



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

BETA SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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SADIE G. PENN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

December 3, 2025

To whom it may concern:

The Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. awards a scholarship to recent high school graduates or students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. Individuals who are awarded scholarships exhibit exemplary scholastic achievement, strong leadership ability, and provide service to their community. An award of \$1000 is given to the candidate who is selected by the committee. The selected candidate will also be invited to our annual scholarship reception.

The Scholarship Committee would appreciate it if you would distribute the enclosed documents to high school seniors, recent high school graduates, and qualifying undergraduate students. Please feel free to include any documents that you deem necessary to complete the scholarship packet. **Applicants should know that any application received that does not meet the guidelines, will be marked incomplete, and applications received after February 3, 2026 will not be considered for the scholarship.**

For additional information, please feel free to contact the scholarship committee via email at [betaligmascholarship2@gmail.com](mailto:betasigmascholarship2@gmail.com)

Thank you for your participation. The committee looks forward to meeting candidates.

Sincerely,

Gloria Wright

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Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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The Sadie G. Penn Academic Excellence Scholarship is intended to assist students who are pursuing a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university. This scholarship is merit based. A *Sadie G. Penn Scholar* will typically demonstrate strong academic talents; excellent writing skills, a desire to pursue a professional career; and strong leadership ability with a balance of honors and awards in extracurricular activities and community service.

CRITERIA

- Completed Application packet (**please type**)
- High school senior, recent high school graduate OR currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited university **OR** an undergraduate member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- A 300-word essay (must be typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point font with 1 inch margins **Essay topic must be selected from the topics listed below**)
- Official transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (Two academic and one personal)
- Photograph (business/formal attire)
- Resident of Metropolitan Montgomery
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Evidence of current enrollment

Complete application packet must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on **February 3, 2026**
to: betasigmascholarship2@gmail.com.

Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Gloria Wright, Scholarship Chairperson, by
email at betasigmascholarship2@gmail.com

Application Scoring rubric

- ❖ Grade Point Average(20pts) Based on the following:

4.0 – 3.7 (20 points)

3.6- 3.4 (15 points)

3.3- 3.0 (10 points)

- ❖ Essay (20pts) Based on:

Title page

300-word limit

Spelling and grammar

Adequately addresses the “Essay Topic”

Double-spaced

Spelling and grammar

Mechanics (punctuation, sentence structure)

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- ❖ Extra-Curricular Activities / Community service (documented 20 hr. min) (15 pts)
- ❖ All sections of application completed |Honors and Awards (5pts)
- ❖ Letters Recommendation (5pts) • Three (3) letters included
- ❖ **Essay Topics**
 1. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your goals for the future.
 2. Select an experience from your life and explain how has influenced your development in becoming the person you are now
 3. The most influential person in your life.

Notification to Applicants and Scholarship Recipients....

Applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship will be notified via email. Upon notification, recipients are required to send their acceptance of the scholarship, provide a headshot photograph for publication, and confirm their participation in an awards recognition ceremony or event. **Applicants who are not selected will be notified by email only. The scholarship is not renewable.**

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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (ATTACH SHEETS AS NEEDED)			
Hours	Agency/Location	Hours	Agency/Location

HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Share any additional information you would like the committee to consider. (Attach sheets if needed.)			

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<p>By signing, I acknowledge that the information I have provided is accurate.</p> <p>Release Authorization: I certify that I have read and understand the scholarship conditions, and I certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as a part of this application will result in disqualification. I hereby voluntarily grant my college permission to confirm and verify information Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated for the scholarship selection. If selected as a recipient, I grant permission for my name, information, and/or picture to be used in press releases, websites, or other media outlets identifying me as a Beta Sigma Scholarship recipient of Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.</p>		
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE	