



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter – Ann Arbor, MI

2017

Scholarship Application



Submission Deadline:

March 3, 2017

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter
Attn: Director of Educational Activities
PO Box 130044
Ann Arbor, MI 48113
tzl_education@annarboralphas.org

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated is offering financial assistance to high-school seniors who have demonstrated improvement in their academic, social and life skills. This assistance is in the form of a one-time scholarship award for **up to seven students** in the amount of **\$1000**.

Attached you will find a scholarship application with detailed instructions for completion. All completed applications should be emailed to: tzl_education@annarboralphas.org. Alternatively, you may mail completed applications to:

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Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter Scholarship Application
Attn: Director of Educational Activities
PO Box 130044
Ann Arbor, MI 48113

Completed applications must be received on or before March 3, 2017.

Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than April 2, 2017. **Each recipient is expected to attend Theta Zeta Lambda's Annual Student Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, May 20, 2017**, at the Holiday Inn Ann Arbor-Near the University of Michigan. Each recipient will be a guest of the Fraternity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at tzl_education@annarboralphas.org.

Byron Roberts
Director of Educational Activities

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History of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate, Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for African-American students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity.

Membership was racially integrated in 1945. Today Alpha Phi Alpha comprises 706 active chapters located in the United States, Germany, Bermuda, Korea, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Canada and South Africa.

History of the Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter

The Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is an alumni chapter seated in Ann Arbor, and is home to brothers residing in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and various cities within the Greater Ann Arbor/Metro-Detroit area. The chapter was founded on January 23, 1962.

The seven men, who established the Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter were the Reverend Lyman S. Parks, John L. Ragland, John Mansfield, Dr. Thomas Bass, Rollins P. Greene, Booker Brooks and Dr. Henry C. Bryant.

Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter continues to play a leading role in this community by providing tutoring, recognition for significant achievements and scholarships for youth; food for the truly disadvantaged; and voting assistance wherever it is needed.

Scholarship

For the first time on record, Alpha Phi Alpha - Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter will award up to seven \$1000 scholarships to deserving high-school seniors planning to attend college in the upcoming year. Strong candidates will have demonstrated improved self-esteem, academic performance, social awareness, problem-solving and decision-making skills during their high-school careers. The scholarship is non-renewable. Since the early 1980s, Theta Zeta Lambda has awarded to high-school students more than 100 scholarships totaling approximately \$60,000.

In November of 2014, The Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund Trust was established, an IRS 501(c)(3) public charity created to receive tax-deductible endowment gifts.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

- On May 20, 2017, the Theta Zeta Lambda (TZL) Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will award up to seven \$1000 scholarships to deserving high-school seniors in Washtenaw or nearby counties.
- Please read the application carefully.
- Please complete each item (including having a teacher or counselor complete the endorsement at the end of this packet.)
- Please attach a copy of your high-school transcript **and** documentation of your ACT score. Your counselor can help you secure copies of these items.
- The completed application including attachments **must be received no later than March 3, 2017.**
- Awardees will be honored guests at the Alpha Phi Alpha-Theta Zeta Lambda Student Recognition Luncheon on May 20, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Ann Arbor-Near the University of Michigan.
- Refer any questions to tzl_education@annarboralphas.org .

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Please take your time and check each blank below to indicate you have completed the below application elements in their entirety. Thank you.

1. _____ Completed Application
2. _____ High-School Transcript
3. _____ ACT Score Documentation
4. _____ Teacher's or Counselor's Signature Endorsement

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1. STUDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Male Female Race/Ethnic Group U.S. Citizen?

Mailing Address Apt. # City/Zip

Telephone # **(print neatly)** E-mail **(print neatly)** Date of Birth Parent's telephone #

Name of High School Grade Level

2. FAMILY INFORMATION

Please place a check on the line that best indicates the highest level of education attained by any of your parents or guardians:

Up to high school Some college or college degree Graduate school

Please place a check on the line that best indicates your family's total annual household income:

Up to \$40,000 \$40,001 - \$80,000 \$80,001 and above

Please indicate the total number of individuals age 18 or under (includes you, sisters, brothers and others) who receive their primary financial support from any of your parents or guardians: _____

Please disclose any relationships (family or non-family) you have with any member of Alpha Phi Alpha – Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter (Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti):

Please list any additional information that you consider relevant to your family situation:
(For example: medical expenses, single parent, unemployed parent, your work requirements, etc.)

3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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_____ **Current** High-School Cumulative GPA _____ **Generally**, has your GPA improved, declined, remained steady or moved around?
Have you taken the ACT? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, what was your highest score? _____

4. COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

List any colleges or universities where you have applied for admission and the status of your application.

_____ College/University	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Accepted, Not Accepted or Waiting
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5. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CLUBS/TEAMS/ORGANIZATIONS

List the primary school and community clubs, teams or organizations you have been involved with over the last four years.

_____ Club or Organization	_____ Years of Participation	_____ Office Held
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6. HONORS AND AWARDS

List any honors or awards you have received within the last four years.

_____ Honor/Award	_____ Honor/Award	_____ Honor/Award
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7.SELF-REFLECTION

Write two to three paragraphs describing how you have grown in self-esteem, social awareness, problem solving and/or responsible decision making.

Write two to three paragraphs describing why it is meaningful for you to complete high school and pursue further education.

Write one paragraph answering the question “What is a major challenge facing African American men and what will higher education equip you to do about it?”

8.ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Below please indicate any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider while reviewing your application.

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9.CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if selected for the Alpha Phi Alpha - Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship, I am responsible for forwarding my official transcript from the high school I attend at that time (or graduated from) and providing any other verification requested in order to receive my award. I agree that all materials submitted in my application package will become the property of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity - Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____
For email submissions, your name serves as your certification.

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TEACHER'S OR COUNSELOR'S ENDORSEMENT

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Student's Name	Teacher's or Counselor's Signature	Phone

Basis for endorsement (check all that apply):

- Improved self-esteem
- Improved academic performance
- Increased social awareness and problem-solving skills

Comments (optional):