



2026

Scholarship Application



Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2026

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

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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. Alternatively, you may mail completed applications to:

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

Completed applications must be received on or before Friday, March 27, 2026.

Those applicants selected for this scholarship will be notified by Friday, April 24, 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or any questions or concerns. We can be reached at tzl_education@annarboralphas.org. Thank you for your interest.

Michael T. Johson
Director of Educational Activities

Event: The 2026 Student Recognition Dinner

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 2026, 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 27, 2026**.
- Refer any questions to 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

City

State

Accepted, Not Accepted or

Waiting

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 300 scholarships totaling more than \$200,000.

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

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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.