



# POZitively Finer Foundation

## PEARLZ OF ZETA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

for Undergraduate and Trade School Studies



*Awarded to graduating High School Seniors in Manassas, Manassas Park, Bristow, Haymarket, Gainesville and Nokesville attending two-year or four-year University or college*

**Applications Due: March 20, 2026,  
11:59PM (EST)**



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## HISTORY OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is distinguished as a **community-conscious, action-oriented** organization. We were founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC by five illustrious women, affectionately known as our Five Pearls. These ladies sought out to establish an organization predicated on the precepts of **Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood**. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority members are college-educated women seeking to positively affect our communities.

## HISTORY OF PSI OMICRON ZETA CHAPTER

Chartered on November 6, 2010, by eight dedicated women—Mishta Brooks, Tameko Friend, Andrea Jones, Loleta Lewis, Judy Meekins, Trica Miles, Valanda Riley, and Kenya Whitener—the Psi Omicron Zeta (POZ) Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. serves Manassas, VA and surrounding areas with a steadfast commitment to excellence, service, and the ideals of the organization. Since its founding, POZ has engaged in extensive community service, including mentoring young girls through its youth auxiliaries (Pearlettes, Amicettes, and Archonettes), supporting community involvement through the Zeta Amicae auxiliary, and partnering with local schools and organizations such as Metz Middle School, Unity Reed High School, Birmingham Green Senior Center, The ARC of Prince William County, and the Haymarket Food Pantry. The chapter also participates in national initiatives including Wreaths Across America, March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, and St. Jude. In addition, POZ proudly established the Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship Fund to support graduating high school seniors from the local area who demonstrate academic persistence and resilience as they pursue higher education or trade school. The chapter gratefully acknowledges its supporters, whose generosity makes these scholarships and continued service to the community possible.



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### HISTORY OF POZITIVELY FINER FOUNDATION

### HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?

Your High School counselor/academic/career counselor is a great resource to call upon for advice when completing scholarship applications. You may also contact our Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship Fund Committee at [pozfiner@gmail.com](mailto:pozfiner@gmail.com). We encourage you to email us if you have any questions.

**Please do not wait until the last minute  
Start early! The deadline is March 20, 2026, 11:59PM EST!**

Your complete application, including all required attachments, must be received via email ([pozfiner@gmail.com](mailto:pozfiner@gmail.com)) by March 20, 2026, 11:59PM (EST). Incomplete and late packets will not be accepted, reviewed, or considered. You will receive an email acknowledgment once your packet is received.



## INSTRUCTIONS

Before you begin the application form, please read the entire scholarship packet.

To make it easy for the applicant and committee, use the application form and please be sure to fill the forms out correctly. Please feel free to draw upon the expertise of people around you—High School career counselors, financial aid officers, teachers, parents, or friends who may have already been through the process.

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Failure to follow instructions will lead to disqualification. Applicants who make false or misleading statements will be disqualified from the selection process.

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLICANTS

Scholarship recipients must attend their school's High School Senior Scholarship Awards program or other alternate location to receive the scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee requests that all completed application materials, including senior photo in a JPEG format, be submitted electronically to [pozfiner@gmail.com](mailto:pozfiner@gmail.com). by March 20, 2026, 11:59PM (EST).

## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATIONS

- Resident of Manassas, Manassas Park, Bristow, Nokesville, Gainesville and Haymarket
- Must be a student at a school in Manassas, Manassas Park, Bristow, Nokesville, Gainesville or Haymarket
- Graduating High School Senior
- Pursuing an Undergraduate Academic Degree or Trade School
- Beginning college in the Fall 2026
- **Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.75 (out of 4.0)**



## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Actively involved in School Activities and Organizations (within the last two years)
- Community Service Involvement Report (within the last two years)
- Honors/Awards/Recognitions (within the last two years)
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Scholastic Record (school transcript)
- University/College Acceptance Letter to include Student ID#
- Applicants shall also submit a video link in response to one of the topics below:
  - **Share a challenge you have faced that tested your resilience. What did you learn about yourself in the process, and how has this experience prepared you for success in college and beyond?**
  - **How have you contributed to your community and what impact has that had on you?**
  - **Imagine yourself 10 years from now: What impact do you hope to have made, and how will this scholarship help you get there?**
- The video should be engaging, fun and creative. Show your personality!
- The video should not include inappropriate, illegal, offensive images, sounds or content. Nor should it have violent or sexual content, it should be appropriate for a child.
- The video should be at least 1 minute, but no longer than 3 minutes.

