



# 2021

## Scholarship Application



**Deadline: March 26, 2021**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
TZL Chapter/TZL Scholarship Fund  
Application  
Attn: Director of Educational Activities  
PO Box 130044  
Ann Arbor, MI 48113  
[tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org)

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund (a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization) are offering financial assistance to high-school seniors in Washtenaw or nearby counties 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 eleven students** in the amount of **\$1000 each**.

Attached you will find a scholarship application with detailed instructions for completion. All completed applications should be emailed to: [tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org). Alternatively, you may mail completed applications to:

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TZL Chapter/TZL Scholarship Fund Application  
Attn: Director of Educational Activities  
PO Box 130044  
Ann Arbor, MI 48113

**Completed applications must be received on or before Friday, March 26, 2021.**

Those applicants selected to receive this scholarship will be notified no later than the end of April. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or with any questions or concerns. We can be reached at [tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org). Thank you for your interest.

Byron Roberts  
Director of Educational Activities

Gregory Thomas  
Asst. Director of Educational Activities

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**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- In the summer of 2021, the Theta Zeta Lambda (TZL) Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will award up to eleven \$1000 scholarships to deserving high-school seniors in Washtenaw or nearby counties.
- Please read the application carefully. **(Prior to submission, be sure to complete EVERY field in the application.)**
- Please write your answers **neatly and legibly**.
- Ensure a teacher or counselor completes the endorsement at the end of this packet.
- Please attach a copy of your high-school transcript **and** documentation of your SAT score. (If your school does not offer the SAT, please note where indicated in the application.) Your counselor can help you secure copies of these items.
- The completed application including attachments **must be received no later than Friday, March 26, 2021**.
- Refer any questions to [tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto: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. \_\_\_\_ SAT Score Documentation (if not offered by your school, indicate "NA")
4. \_\_\_\_ Teacher's or Counselor's Signature Endorsement (last page of application)

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**1 - STUDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE MAKE SURE ANSWERS ARE LEGIBLE)**

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Initial	
Male    Female	_____ Race/Ethnic Group	_____ U.S. Citizen?	
_____			
Mailing Address	Apt. #	City/Zip	
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_____ Telephone #	_____ E-mail	_____ Parent's Telephone #	_____ Parent's E-mail
_____ Date of Birth			

**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 and, in particular, Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter (Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti):

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

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**3 - ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Level

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Current** High-School Cumulative GPA

Have you taken the SAT?      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

If not, was it offered at your school?      \_\_\_\_ Yes (please explain below)      \_\_\_\_ No

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what was your highest score?      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for any other scholarships?      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

**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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College/University      City      State      Accepted, Not Accepted or Waiting

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College/University      City      State      Accepted, Not Accepted or Waiting

Please check this box if you are considering playing NCAA-level sports in college.

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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 during **your high-school years**.

Please do not list any athletic information if you are considering playing NCAA-level sports in college.

Club or Organization	Years of Participation	Office Held
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**6 - HONORS AND AWARDS**

List any honors or awards you have received during **your high-school years**.

Please do not list any athletic information if you are considering playing NCAA-level sports in college.

Honor/Award 1	Honor/Award 2	Honor/Award 3
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Honor/Award 4	Honor/Award 5	Honor/Award 6
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**7 - SELF-REFLECTION**

**SHORT ESSAY #1:** WRITE TWO TO THREE PARAGRAPHS DESCRIBING HOW YOU HAVE GROWN IN SELF-ESTEEM, SOCIAL AWARENESS, PROBLEM SOLVING AND/OR RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING.

**SHORT ESSAY #2:** AFTER READING AND REFLECTING ON THE HISTORY OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA, THETA ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER AND TZL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WRITE TWO TO THREE PARAGRAPHS DESCRIBING WHY IT IS MEANINGFUL FOR YOU TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL AND PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION.

**History of Alpha Phi Alpha**

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate, Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded in 1906 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.

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**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 mentoring, recognition for significant achievements and scholarships for youth; food for the truly disadvantaged; and voter education.

**History of the TZL Scholarship Fund**

Alpha Phi Alpha - Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter and the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund will award up to eleven \$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 Chapter and the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund have awarded to high-school students at least 140 scholarships totaling more than \$90,000.

In November of 2014, The Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund Trust, which was established in 1985, was re-established as an IRS 501(c)(3) public charity created to receive tax-deductible endowment gifts.

**SHORT ESSAY #3: 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?”**



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**8 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)**

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

**TEACHER'S OR COUNSELOR'S ENDORSEMENT**  
**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity-**  
**Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter**  
**Scholarship**

Application deadline: **March 26, 2021**

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):

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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 e-mail submissions, your name serves as your certification.\*\*