



# 2025

## Scholarship Application



**Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2025**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter

TZL Scholarship Fund Application

Attn: Director of Educational Activities

PO Box 130044

Ann Arbor, MI 48113

[tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org)

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

The Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund (a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization) are offering financial assistance to high school seniors in Washtenaw or nearby counties who have demonstrated improvement in their academic, social and life skills. This assistance comes as a one-time scholarship award to **multiple students**. The amount for each scholarship award will be determined.

Attached, you will find a scholarship application with detailed instructions for completion. All completed applications should be emailed to [tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org). Alternatively, you may mail completed applications to:

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Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter  
TZL Scholarship Fund Application  
Attn: Director of Educational Activities  
PO Box 130044  
Ann Arbor, MI 48113

**Completed applications must be received on or before Friday, March 28, 2025.**

Those applicants selected for this scholarship will be notified by the end of April. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or any questions or concerns. We can be reached at [tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org). Thank you for your interest.

Alfred A. Neal, Jr.  
Director of Educational Activities

Event: The 2025 Student Recognition Luncheon

This event is one of our major components of the Go-to-High School, Go-to-College National Program. We honor high-school seniors in Washtenaw or nearby counties who have improved their academic, social, and life skills. They will receive a one-time college scholarship. We will also recognize Esquires (our outreach program) and 10th- and 11th-grade honorees. Finally, we will have a keynote speaker address, connecting to the middle- and high-school young men and women honorees while discussing the importance of staying focused on their academic performance and making good decisions.

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**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- In the summer of 2025, the Theta Zeta Lambda (TZL) Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. **will award scholarships** to deserving high school seniors in Washtenaw or nearby counties. The amount for each scholarship award will be determined.
- Please read the application carefully. **(Before submission, complete EVERY field in the application.)**
- Please write your answers **neatly and legibly**.
- Ensure a teacher or counselor completes the endorsement at the end of this packet.
- Please attach a copy of your high-school transcript **AND** documentation of your SAT score. (If your school does not offer the SAT, please note where indicated in the application.) Your counselor can help you secure copies of these items.
- Completed applications, including attachments, **must be received no later than Friday, March 28, 2025**.
- Refer any questions to [tzl\\_education@annarboralphas.org](mailto:tzl_education@annarboralphas.org).

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

Please take your time and check each blank below to indicate that you have completed the application elements below. Thank you.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application
2. \_\_\_\_\_ High-School Transcript
3. \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score Documentation (if not offered by your school, indicate "NA")
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's or Counselor's Signature Endorsement (last page of the application)

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**1 - STUDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE MAKE SURE ANSWERS ARE LEGIBLE)**

_____		_____	_____
Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial
_____	_____	_____	_____
Male	Female	Race/Ethnic Group	U.S. Citizen?
_____			
Mailing Address		Apt. #	City/Zip
_____			
Telephone #		E-mail	Parent's Telephone #
			Parent's Email
_____			
Date of Birth			

**2 - FAMILY INFORMATION**

Please place a check on the line that best indicates the highest level of education attained by any of your parents or guardians:

Up to high school       Some college or college degree       Graduate school

Please place a check on the line that best indicates your family's total annual household income:

Up to \$40,000       \$40,001 - \$80,000       \$80,001 and above

Please indicate the total number of individuals age 18 or under (includes you, sisters, brothers, and others) who receive their primary financial support from any of your parents or guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Please disclose any relationships (family or non-family) you have with any member of Alpha Phi Alpha and, in particular, Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter (Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti):

Please list any additional information that you consider relevant to your personal or family situation: (For example: access to technology, medical expenses, single parent, unemployed parent, your work requirements, etc.)

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**3 - ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Level

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Current** High-School Cumulative GPA

Have you taken the SAT?      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

If not, was it offered at your school?      \_\_\_\_ Yes (please explain below)      \_\_\_\_ No

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what was your highest score?      \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for any other scholarships?      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

**4 - COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

List any colleges or universities where you have applied for admission and the status of your application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted, Not Accepted or Waiting

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University  
Waiting

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted, Not Accepted or

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                      State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted, Not Accepted or Waiting

Please check this box if you are considering playing NCAA-level sports in college.