The evaluation will consider the applicant's entire package to include the video, extra-curricular activities and grades/GPA. Applicants that are active member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's Sigma Beta Club or Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated's Youth Auxiliary group (Archonettes) will receive an additional 10 points.



## APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Link to 1-3 minute response video
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from the following sources: a school teacher, school administrator, guidance/career counselor, or a community leader. Not to exceed one (1) page.
- Proof of College Enrollment for Fall 2026 to include Student ID#
- Electronic High School Transcript
- Current School Activities and Organizations
- Community Service Involvement Report
- A senior photo in a JPEG format
- Honors/Awards/Recognitions
- Parental Consent Form

### Award Amount: \$1,000

Scholarship funds will be released directly to the college/university, once the winners/recipient submits evidence of his/her enrollment (i.e., proof of registration, school's bursar information, etc.) to the Scholarship Committee.

All application forms, essay, video link and senior photo in a JPEG format must be emailed to the following email address: [pozfiner@gmail.com](mailto:pozfiner@gmail.com), **no later than March 20, 2026, 11:59PM (EST)**.

**POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:** POZ Scholarship Committee at [pozfiner@gmail.com](mailto:pozfiner@gmail.com). Additional copies of the application forms may be downloaded from our website at <http://psiomicronzeta1920.org/scholarship-program.html>

*\*Please note, previous applicants or recipients, are not eligible.*

We look forward to receiving your complete application.



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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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### **I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Selected College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Major (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## **II. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & AWARDS**

List types of school-sponsored activities including sports, clubs, student government, newspaper, etc. Discuss leadership roles, accomplishments, hours per week or month and extent of involvement. List any academic awards or honors received.

**1.** School Sponsored Activities and Organizations:

**2.** Leadership:

**3.** Honors/Awards/Recognitions (to include year):

**4.** Community Service Involvement Report (to include hours, year, role, and impact):



### III. PARENTAL CONSENT

I \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to apply for the current high school year 2025-2026 POZitively Finer Foundation Pearlz of Zeta Scholarship.

Parent (s)/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) /Legal Guardian Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Parent(s)/Legal Guardian will be cc'd on email for all correspondence and/or notification is sent to the scholarship recipient(s).



### **Checklist:**

**Please initial each item to indicate completion.**

1. \_\_\_\_ Parental Consent Form Signed
2. \_\_\_\_ Scholarship Application clear, neat and professionally packaged
3. \_\_\_\_ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from the following sources: a school teacher, school administrator, guidance counselor or a community leader. Not to exceed one (1) page.
4. \_\_\_\_ Link to video
5. \_\_\_\_ Proof of College Enrollment for Fall 2026 to include Student ID Number
6. \_\_\_\_ Official High School transcript (electronic)
7. \_\_\_\_ Current School Activities and Organizations
8. \_\_\_\_ Senior photo in a JPEG format
9. \_\_\_\_ Resident of Manassas, Manassas Park, Gainesville, Bristow, Haymarket, or Nokesville
10. \_\_\_\_ Graduating High School Senior from high school in Manassas, Manassas Park, Gainesville, Bristow, Haymarket, or Nokesville.
11. \_\_\_\_ Beginning College/Community College or trade school in the Fall 2026
12. \_\_\_\_ Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.75 (out of 4.0)

I \_\_\_\_\_ have completed all of the above items for the School Year 2025-2026. POZitively Finer Foundation will collect general information (name, experience, essay, responses, etc) that I voluntarily provided through the application process. I hereby grant permission to use the information collected, to include photography/ video for public relations, advertising, or any other lawful purposes. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my information or likeness appears. The information from my official transcript(s), scholarship application and video may be used and will become property of POZitively Finer Foundation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_