



## **Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation 2025-26 Academic Scholarship**

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### **Zeta Phi Beta Inc. Sorority History**

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by Arizona Cleaver Stemmons, Viola Tyler Goings, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Fannie Pettie Watts, and Pearl Anna Neal, whom we fondly refer to as our Five Pearls.

### **Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter**

Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter of San Jose, California was established in May 1988.

### **Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation**

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation was created in 2004 and is operated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable entity of the chapter. The Executive Board, as outlined in our chapter's Constitution and Bylaws, manages the Educational Foundation.

We are proud to award academic scholarships each year to deserving high-school seniors in Santa Clara County. The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation is funded through various programs, personal donations, and grants received from local companies and organizations. To date, Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation has awarded over \$270,000 in scholarships ranging from \$1000 - \$5000.

### **Scholarship Overview**

The Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation, in conjunction with Xi Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, will award one or more merit-based scholarships to selected high-school seniors who meet eligibility requirements. The scholarship is intended to financially assist students in the pursuit of their academic goals.

The scholarship amounts will be based on, but are not limited to, the applicant's academic excellence, community service, references, and financial need. Additional considerations for the amounts disbursed may include the number of applicants who meet and exceed the eligibility requirements.

Scholarship recipients must show proof of enrollment by sending all required documentation to the Scholarship Committee Chair no later than the specified deadline.

## Eligibility and Requirements

- Applicants must reside in the greater Santa Clara County area and be a graduating high-school senior (in Spring 2026).
- Applicants must complete the entire scholarship application and submit the required essay and video.
- Applicant must provide an official transcript to include Spring 2025 grades with proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Applicants must provide an unofficial transcript that includes current Fall 2025 classes.
- Applicant must provide three (3) letters of recommendation from an instructor, spiritual leader, community leader, and/or employee supervisor / manager.
  - Please remember that your application will not be considered without your letters of recommendation. Please remember to attach your letters of recommendation to your electronic message (email) when submitting your application package or have the individual send your letter of recommendations directly to [scholarship@casouthbayzetas.org](mailto:scholarship@casouthbayzetas.org). Follow-up with the sender prior to the application deadline to ensure their letter of recommendation has been sent prior to the deadline.
- Applicants must provide a written essay on the topic in the application & a creative video to briefly introduce themselves, school activities, hobbies, interest, community service, goals/aspirations, and college plans.
- Applicants must provide an electronic headshot with their application.
- Applicants must provide all required materials and meet all stated deadlines.
- If selected as a finalist, the applicant must attend a scheduled panel interview.
- If chosen as a recipient, the applicant **must** attend Xi Zeta Zeta award presentation activity on March 21, 2026 (tentative date).
- If chosen as a recipient, the applicant must furnish an acceptance letter, proof of enrollment, and proof of payment towards tuition/fees from an accredited college or university (once received from the institution) prior to scholarship distribution.

## Important Dates to Remember

*(Tentative and subject to change)*

- February 14, 2026 – **Application postmark deadline.**
- February 23-28, 2026 – Selected candidates are interviewed by the Scholarship Committee (times TBA).
- March 21, 2026 (tentative date) – Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation Annual Award Presentation activity where awardees will be honored.
- June 30, 2026 – Scholarship recipients are notified of their award amount.

## Important Submission Details

All application materials, except for official transcripts, must be sent electronically (emailed) to:  
[scholarship@casouthbayzetas.org](mailto:scholarship@casouthbayzetas.org)

## **Official transcripts must be sent by US Postal Service to:**

Xi Zeta Zeta Educational Foundation  
C/O Scholarship Chair  
P.O. Box 610985  
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