



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
Iota Zeta Chapter

ESTELLA CALDWELL IPS SCHOLARSHIP

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Iota Zeta Chapter of Indianapolis is pleased to announce its **Estella Caldwell IPS Scholarship**. This scholarship is in honor of Iota Zeta Member Estella Caldwell. Estella Caldwell was a retired teacher who served IPS students for 28 years before her retirement. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist graduating high school seniors in obtaining a college education and to promote Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. This scholarship targets under-represented minority female students (African-Americans, Latinos, Asian, Native Americans, etc.) who are currently high school seniors in the Indianapolis Metropolitan area.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was founded on January 16, 1920 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The illustrious founders, known as the Five Pearls, were Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings, Fannie Pettie Watts and Pearl Anna Neal. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has four principles: *Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood*. The organization consists of women who are undergraduate students and college graduates, looking to positively impact the community. The Iota Zeta Graduate Chapter was chartered on June 30, 1931, serving the Indianapolis community for over 85 years.

If you are interested in applying for the Estella Caldwell IPS Scholarship, please mail your complete application and supporting documentation to: **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, Iota Zeta Chapter, c/o Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2271, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Completed applications must be received by March 30, 2020.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

High School Applicant Eligibility:

- Female Student
- Resident of Indianapolis, Indiana
- Graduating High School Senior attending an IPS school
- Pursuing an Undergraduate Academic Degree Beginning in Fall 2020
- Cumulative GPA: **3.0/4.0 – 4.0/5.0 scale**

Application Materials:

- Completed Application
- 1-Page Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Proof of College Acceptance Letter for 2020
- 2 X 4 Photo

Award Amount: Minimum \$500.00

Application Deadline: March 30, 2020

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Applicant Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Are you a graduating high school senior? Yes No

Are you a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana? Yes No

Permanent Address _____ (City/ST) _____ (Zip) _____

Telephone Number(s) (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

E-mail Address _____ IPS School Presently Attending _____

Other High School(s) Attended _____

Race (Optional) *Check all that apply:*

American Indian or Alaska Native

Other

Asian

White/Caucasian

African American/Black

Ethnicity (Optional):

No, not of Hispanic Origin

Yes

Activities, Community Service, Honors and Awards
(Attach additional pages as needed.)

Current School Activities/Organizations: _____

Community Service: _____



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Honors/Awards/Recognitions: _____

Applicant Statement of Agreement

If I receive this award, I agree to submit proof of full-time enrollment and attendance at an accredited college or university for Fall 2020. I also agree to use the scholarship funds towards my educational expenses.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Essay

Please attach your typed 2-page essay to this application. Essays will be evaluated based on the extent to which they meet the given essay guidelines/criteria.

Formatting Guidelines: Essay should be formatted as follows: typed, double-spaced, standard 12 point font with 1-inch margins.

Essay Question: Your *High School Senior Applicant Essay* should include responses to **BOTH** of the following questions:

- 1) **If you had the authority to change your school in a positive way, what specific changes would you make? Why?**
- 2) **Zeta Phi Beta's Adopt-A-School program is an educational initiative aimed at increasing academic achievement among minority students in an effort to narrow the academic gap. Our objectives are for participating schools to improve academic performance by enriching the curriculum experience, have a heightened motivation for learning to increase graduation rates, increase class grades while decreasing tardiness and absenteeism, increase standardized test scores through tutoring and test preparation workshops, and increase parent and family involvement by enhancing engagement. How do you think our initiative can fit into/contribute to the mission and goals of your school?**



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*(Note: *To be completed by high school counselor/academic advisor.)*

*Anticipated Graduation Date _____ *Weighted G.P.A. _____ *Cumulative G.P.A. _____ *Class Rank _____ of _____

Counselor/Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Application Deadline and Submission

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Letter of Recommendation

(Note: Letter of Recommendation shall be completed by applicant's high school counselor/academic advisor, social worker, teacher or administrator and be submitted on official letterhead, typed, signed and sealed.)

Recommender's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Relation to the applicant (Check all that apply.) Counselor Social Worker Teacher Administrator

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please provide a **signed** letter of recommendation for the applicant. Recommendation should include responses to the following questions: ***How has the applicant demonstrated resilience through academic and personal challenges? What leadership skills does the applicant possess? What other characteristics do the applicant possess makes her a great candidate for the Estella Caldwell IPS Scholarship?***



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ESTELLA CALDWELL IPS SCHOLARSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will I find out whether or not I received a scholarship?

All applicants, whether receiving a scholarship or not, will receive notification via US Mail by April 13, 2020.

The deadline to receive applications is March 30, 2020, does that mean "postmarked" by then?

No. In order to receive completed applications by March 30, the packets will need to be postmarked by March 25, 2020.

What types of awards and honors should I include in the application profile?

Include awards and honors received in the last four years. An award is something given to you in recognition of merit or achievement. It could be for perfect attendance, academic achievement, scholar athlete, career related awards or recognition, nomination to participate in a scholarly or leadership opportunity, music recognition or achievement, community award, or youth organization awards. All of these—and more—are the types of special recognition that should be included in this section.

What types of things should I include in my narrative on Community Service?

To describe your community service/volunteer activities, list *where* and *how* you have volunteered your time in an effort to make the community a better place. Have you ever worked in a soup kitchen, tutored children, cleaned up a highway section, volunteered to help senior citizens, served on a community board? These are just a few examples of unpaid activities that are considered to be community or volunteer activities.

What should I include under current High School activities and organizations?

Include such things as extra-curricular activities or school/university sponsored groups or events (i.e. Debate Club, Law Days, Sports team, National Honor Society, intramural sports, school affiliates of national organizations such as FFA, 4-H, NABA, and Phi Beta Kappa).

Are you involved with other activities not associated with school? These may include Girl Scouts, Church Ministries, and Professional groups. If so, be sure to list these involvements.

What if the deadline comes and I just can't get my application to you? Is there any way the deadline can be extended?

Unfortunately, we will not extend our application deadline. We have heard many, many different reasons why applications were submitted late and while we sympathized with those who find themselves in difficult situations, we have an obligation to uphold certain standards. This is perhaps the best reason for not waiting until the last minute to complete your application. If you wait to do it, many things can go wrong.

If I received a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority scholarship before, may I reapply?

No. Previous Estella Caldwell IPS scholarship recipients are not eligible to reapply.



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If I am awarded a scholarship, will the award be given to me or sent to the college/university?

All awards are made payable to the student with the expectation that the student will apply the funds to actual college and university expenses such as tuition, books, course related fees, room and board, meal plans, etc.

Who should I contact if I have more questions or need more information?

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