



# 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 Theresa Drakeford 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 Theresa Drakeford Memorial Book Scholarship**. Theresa Drakeford was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter, where she dedicated her life to scholarship and service. She was an alumna of Johnson C. Smith University and worked for the federal government for many years. This Scholarship will be awarded to a student graduating from a District of Columbia high school and enrolling in an Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the Fall of 2026. 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 graduating from high school. The student must also be enrolled at a HBCU 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 disbursement.



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## **ELIGIBILITY**

Each applicant must:

- Be a resident of the District of Columbia;
- Be graduating from an accredited high school in Washington, DC at the end of the 2025-2026 academic school year;
- Attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the Fall of 2026; 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) If given the opportunity, how would you make the world a better place?
  - b) What does it mean to be a Community - Conscious, Action - Oriented person?
  - c) Who is your biggest influence and why?
3. A current, official (sealed) copy of your high 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.

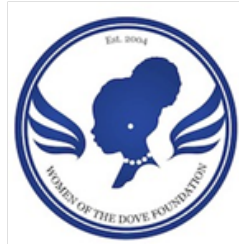
## **DEADLINE**

- 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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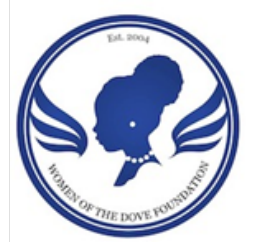
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| CONTACT INFORMATION                                                                               |              |                              |                |                                                          |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Last Name                                                                                         |              | First Name                   |                | Middle Name                                              |  |
| Street Address                                                                                    |              |                              |                |                                                          |  |
| City                                                                                              |              | State                        |                | Zip Code                                                 |  |
| Telephone Number                                                                                  |              |                              | E-mail Address |                                                          |  |
| Parent/Guardian's Name                                                                            |              |                              |                |                                                          |  |
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| 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?                                                                           |              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |                | <input type="checkbox"/> No                              |  |
| Will you be receiving financial aid for the Fall of 2026?                                         |              |                              |                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| Have you applied for other scholarships? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |              |                              |                |                                                          |  |
| If yes, please list organization and award amount. If not, enter N/A.                             |              |                              |                |                                                          |  |
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| SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES                                                                   |              |                              |                |                                                          |  |
| Activity                                                                                          | Organization | Dates of Participation       |                | Positions Held                                           |  |
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| HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS |          |  |      |
| Honor/Award/Recognition    | Given By |  | Date |
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## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

The Application package can be e-mailed to [Scholarships@ophizdc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed typed, written (legible print) or computer-generated application form.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A 250-word essay addressing one of the following topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If given the opportunity, how would you make the world a better place?</li><li>• What does it mean to be a Community - Conscious, Action - Oriented person?</li><li>• Who is your biggest influence and why?</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A current, official (sealed) copy of your college, university, or trade school transcript. An electronic unofficial transcript is also acceptable.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A 150–200-word bio.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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.                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application Package Completion Checklist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                          | <b><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></b>                                                                                                                                             |
|                          | <b><i>**Do not check this box if all recommendations are not included in this package at the time of submission.</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |