

Larry F. Blake Jr. Scholarship Application

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. – Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter

About the Scholarship

The Larry F. Blake Jr. Scholarship honors the legacy of Bro. Larry F. Blake Jr., a devoted educator in Camden City, New Jersey, and a member of the Winslow Township school board. Bro. Blake believed deeply that education is a powerful vehicle for transforming lives and strengthening communities.

This scholarship is funded through fundraising efforts by the brothers of the Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. One (1) one-time scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to a deserving male student residing in Camden County, New Jersey, who is entering a U.S.-accredited four-year college or university and majoring in the field of Education.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be male.
2. Must be a resident of Camden County, New Jersey.
3. Must be an incoming freshman majoring in Education at a U.S.-accredited four-year college or university.
4. Must submit an official high school transcript.
5. Must submit at least one letter of recommendation.
6. Scholarship recipient must provide proof of enrollment prior to disbursement of funds.

Award Details

- Number of Awards: One (1).
- Award Amount: \$500 (one-time scholarship).
- Funding Source: Fundraising efforts of the brothers of Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Disbursement: Funds will be paid directly to the recipient's college or university.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following materials by August 1, 2026:

1. Completed scholarship application.
2. Official high school transcript.
3. Personal statement (500–750 words) responding to the essay prompt:
How can education be a powerful tool to change and improve your community?
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or community leader.
5. Recent photo (headshot preferred).

Submission Instructions

All application materials must be submitted no later than August 1, 2026 via email to:

zrsigma78@gmail.com

If transcripts or recommendation letters must be submitted separately, they should be emailed to the same address by the application deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Selection and Notification

Applications will be reviewed by the Larry F. Blake Jr. Scholarship Committee. The recipient will be selected based on academic promise, the quality of the personal statement, and the recommendation letter. The scholarship recipient will be notified and announced on the Zeta Rho Sigma Chapter website.

Application Form

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Academic Information

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College/University: _____

Intended Major: _____

Attachments Checklist

- Official High School Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Recent Photo

Certification

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____