deadline**

The completed application with all pertinent documents, essay and two letters of reference must be received by the committee **no later than April 2, 2022**, and must be sent to: Soror Megan Burke, NYS Scholarship Coordinator, via email at NYSScholarship@gmail.com AND NewYorkStateDirector15@gmail.com. An Official sealed school transcript must be **postmarked by April 2, 2022**. The winner will be announced at the NYSLC in May 2022 and scholarship funds will be dispensed on October 31, 2022 (or soon thereafter) after proof of enrollment has been provided by the winner. If there are any questions, please contact Soror Megan Burke at (585) 281-1676.

## **Instructions**

1. Applications **MUST** be type-written. Handwritten applications will **NOT** be accepted.
2. Provide an answer for all application questions. Write N/A (not applicable) where necessary.
3. Provide Two (2) letters of reference. All letters must include the hand-written signature or digital signature and contact phone number of the reference writer.
  - a. One letter from a financial member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
  - b. One letter from educator, or community leader.
4. Applicant **MUST** attach their most recent **UNOFFICIAL** Transcript or Certification of recent grades to the application. (Note: **OFFICIAL** Transcripts **MUST** be mailed directly from your school to the scholarship committee and postmarked by April 2, 2022).
5. Submit **COMPLETED APPLICATION** including all the above attachments to the New York State Scholarship Coordinator via email to **NYSScholarship@gmail.com** AND **NewYorkStateDirector15@gmail.com** (**Please Note:** Only completed packets that are sent via email before the deadline will be reviewed for potential scholarship consideration).



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**Personal Information**

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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Educational Goal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Goal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

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**Please attach the most recent UNOFFICIAL Transcript or Certification of recent grades received from your school.**

	Program of Study	Degrees earned	Date of Graduation
<b>Undergraduate College(s)</b>			
<b>Post-Undergraduate College(s)</b>			
<b>Current School (if different from above)</b>			

## I. Extracurricular Activities

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The purpose of this section is to determine the use of your non-classroom time. Please list any other factors that bear on the use of that time including (but not limited to) employment, family obligations, rehearsals, Zeta roles, and any special projects (i.e. research activities or creative endeavors). You must indicate: a description of the activity (noting any leadership roles, if applicable), years of involvement, and hours per week or weeks per year involved in the activity.

## **II. Volunteer Work and Community Service (Unpaid)**

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**The purpose of this section is to describe your volunteer work and community service. You must indicate: the organization at which you completed the work/service, a description of the volunteer opportunity/community service (noting any leadership roles, if applicable), years of involvement, and hours per week or weeks per year involved in the work/service.**

### III. Honors and Awards

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The purpose of this section is to describe the honors and awards you have received. You must indicate: the honor/award you have received, the type of honor/award received (academic/other), a description of the honor/award-including the nature and level of competition, and date received (indicate month/year).

#### IV. Essay Instructions

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You will be assessed on your ability to answer ONE (1) of the following questions. This essay is an important part of your application and will weigh heavily in the selection process. It is advisable to be as specific as you can, using ample details in 750 words or less.

Proofread your essay very carefully.

Explain in 750 words or less your answer from one of the following three essay topics:

1. What role do you believe you play in this current Social Justice Movement and how are you creating change in your current environment? (For example: Changing social justice with every dollar spent within Black-Owned Businesses)
2. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed prohibiting racial discrimination in voting. During the past few years many States have passed legislation creating barriers to voting for all. Most recently, the *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021* proposed legislation that would restore and strengthen parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. With this Act pending, how do you believe the lack of fair voting rights impacts your community? What action(s) can you take to promote voting despite the obstacles or barriers voters may encounter?
3. The current pandemic has dramatically impacted how we live our daily lives, physically, emotionally, and mentally. How has this pandemic inspired/encouraged you to thrive and be successful during these turbulent times?



## V. Letters of Reference

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Two (2) letters of reference are required for submission with this application - One letter from a financial member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., (be sure to include her current Zeta chapter affiliation) and One letter from an Educator/Community Leader. Please list the name, telephone number and email address of the reference writer below.

## Certification

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**IMPORTANT: Your signature is required to complete your application below. Incomplete applications will not be considered or returned.**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate, and that all statements and essays are my own work. The New York State Dr. Deborah Cannon Wolfe Scholarship Award may be denied or revoked if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate. Should I receive an award, I give permission to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. to utilize my name, picture, and award amount in any publicity or marketing materials. I understand that all judging decisions are final.

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PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \*  
(Wet or Digital Signature Accepted)

DATE OF APPLICATION

\*Signature Acknowledgement: I acknowledge by signing my name that the information submitted in this application is verified as accurate and any false information could disqualify my chances of winning.

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PRINTED NAME and SIGNATURE OF CHAPTER BASILEUS \*\*  
(Wet or Digital Accepted)

DATE

\*\*Signature Acknowledgement: By signing I attest that the Soror applying for this scholarship is a financial active member of our chapter, and is in good standing.

Send completed application including all attachments to:

**Soror Megan Burke**  
**New York State Scholarship Coordinator**  
Via Email [NYSScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:NYSScholarship@gmail.com) AND  
[NewYorkStateDirector15@gmail.com](mailto:NewYorkStateDirector15@gmail.com)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 2, 2022**

**FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY:**

**EMAIL Date:**

**Financial and Active:**

**Application Complete:**