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**5 - SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CLUBS/TEAMS/ORGANIZATIONS**

List the primary school and community clubs, teams, or organizations you have been involved with during high school.

Please do not list any athletic information if you are considering playing NCAA-level sports in college.

Club or Organization	Years of Participation	Office Held
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**6 - HONORS AND AWARDS**

List any honors or awards you have received during **your high school years**.

Please do not list any athletic information if you are considering playing NCAA-level sports in college.

Honor/Award #1	Honor/Award #2	Honor/Award #3
Honor/Award #4	Honor/Award #5	Honor/Award #6

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7 - SELF-REFLECTION

**SHORT ESSAY #1:** WRITE TWO TO THREE PARAGRAPHS DESCRIBING HOW YOU HAVE GROWN IN SELF-ESTEEM, SOCIAL AWARENESS, PROBLEM-SOLVING AND/OR RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING.

**SHORT ESSAY #2:** AFTER READING AND REFLECTING ON THE HISTORY OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA, THETA ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER, AND TZL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WRITE TWO TO THREE PARAGRAPHS DESCRIBING WHY IT IS MEANINGFUL FOR YOU TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL AND PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION.

The History of Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate, Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, was founded in 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country. The visionary founders, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity, are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy.

At Cornell, the Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for African American students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

Membership was racially integrated in 1945. Today Alpha Phi Alpha comprises 706 active chapters in the United States, Germany, Bermuda, Korea, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Canada, and South Africa.

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**History of the Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter**

The Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is an alumni chapter based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Its brothers reside in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and various Greater Ann Arbor/Metro-Detroit cities. The chapter was founded on January 23, 1962.

The seven men who established the Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter were the Reverend Lyman S. Parks, John L. Ragland, John Mansfield, Dr. Thomas Bass, Rollins P. Greene, Booker Brooks, and Dr. Henry C. Bryant.

The Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter plays a leading role in this community by providing mentoring, recognition for significant achievements and scholarships for youth, food for the truly disadvantaged, and voter education.

**The History of the TZL Scholarship Fund**

Alpha Phi Alpha - Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter and the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund will award scholarships to deserving high school seniors planning to attend college in the upcoming year. Strong candidates will have demonstrated improved self-esteem, academic performance, social awareness, problem-solving, and decision-making skills during their high school careers. The scholarship is non-renewable. Since the early 1980s, the Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter and the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund have awarded high-school students at least 150 scholarships totaling more than \$100,000.

In November 2014, the Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship Fund Trust, established in 1985, was re-established as an IRS 501(c)(3) public charity created to receive tax-deductible endowment gifts.

**SHORT ESSAY #3: WRITE ONE PARAGRAPH ANSWERING THE QUESTION “WHAT IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE FACING AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN AND WHAT WILL HIGHER EDUCATION EQUIP YOU TO DO ABOUT IT?”**



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**8 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)**

Please indicate any additional information below that the selection committee would like to consider while reviewing your application.

**TEACHER'S OR COUNSELOR'S ENDORSEMENT**  
**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter Scholarship**

Application deadline: **Friday, March 28, 2025**

Student's Name	Teacher's or Counselor's Signature	Phone

**Basis for endorsement (check all that apply):**

- Improved self-esteem
- Improved academic performance
- Increased social awareness and problem-solving skills

Comments (optional):

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**9 - CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if selected for the Alpha Phi Alpha - Theta Zeta Lambda Scholarship, I am responsible for forwarding my official transcript from the high school I attended at that time (or graduated from) and providing any other verification requested to receive my award. I agree that all materials submitted in my application package will become the property of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity - Theta Zeta Lambda Chapter.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\*\*For e-mail submissions, your name serves as your certification.\*\*