



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated State of Illinois

M. Ann Prendergast 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. The Sorority was the first Greek-letter organization to form adult and youth auxiliary groups, the Amicae, Archonettes, Amicettes, and Pearlettes; and to be constitutionally bound to a brother group, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.

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.

Archonette Club History

To bear defeat with dignity
To accept criticism with poise
To receive honors with humility
These are the makers of maturity and grace

The first clubs were formed in the 1940's under the names of Zetalites, Luellia Phi's and IZ's. These clubs were composed of young ladies between ages 14 and 18 who were matriculating in senior high schools. Guidelines were established, programs were developed and they became viable links of the Sorority.

In 1963, Houston's Lambda Zeta chapter organized a teenage group from all of the high schools in the city and called them the Archonettes. The name caught the attention of other chapters, and in 1968 the name was adopted.

The clubs are sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. local chapters. They are designed to help young girls grow culturally, socially and educationally. Among the various service projects that the

local clubs participate in, the young ladies assist in Stork Nests operations and aide with Zeta's National, Regional, State-wide and Local programs as needed.

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.

M. Ann Prendergast served as Director of the state of Illinois. She was an advocate for education and social change. She fought for equal justice and women's rights.

Under her tutelage at the helm of the state, she served with elegance, grace, and a great will. The state's membership and auxiliaries grew tremendously under her leadership. Today, the state of Illinois continues to grow based on the foundation upon which she stood as a leader.

Life Member M. Ann Prendergast has been a dedicated member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for decades. She was part of the "**Fabulous 57**" chartering Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter in 1966. Soror Prendergast's knowledge of the sorority and feistiness are unmatched. She served in various leadership capacities, including President of Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter. She worked closely with the **Past International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. Janice G. Kissner**. Soror Prendergast is a member of Xi Mu Zeta Chapter in Markham in Illinois.

The lifelong educator has impacted the lives of others for nearly 90 years. **In honor of her 90th birthday on January 1, 2015, she donated \$2,500.00 to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated the state of Illinois in order to provide additional funding for the M. Ann Prendergast Scholarship.**

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State of Illinois
M. Ann Prendergast
Scholarship Application

The state of Illinois will award one scholarship to a member of the Archonette Club. To be considered, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

Eligibility:

- Member of an Archonette Club within the state of Illinois
- 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 M. Ann Prendergast Scholarship Application
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit a copy of the college acceptance letter(s)
- Must submit three (3) letters of recommendations, one (1) from each of the following:
 - A financial member of the sponsoring graduate chapter
 - A school counselor, dean, and/or teacher
 - A representative from a community service-based organization or religious organization
- Submit a photo or digital picture of the application (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 have been an active member of a youth auxiliary within the state of Illinois during the 2014-2015 year;
- Must have attended a State, Regional, or National Conference during the 2014-2015 year;
- Must have attended an Illinois State Leadership Academy Workshop Series during the 2013-2014 or 2014-2015 fiscal year;
- Must attend the 2015 Illinois State Leadership Conference

Criteria:

- Scholastic achievement
- Community service and Z-HOPE participation
- Incomplete nomination packets or those submitted after the due date will not be considered

Evaluation:

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

Announcement:

- The winner will be announced during the Illinois State Leadership Conference.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Current 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 conferences (State, Regional, and National) attended to date:

List the elected and/or appointed positions held and the date(s) of service.

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

Please forward the coversheet, application, transcript, and recommendations on or before **Wednesday, September 2, 2015** to

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Ms. Donna Fuller
Illinois State Scholarship Chairman
P. O. Box 439392
Chicago, Illinois 60643-9392

Direct comments, questions, or concerns regarding the application and process to Ms. Fuller via e-mail at dnd.23@juno.com.