



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter
Washington, D.C.
“Where it all Began”



Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter and Women of the Dove Foundation Norma J. Oliver Memorial Book Scholarship

On January 16, 1920, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University by five visionary women who dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women and sought to establish a new organization based on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood.

In furtherance of the vision of the founders, Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter was chartered on March 26, 1994. Since its chartering almost 32 years ago, Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter members have supported a variety of causes and organizations, in addition to the Sorority's national initiatives. Omicron Phi Zeta is an award-winning chapter for its commitment to Z- HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) projects, involvement with its youth auxiliary and Undergraduate Chapter, Xi Sigma at The George Washington University.

The Women of the Dove Foundation (WDF) is the 501(c)3 organization that partners with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter. WDF is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in local, national, and global communities. Every year, the foundation sponsors events to raise funds for WDF scholarships and other charitable causes.

We are pleased to announce the **2026 Norma J. Oliver Memorial Book Scholarship**. Norma J. Oliver was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, and charter member of Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter. She was an alumna of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina and worked as a Social Worker for many years in Washington, DC. She was also an elementary school educator in Clarendon, South Carolina which was one of the feeder counties for the Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision. Soror Oliver had a strong passion for scholarship therefore this scholarship, named in her honor, will be awarded to a female student enrolled in an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2026. The institution may include a college, university, or trade school. Scholarship awardees will be notified by May 1, 2026, of their selection to receive a scholarship. The award recipient or representative of the awardee must be available June 7, 2026, to attend the reception to accept the award.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

This book scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1000.00 to one (1) student currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. The student must also be enrolled in the Fall 2026 academic semester. proof of attendance must be on the university/college letterhead, with your student identification number and the address to the financial aid department, must be received by email or postmarked by mail by August 22, 2026, to receive the scholarship.



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ELIGIBILITY

Each applicant must:

- Be a female resident of the DC Metropolitan area (to include Washington, D.C.; Alexandria, VA; Arlington County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Falls Church, VA; Prince William County, VA and Prince Georges County, MD; Montgomery County, MD; or Charles County, MD);
- Be a returning female college student in the Fall of 2026 (sophomore, junior, or senior);
- Currently be a student at an accredited four-year college, university, trade school, or institution at the end of the 2025-2026 academic school year; and
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or above at the time of application submission.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed typed written (legible print) or computer-generated application form.
2. A 250-word essay addressing one of the following topics:
 - a) What does the concept of Finer Womanhood mean to me?
 - b) What life experiences have shaped who you are today and what challenges have you overcome in achieving your education?
 - c) Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?
3. A current, official (sealed) copy of your college, university, or trade school transcript. An electronic unofficial transcript is also acceptable.
4. A 150 – 200-word bio.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation. Recommendations can be obtained from a current or former teacher, guidance counselor, principal, pastor, employer, coach, or extracurricular activities director. ***Please note that ALL recommendations must be received by the due date for your application package to be reviewed.***
6. Application Package Completion Checklist.

DEADLINE

- The application package is due on **April 5, 2026, at 11:59 pm.**
- Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered. Please submit all materials together including the Application Package Completion Checklist. **Please proofread your applications. Visit <https://www.grammarly.com/> for assistance.**
- If you choose to mail the scholarship package, it must be postmarked by **April 5, 2026.** Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications via email to avoid any delays.



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CONTACT INFORMATION					
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Street Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone Number			E-mail Address		
Parent/Guardian's Name					
ACADEMIC INFORMATION					
Current High School					
Street Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Cumulative G.P.A.					
College/University/Trade School You Plan to Attend:					
Have you been accepted?		☐ Yes		☐ No	
Will you be receiving financial aid for the Fall of 2026?				☐ Yes ☐ No	
Have you applied for other scholarships? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
If yes, please list organization and award amount. If not, enter N/A.					
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES					
Activity	Organization	Dates of Participation		Positions Held	

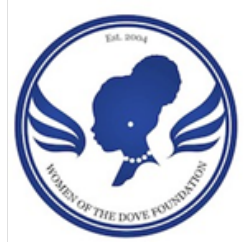


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HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS		
Honor/Award/Recognition	Given By	Date

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I certify that information submitted in this application is accurate. I have not plagiarized, nor given false statements in this application. I also understand that if selected for this award, I will be required to submit proof of enrollment from my educational institution prior to scholarship funds being dispersed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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The Application package can be e-mailed to Scholarships@ophizdc.org or mailed to post office box:

Women of the Dove Foundation
P.O. Box 23721
Washington, D.C. 20026

If you choose to mail the scholarship package, it must be postmarked by April 5, 2026. It is encouraged that applicants submit their application via email. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Should you have questions regarding the application, please contact us at this e-mail address: Scholarships@ophizdc.org.

Remember the proof of attendance must be on the university/college letterhead, with your student identification number and the address to the financial aid department, must be received by email or postmarked by mail by August 22, 2026, to receive the awarded scholarship amount.



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Scholarship application essay scoring will follow the guidelines below:

ESSAY SCORING RUBRIC		
COMPONENT	EXPLANATION	MAXIMUM POINTS
Adherence To Application Rules	The applicant follows the stipulations regarding format and number of words.	20
Comprehension	The essay reflects a thorough understanding of the topic.	20
Originality	The essay presents creative ideas regarding the topic.	20
Conventions	Proper grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.	20
Organization	Sequencing of details are effective and logical.	20



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Application Completion Package Checklist

To ensure a complete application package, check off each item as included to avoid disqualification.

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☐	Application Package Completion Checklist**
	<i>*Please note that ALL recommendations must be received by April 5, 2026, by 11:59 pm for your application package to be considered complete and eligible for review.</i>
	<i>**Do not check this box if all recommendations are not included in this package at the time of submission.</i>