



**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**  
***Psi Omega Zeta Chapter***  
***P.O. Box 90496 / Rochester, New York 14609***

## ***2018 Patrice B. Cummings Scholarship Application***

### **HISTORY**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a community conscious, action-oriented organization established January 16, 1920 in Washington, D.C. This non-profit organization, formed on the campus of Howard University, consists of 100,000 predominately African-American women. The Sorority was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Community Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood. Zeta Phi Beta is dedicated to fostering the continuous education of young people. For more information, please visit [www.zphib1920.org](http://www.zphib1920.org).

### **PSI OMEGA ZETA CHAPTER**

Psi Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. was chartered in Rochester, NY in June, 2011 by 10 Prodigious women. Driven by the belief of “Taking Steps Towards a Brighter Future”, these trailblazers committed themselves to empower, uplift, and be agents of change for the Rochester and surrounding communities. Under the auspices of our sorority’s principles of Service, Scholarship, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood, the women of Psi Omega Zeta Chapter continue to provide phenomenal service to the Rochester community.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

In March 2017, one of our chapter members, Patrice Bianca Cummings, passed away suddenly at the age of 26, of complications from Diabetes. She was raised in West Hempstead, NY, by Jamaican-born parents, and attended SUNY College of Arts & Sciences at Geneseo for her undergraduate studies, and was attending SUNY College of Arts & Sciences at Brockport for her Master’s of Public Health Administration. Patrice was a very passionate and disciplined woman, who continually exemplified our sorority’s principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood.

To honor our sorority’s principle of Scholarship, Psi Omega Zeta Chapter offers annual scholarships to graduating, high school seniors who have been accepted to institutions of higher learning. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their scholastic aptitude, academic performance, community involvement, extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership skills, and essay responses. This scholarship is NON-RENEWABLE.

### **APPLICANT CRITERIA**

All Applicants must:

- Be a female, presently enrolled as a high school graduating senior and has excelled academically.
- Plan to attend an accredited college or university in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above at the time of the application deadline.

- Must be involved in community service and/or organized campus activities.
- Demonstrate being a responsible, positive, self-disciplined, and respectful individual, who is interested in service to the community.
- Must be a resident of Monroe county, or within 10 miles of the surrounding county.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

To apply, please complete the scholarship application in full. Please provide:

- An **OFFICIAL** copy of high school transcript
- A completed essay (500-800 words)
- One professional picture (passport or wallet size only)
- Three (3) letters of reference meeting the following criteria (forms are enclosed with this application):
  - One Letter from a Counselor or a current Teacher which evaluates your overall academic performance
  - Two Letters from an Employer, Former Teacher, Community Leader, Minister, or Mentor that speaks to your character.
- Please note: Once your application and its contents are received, you will receive an email confirming that we have received your application. Incomplete or late applications will be immediately disqualified...**NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Award recipients must provide proof of acceptance and enrollment into an Accredited institution of higher learning in the United States of America. Applicants **MUST** attend a structured interview with Psi Omega Zeta Chapter's Scholarship Committee to be considered. The amount and number of awards is at the sole discretion of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Psi Omega Zeta Chapter. Recipients will be chosen and notified by **Thursday, March 1, 2018** and must provide proof of enrollment before the scholarship funds are awarded.
- The funds will be awarded and mailed directly to the Bursar's office of the student's College/University.
- Awardees **MUST** be present at Psi Omega Zeta's Annual Awards Ceremony, which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

***All Scholarships Materials must be completed in its entirety and submitted to:***

***Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc,***

***Psi Omega Zeta Chapter***

***P.O. Box 90496 Rochester, NY 14609***

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2018.**

Thank you for applying.



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**III. FUTURE PLANS**

Please list the college(s) to which you applied (in order of preference – i.e.1st choice, 2nd choice, etc.)

<i>Name of College</i>	<i>Location (City, State)</i>	<i>Accepted (Indicate Yes or No)</i>
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2.		
3.		
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What is your intended major(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Intended minor(s) (if any)? \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. REFERENCES**

Please list the names of the three individuals that you have requested references from:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>

**V. ESSAY QUESTIONS**

All essays should be between 500-800 words, double-spaced and typed. Please answer one of the following questions:

- Who or what has been the greatest influence on your decision to attend college and why?
- How have you been an agent of change within your community? What did you do and how was it helpful to the community?

**VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**A. College Expenses**

Tuition and Lab Fees	
Room	

Board	
Other	
Total (Estimated Expenses)	

**B. Resources:**

Parent's Contribution	
Applicant Savings	
Scholarship(s)	

**Loan(s):**

Grants (PELL, T.A.P., Liberty, Excelsior)	
Veterans Benefits	
Other	
Total (Estimated Resources)	

**C. Will you be applying to any other scholarships?**

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**D. Have you been awarded any other Scholarships from other Black Greek Lettered Organizations? If so, please list the organization's name:**

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**E. List your immediate family residing with you.**

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**VII. INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

A. Part of the application process includes an interview. What days would you be available for an interview (please circle)?

Weekday Evenings: Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday  
AM    PM

Weekends: Saturday    Sunday  
AM    PM

*By signing this application, I affirm that the above statements contained within this application are true to the best of my knowledge and that accompanying attachments are complete. Also, by submitting this application, I authorize Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Psi Omega Zeta Chapter to confirm my academic transcript to verify my current cumulative GPA.*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep a copy of this application for your records.

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?**

For more information on Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, please visit our International website at [www.zphib1920.org](http://www.zphib1920.org), or contact Psi Omega Zeta Chapter, Scholarship Chairperson at:

**Email: [2ndvicepresident.psiomegazeta@gmail.com](mailto:2ndvicepresident.psiomegazeta@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 585-764-5043**



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General Phone #: (585) 502-8238

**PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:**

<b>Date Application Received:</b>	
<b>All Documents Provided &amp; Complete:</b>	<b>Yes No</b>
<b>Picture Attached:</b>	<b>Essay Included:</b>
<b>Eligible:</b>	<b>Ineligible:</b>
<b>Semi-Finalist:</b>	<b>Finalist:</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	
<b>Email Notification Sent:</b>	
<b>Interview Date:</b>	
<b>Reviewed by (Committee Member):</b>	
<b>Date Finalized:</b>	