



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated State of Illinois

Isabel C. Taylor Memorial Scholarship Application

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by five coeds. These women dared to depart from the traditional and sought to establish a new organization based on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood.

Zeta's national and local programs include endowment of its National Educational Foundation; community outreach services; and support of multiple affiliate organizations. Zeta chapters and auxiliary groups have given numerous hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change.

Taken from Torchbearers of a Legacy – A History of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 1920-1997

The state of Illinois has championed the cause of providing service and scholarship for African Americans and members of other minority ethnic groups since the sorority's inception in 1920.

Sorority members and the auxiliary members are heavily involved in servicing the community; upholding the ideals of scholarship; sisterhood; and Finer Womanhood. Honoring its commitment service, the state of Illinois has formed alliances with various organizations such as the March of Dimes; American Cancer Society; American Lung Association; Urban League; United Nations; United Negro College Fund; and the National Pan Hellenic Council, Incorporated to name a few.

The community-conscious, action-oriented organization has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of our society. The state of Illinois works tirelessly under the consolidated founding principles of **Z-HOPE**, (**Z**etas **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**xcel, through the mind, body, and spirit). The state is especially proud of our programs geared toward educating individuals. Our goals revolve around identifying individuals in need of assistance and providing that assistance on a continual basis. Our mission encompasses raising the standard of excellence, through the mind, body, and spirit.

Isabel C. Taylor lived a remarkable 104 years! Similar to the organization that she joined 40+ years ago, she has been a champion for change. She stood in the trenches arm to arm with current and past civil rights leaders; spent over 40 years educating children in classrooms from Holly Springs, Mississippi to Chicago, Illinois; published literary works; and continually provide service to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.

She was an advocate for education and social change. The author and poet was born Queen Isabel Connolly in Savage, Mississippi to Lena and Toney Connelly. Her house became a classroom as she was taught by her grandfather, Mr. Jackson Connelly. She followed in her family's footsteps by becoming an Educator. At that time, aspiring teachers could take a test to teach prior to obtaining an official degree. In 1930, Ms. Connelly (Taylor) took and passed the state of Mississippi teaching test and was assigned a position. While teaching, she attended Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs. She continued teaching until her retirement in 1959.

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The state of Illinois will award one scholarship to a high school senior preparing to matriculate into a four-year college or university. To be considered, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

Eligibility:

- Graduating high school senior
- Pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Fall of 2016
- Cumulative grade point average 3.0/4.0 scale or 4.0/5.0 scale

Application Requirements and Materials:

- Complete the Isabel C. Taylor Memorial Scholarship Application
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit a copy of the college acceptance letter(s) in the Spring of 2016
- Must submit three (3) letters of recommendations, one (1) from each of the following:
 - An employer or religious organization
 - A school counselor, dean, and/or teacher
 - A representative from a community service-based organization or club
- Submit a photo or digital picture of the applicant (No larger than 4x6)
- Signature of the applicant
- Signature of the applicant's parent or guardian, as applicable
- Must submit a completed typewritten application on or before the due date – **Wednesday, September 2, 2015;**
- Must be a **FULL** time high school student, preparing to matriculate into an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university;
- Must attend the 2015 Illinois State Leadership Conference

Criteria:

- Scholastic achievement
- Community service
- Incomplete scholarship applications and/or those submitted after the due date will not be considered by the Scholarship Reviewing Committee.

Evaluation:

- Applications shall be evaluated by a committee according to a point assignment system.

Announcement:

- The winner will be honored during the Illinois State Leadership Conference Service Luncheon on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Cellular Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____ School's Telephone _____

High School _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Current GPA _____ GPA Scale (4.0 or 5.0) _____

College Attending _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

List the leadership positions held and the date(s) of service, as applicable.

List your activities, honors, and/or awards and the date(s), as applicable.

Community Activities: _____
