



*"Culture for Service and Service for Humanity"*  
*Brotherhood. Scholarship. Service*

## **Sigma Sapphire Scholarship**

*Sponsored by Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.*

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as "a part of" the general community rather than "apart from" the general community. From its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community.

Today, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, members of the Fraternity have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, founded in 1920 with the assistance of Phi Beta Sigma, is the sister organization of the Fraternity

### **Mission**

The Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated in Birmingham, Alabama seeks to impact African American communities by improving the educational and vocational improvement in individuals and communities and engage in activities which will aid in the educational development of young African American men.

### **Purpose**

The Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated in Birmingham, Alabama is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities of underrepresented and disadvantaged African American students through the offering of educational scholarships. We strongly believe that in order to impact leadership of tomorrow we must begin today.



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## Applicant Requirements:

- Any male high school senior planning to attend a four (4) year college or university. (Letters of intent must verify student will be attending institution).
- Senior Student at local area High School
- Must be a student seeking to pursue and succeed in any educational field.
- Must have received an acceptance letter from an accredited college or university
- Must submit an official transcript (*Traditional or Electronic*) with the school seal and an authorized official's signature
- Must submit a professional resume'
- Must complete the essay section of the application
- Must submit a completely executed and signed Sigma Sapphire Scholarship application (*original or electronic signature acceptable*)
- Must include a 4x6 original photograph or electronic photograph, 300 dpi (Color or Black and White) in dress attire.

## Rules and Regulations:

1. All entries into this application form and its attachments must be true and accurate.
2. All copies of transcripts must be the official.
3. Once scholarship has been awarded and any instance of criminal activities is detected or reported will disqualify applicant from the scholarship and any future, additional, or continuing awards sponsored by the Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
4. Applicant must provide proof of participation in a community service project.
5. Applicant must display proper etiquette while dancing with escort at the ceremony.
6. Applicant must be able to speak publicly.
7. All awardees must conduct themselves on/off the campus in which they enroll in a way which garners the respect of other students on/off the campus, and all officials of the university. Any changes in awardees' enrollment status or contact information must be reported to the Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. as soon as possible.

***IF MORE APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED THAN CAN BE FUNDED WITH THE MONIES AVAILABLE, THE APPLICATIONS WITH THE HIGHEST GRADE POINT AVERAGES, AND WHICH MEETS ALL OF THE OTHER CRITERIA WILL BE GIVEN FIRST PREFERENCE FOR THE AWARD.***

Award recipients will be notified by April 20th, 2018





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**Please note:** The selection of scholarship recipients will be influenced by the completeness, neatness, and legibility of applications.

**Scholarship Applying For: (please check appropriate box), can be more than one)**

- Newton - Jackson - Carver Award
- Alfred (Grip) Armour Jr. Award
- Antoine Williams Award
- Alfred Perry Award
- Wess Law Firm Award

### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT:

If selected by the **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship Committee**, I understand that I must abide by all rules, regulations and criteria of the program, and make proper use of educational opportunities provided. If for any reason, I violate any part of this statement, I understand that I will be disqualified, and no further award will be granted.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

These scholarships will be awarded based on academic work during the 2017 - 2018 academic year (August 2017 - May 2018) and items listed below:

### Eligibility

- **Criteria:** Academic achievement, Leadership, & Extracurricular activities
- **Deadline:** Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- **Selection Criteria:** 2.75 GPA (verified by an official copy of transcript); recommendation letter; resume; essay
- Application must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2018 and will be awarded upon verification of enrollment





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**Legal name in Full** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name M.I.

**Permanent residence** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number, Street, and Apartment Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City State ZIP

**School Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home telephone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month/Day/Year- (i.e. 02/26/1988)

**(Check one) I am a**

- U.S. Citizen
- U.S. National
- Resident Alien expecting citizenship  
by the date of award

**(Check one) Race**

- White or Caucasian
- Black or African-American
- Native American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Other
- Unknown

**(Check one) Ethnicity**

- Hispanic
- Non- Hispanic
- Unknown

**Current cumulative GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **on a scale of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Undergraduate Major:** \_\_\_\_\_





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# **ESSAY**

**ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER AND NO MORE THAN FOUR PAGES, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (Place headings for each section):**

- An introduction of Applicant that includes information about the applicant (school, church and community activities).
- Statement of why you should be awarded the scholarship.
- Statement of your service involvement in the community, and the educational institution.
- Statement of intent on what do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have five to seven years of continued college education.
- Statement of your academic achievements and goals, and aspirations for the future.
- Statement describing one specific example of your leadership.
- Statement describing the problem or needs of society you want to see addressed by public servants.
- Statement of additional personal information you wish to share with the Sigma Sapphire Scholarship Committee.

### **Contact Information:**

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