



Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation 2021 Academic Scholarship

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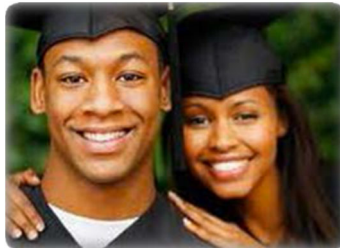
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Sorority History

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by Arizona Cleaver Stemmons, Viola Tyler Goings, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Fannie Pettie Watts, and Pearl Anna Neal, whom we fondly refer to as our Five Pearls. These women dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for African-American women and sought to establish a new organization based on the ideals of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood.

Since its inception, the sorority has expanded to encompass hundreds of chapters and a multitude of college-educated and successful initiates, in undergraduate and graduate chapters located throughout the United States, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Europe.



Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter

Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter of San Jose, California was established in May 1988 by eight phenomenal women:

Charlene Bellinger	Ardette Fulton	Jackie Moore	Catherine Sweat
Stella Bronson	Karen Mathis	Elizabeth Smith	Glendora Turner

Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter was chartered by Pacific Region Director Myrtle Ballard at the home of Jackie Moore. Since that time, the chapter has produced many talented leaders, including several past and current national, regional, and state officers. Today, the chapter also encourages and develops future leaders through our youth auxiliaries.

Through the chapter's Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, we hold several events throughout the year which fund the scholarships being awarded. Through the sorority's national program, Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel), chapter members also participate individually and collectively in many community service projects across the Bay Area, at their churches and through their jobs, and in partnership with organizations such as the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association.



[Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation](#)

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation was created in 2004 and is operated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable entity of the chapter. The Executive Board, as outlined in our chapter's Constitution and Bylaws, manages the Educational Foundation. This Board is composed of the chapter's President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, 3rd Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

We are proud to award academic scholarships each year to deserving high-school seniors. Our talented scholarship recipients come from high schools across Santa Clara County, such as Mt. Pleasant, Overfelt, Silver Creek, Yerba Buena, Milpitas, Piedmont Hills, Andrew Hill, and Santa Teresa. Additionally, our awardees have gone on to further success at colleges and universities all over the United States, such as Stanford University, Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, Cal State University – East Bay, Grambling State University, Spelman College, Howard University, Xavier University, Tuskegee University, MIT, and many others.

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation is funded through various programs, personal donations, and grants received from local companies and organizations.

[Scholarship Overview](#)

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, in conjunction with Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, will award one or more merit-based scholarships to selected high-school seniors who meet eligibility requirements. The scholarship is intended to financially assist students in the pursuit of their academic goals. The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee, under the counsel of the foundation's Executive Board, will determine the scholarship amount that is disbursed to each recipient.

The scholarship amounts will be based on, but are not limited to, the applicant's academic excellence, community service, references, financial need, and type of higher education institution attending (for example, an accredited community college or four-year university). Additional considerations for the amounts disbursed may include the number of applicants who meet and exceed the eligibility requirements.

Applicants must provide official transcripts verifying a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher by sending all required documentation to the Scholarship Committee Chair no later than the specified deadline.

Scholarship recipients must show proof of enrollment by sending all required documentation to the Scholarship Committee Chair no later than the specified deadline.

Scholarship recipients will receive the awarded amount in one disbursement during Fall 2021.



Eligibility and Requirements

- ❑ Applicant must reside in the greater Santa Clara County area.
- ❑ Applicant must be a graduating, high-school senior (in Spring 2021).
- ❑ Applicant must complete the entire scholarship application and submit the required video.
- ❑ Applicant must provide an official transcript to include Spring and Fall 2020 grades with proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. An official transcript that includes your current classes is also requested.
- ❑ Applicant must provide three (3) letters of recommendation from an instructor, spiritual leader, community leader, and/or employee supervisor/manager.
- ❑ Applicant must show and provide proof of personal involvement in civic engagement/community service/volunteer work within his or her community.
- ❑ Applicant should provide employment history (if applicable).
- ❑ Applicants must provide an electronic headshot with their application.
- ❑ Applicant must provide all required materials and meet all stated deadlines.
- ❑ If selected as a finalist, the applicant must attend a scheduled panel interview through Zoom.
- ❑ If chosen as a recipient, the applicant must furnish an acceptance letter from an accredited college or university (once received from the institution).
- ❑ If chosen as a recipient, the applicant must provide a video on a topic that will be provided by the Scholarship Committee (no exceptions). The video will be presented at a specified time during acknowledgement of the recipients.

IMPORTANT SUBMISSION DETAILS

All application materials, except for official transcripts, must be sent electronically (emailed) to:

xzz.educationalfoundation@casouthbayzetas.org

Official transcripts must be sent by US Postal Service to:

Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation
c/o Scholarship Chair
P.O. Box 610985
San Jose, CA 95161-0985



Important Dates to Remember

(tentative and subject to change)

- April 9, 2021 – Application postmark deadline.
- April 17, 2021 – Scholarship Committee reviews applications and selects candidates to interview.
- April 20, 2021 – Selected candidates are contacted by the Scholarship Committee to schedule time and date for interviews.
- April 24, 2021 – Selected candidates are interviewed by the Scholarship Committee via Zoom (times TBA; date subject to change).
- April 27, 2021 – Scholarship recipients are selected and notified.
- May 1, 2021 – Scholarship recipients are honored by the Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation at a virtual event (time TBD).
- July 1, 2021 – Scholarship recipients are notified of their award amount.

The following dates are approximate:

- August 15, 2021 – Scholarship recipients must provide proof of their enrollment at an accredited two-year college or four-year university is due to the Scholarship Committee Chair. Your proof of enrollment must show registered classes (full-time load = 12 units or more) and proof of payment for the Fall 2021 term.

***Failure to submit the required documentation by this date
may result in delay or forfeiture of a recipient's award.***

- October 1, 2021 – Disbursements are sent by Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation to all scholarship recipients who meet all requirements.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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To apply for a scholarship, complete this application in its entirety, and submit it along with a creative video addressing the following questions. Your video's length should be at least two (2) minutes and no more than three (3) minutes.

“What does Racial Equity and Social Justice mean to you? How have or how will you incorporate Racial Equity and Social Justice in your community?”

In addition to the brief introduction and a creative video answering the provided question/topic, three (3) letters of recommendation, an official high school transcript, and an electronic photograph (headshot) must accompany the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 2, 2021 (POSTMARK)

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First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone

Email

Birthplace

Date of Birth



High School Name and Address

Mother's Name

Father's Name

Siblings' Names and Ages

Total Annual Household Income

PLEASE LIST ALL SCHOLASTIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH DATES OF SERVICE

PLEASE LIST ALL COLLEGES / UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED OR PLAN TO APPLY

(Indicate the name, city, and state of each school)

Applied

Accepted

1st Choice:

2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:



Brief Introduction

(Tell us about yourself)

References

You must submit three (3) letters of recommendation with this application. These letters can be written by a teacher, a counselor, a minister, or a community leader. Please remember that your application will not be considered without your letters of recommendation. Please remember to attach your letters of recommendation to your electronic message (email) when submitting your application package.

Video Submission

Include a CREATIVE video addressing the following questions. Your video's length should be at least two (2) minutes and no more than three (3) minutes.

What does Racial Equity and Social Justice mean to you? How have or how will you incorporate Racial Equity and Social Justice in your community?

Please make sure you use a universal video format and attach the video as part of your electronic submission (email). Please remember that your application will not be considered without your video.