



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated  
**State of Maryland**  
Issie Jenkins Scholarship

APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**Criteria for Selection**

The State of Maryland, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, will select one high school senior student, male or female, who demonstrates exemplary academic achievement, a propensity for service, and noteworthy leadership to be awarded a scholarship for \$2,000.00.

**The application deadline is Wednesday, February 12, 2025, by 11:59 PM.**

**Scholarship awardees will be notified by phone and email by March 5, 2025.**

**Submission Requirements**

- Applicant must submit an high school transcript with an unweighted cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.
- The applicant must submit three letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, employers, and community or church leaders that address academic achievement, leadership, and community service.
- Applicant must submit a 200-word essay explaining how he/she has demonstrated effective leadership abilities in and outside the school setting. (See the “ESSAY” section for more information.)
- A resume must be included in the packet.
- A completed Issie Jenkins Scholarship application, letters of recommendation, and all required documents must be sent as attachments in **one** email to [IssieJenkinsScholarship@zphibmaryland.org](mailto:IssieJenkinsScholarship@zphibmaryland.org).
- All submission requirements must be received for consideration by February 12, 2025. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** The official scholarship application must not be altered. All application entries must be type-written.

The Issie Jenkins Scholarship awardee will be notified via phone and email no later than March 5, 2025. The awardee will be recognized/announced at the Maryland State Leadership Conference Awards Luncheon on March 15, 2025. The full address is Live! Casino and Hotel 7002 Arundel Mills Circle # 7777, Hanover, MD 21076.

***The awardee will be invited to the conference luncheon to accept the award. Please provide a video if unable to attend. The awardee must submit a senior high picture for the sorority’s website and the conference report.***



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**Please type. If more space is needed, please attach extra sheets.**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic & Community Activities in which you participate:**

**Organization/Position**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors & Awards Received**

**Name of Award**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



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**Recommendations:** Three (3) Letters of Recommendation must accompany this application. The application will be considered incomplete if all letters of recommendation are not attached to the packet.

- Three letters of recommendation must come from different individuals (e.g. teacher, counselor, principal, community/church leaders, or employer).
- Each letter of recommendation must reflect the applicant’s achievement in one of the following categories:
  - Academics
  - Leadership
  - Community Service
- Applicants must assign a different category to each recommender. The content of the recommendation letter will weigh heavily in the decision process.

Recommendation Sources:

	<i>Name/Relationship</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Category</i>
1.			<b><i>Academics</i></b>
2.			<b><i>Leadership</i></b>
3.			<b><i>Community Service</i></b>

**Essay**

Describe an area in your life where you demonstrated leadership and overcame obstacles.

The essay response should be submitted as a typed Word or PDF document containing no more than 200 words. The essay must be double-spaced and type-written in 12-point font with one-inch margins. The font type should be legible. ***Essays that exceed 200 words will not be considered.*** The essay will be evaluated for clarity of expression, development of the topic, proper use of standard conventions, and writing mechanics.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_