**SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.**

**ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER**

***“A Non-Governmental Organization Associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information”***

**EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE**

PO Box 78455

Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

March 3, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

The Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will award scholarships to high school students that exhibit exemplary scholastic achievement, strong leadership ability, and service to their community. The qualifying seniors will receive a scholarship up to $1,000. The selected candidates will also be invited to our annual scholarship reception.

The Educational Fund Committee would appreciate if you would distribute the enclosed documents to qualifying seniors. Please feel free to reproduce any documents that you deemed necessary to complete the scholarship packet. **Seniors should know that any application received that doesn’t meet the guidelines, that are incomplete, and received after the postmarked date of April 15, 2020, will not be considered for the scholarship.**

For additional information, please feel free to contact Tiffany Paul at (314) 565-2930 or via email at maha2004gany@aol.com.

Thank you for your assistance and the committee looks forward to meeting candidates from your school.

Sincerely,

**Lisa Brown**

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Educational Fund Committee Chairperson

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***Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority’s*** aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmarks of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically.

***Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.*** was organized on November 12, 1922 by seven young educators. The sorority is committed to the tenets of excellence in scholarship, sisterhood and service. Sigma Gamma Rho has a proud legacy of providing positive and proactive community leadership and support when and wherever needed as indicated by the sorority's international slogan, "Greater Service, Greater Progress."

***Zeta Sigma Chapter*** is the largest and oldest graduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, chartered June 5, 1932. Building upon the legacy and vision of the seven Founders, the chapter supports the pursuit of higher education by Progress"offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

**SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

* **2020 Senior** graduating from a high school in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.
* Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA (submit a **SEALED COPY OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**).
* Submit an **OFFICIAL** document stating ACT and/or SAT score.
* Acceptance into a college or university (provide copy of admission letter).
* **Minimum** of 60 service hours within school and/or community (documentation required).
* 3 letters of recommendation - **2 academic references** (teacher, counselor, administrator etc.) and **1 personal reference** (cannot be a family member).
* Submit a 2-3 page, double spaced, 12-point font essay on one of the following topics:
* **1. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.**
* **2. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.**
* **3. Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?**
* Recipients of the scholarship will be notified during the week of May 4, 2020**.**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 15, 2020\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Completed application and support documents should be mailed to:**

Zeta Sigma Chapter – Educational Fund Committee Chairperson

PO Box 78455

St. Louis, MO 63178

| SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.ZETA SIGMA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION |
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| **Applicant’s contact Information** |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name/Initial  |
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| Date of Birth | Age | Sex |
|  |  | ( )Male ( )Female  |
| Address | Home Phone |
|  | ( ) |
| City | State | Zip Code | Cell Phone |
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| Email Address |
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| **parent/guardian contact information** |
| Parent/Guardian 1 | Parent/Guardian 2 |
|  |  |
| Relationship to Applicant | Relationship to Applicant |
|  |  |
| Phone Number | Phone Number |
| ( ) | ( ) |
| Address (only if different than applicant’s) | Address (only if different than applicant’s) |
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| **high school information** |
| High School Name | School District  | Cumulative GPA |
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| High School Address | Expected Graduation Date | ACT or SAT score |
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| **college/university information** |
| College/University Name | City | State |
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| Intended Major(s) | Expected Enrollment Date |
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| **extracurricular activities** |
| List sports, clubs, church, and organizational involvement; include any leadership roles. |
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| **community service hours** |
| Hours | Agency/Location | Hours | Agency/Location |
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| **HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS** |
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| **Additional information** |
| Share any additional information you would like the committee to consider. (Attach sheets if needed.) |
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| By signing, I acknowledge that the information I have provided is accurate.  |
| **APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE** | **DATE** |
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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please use this checklist to ensure everything is accounted for in the application packet. **Only completed applications with the requested supporting documents will be considered.** Please see the “Scholarship Requirements” section for specific information regarding criteria and application documents. Please contact Lisa Brown, Educational Fund Committee Chairperson, at (314) 565-2930 or via email at maha2004gany@aol.com with any questions or concerns.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Application (print legibly, attach additional sheets if needed)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Official Sealed High School Transcript**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Official document stating ACT and/or SAT score
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of college admission letter
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation showing a minimum of 60 service hours
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Typed essay (see “Scholarship Requirements” for topic and specifics)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of recommendation #1 – academic
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of recommendation #2 – academic
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of recommendation #3 – personal

**DOCUMENTS MAY NOT BE EMAILED.**

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**NOTE**: **Incomplete application packets (unanswered application questions, missing documentation) and late applications (postmarked after the deadline) will not be accepted for consideration. Thank you for your understanding.**