

**Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Roberta C. Van Scholarship
Portland, Oregon**

History Overview

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Thank you for expressing an interest in the Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter Scholarship. This is a competitive award of \$1000 scholarships for three outstanding students. No preferential consideration will be given for any applicant. The deadline for all application materials is April 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified no later than May 15, 2017.

Scholarship Criteria

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

1. The applicant must be an African-American woman ***graduating from High School in June 2017*** and will be enrolled as a full time student at a 4-year accredited college or university in Fall 2017 **or** an African-American woman ***enrolled as a full-time matriculating undergraduate college student in an accredited 4-year college or university*** in the continental United States the 2017-2018 school year.
2. The high school applicant should have one of the following: a cumulative grade point average of C+ or 2.5 to 4.0 or above. An official sealed transcript should be submitted with your application.
3. The college student applicant should have satisfactorily completed at least 30 semester hours, or 36 quarter hours, or equivalent college work.
4. All applicants are required to answer three essay questions. The essay should be typed on 8 ½ by 11 inches paper in double space format and 12 point font. Correct grammar usage is required and the essay should be a minimum of 350-500 words.

Essay 1: Explain your career goals and your educational plan to meet those goals. What inspired you to choose this field of study and career?

Essay 2: Describe a significant challenge or change that has happened in your life in the last 3 years. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself?

Essay 3: Describe something about yourself that you haven't addressed already in your essay. Why is this important to you?

5. Applicants are required to submit two (2) confidential letters of recommendation.

Reference 1: Someone who can speak knowledgeably of your academic experience (faculty or teacher). They must return the recommendation in a sealed envelope signed.

Reference 2: Should include demonstrated community involvement and leadership skills by confirming these qualities from an organization you have volunteered in.

6. All application materials must be turned in by the deadline of April 1, 2017. Mail all application materials to:

Regina Davis Cainion
Roberta C. Vann Scholarship Committee
10506 N.E. 122nd ave
Vancouver, WA 98682

Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Roberta C. Vann Scholarship Application

Please type or print neatly all responses.

Last name: _____, First name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

List all the schools, including the one in which you are currently enrolled, that you have attended. For each school, indicate the dates of attendance, diploma(s) received, and Grade Point Average.

DATES		NAME, CITY AND STATE OF SCHOOL ATTENDED	DIPLOMA	GPA OVERALL
FROM	TO			

Names and telephone numbers (with area codes) of your references:

1. _____

2. _____

List any honors, scholarships, or awards you have received (indicate date, nature, and amount of award, and granting organization)

Please list school-related extracurricular activities (such as club memberships, positions held in student government, or involvement with sports) that you consider most important, the years you participated in each (e.g., 2011-2012), and include any leadership positions held (such as team captain or president). Please spell out any acronyms. Please list the most recent activities first.

Name of Activity	Year(s) of Participation	Position Held

Please list activities in which you have participated outside of school (such as fine arts, music, sports, entrepreneurial activities, or distance learning classes) that you consider the most important, the years you participated in each, and include any leadership positions held. For volunteer activities, please also list any sponsoring organizations (e.g., church, Girl Scouts, clubs). Please spell out any acronyms. Please list the most recent activities first. (Use back of form for additional)

Name of Activity	Year(s) of Participation	Position Held	Sponsoring Organization

Application Check list

To be considered for the Scholarship, applicants are asked to submit:

- The completed application form by April 1, 2 017
- Official transcripts from high school/college attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- 3 Essays
- College acceptance letter (high school)

Please check all statements below that are correct.

- I certify that all my application answers and essay response is accurate
- I certify that all my responses are my own work and generated solely for the purpose of applying to the Roberta C. Vann Scholarship.
- I understand that any work submitted that is not accurate, original, and honest may result in my dismissal from the application process.

Your Signature (required) Date

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Candidates Name

Candidate's High School or University

Name Title School

Address City State Zip Code

Phone Number e-mail

Appraisal of Candidate

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average
Academic ability					
Practical ability					
Commitment to Field of Study					
Creativity					
Initiative					
Maturity					
Adaptability					
Critical Faculty and Judgement					

Please submit letter and attach to this form.

Signature

Date

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Candidates Name

Candidate's High School or University

Name

Title

School

Phone Number

e-mail

Appraisal of Candidate

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average
Academic ability					
Practical ability					
Commitment to Field of Study					
Creativity					
Initiative					
Maturity					
Adaptability					
Critical Faculty and Judgement					

Please submit letter and attach to this form.

Signature

Date