



The Metro Atlanta Joint Founder's Day Scholarship Committee

**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
2025**

Scholarship Rules and Guidelines

In order to be eligible to receive the 2025 Metro Atlanta Sigma-Zeta Founders Day Scholarship, the following rules apply:

1. Must be an Undergraduate or Graduate member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated or Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated presently enrolled at an accredited College or University in the Metro Atlanta area.
2. Must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at the time of the application deadline.
3. Should be a responsible, supportive, self-disciplined, positive, and energetic individual who is interested in the welfare of education and in the community.
4. A total of four scholarships will be awarded. The number of awards is at the sole discretion of the Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Joint Founders Day committee.
5. **The scholarship must be used at an accredited college or university in the state of Georgia and will be made payable to the selected school.**
6. The MASZJFD scholarship committee will judge the submitted scholarship applications. Finalists will be selected based on the application and attached documents. The scholarship recipient will be chosen and notified by **January 10th, 2025.**
7. The MASZJFD scholarship committee reserves the right to conduct an interview of the finalists.
8. It is solely at the discretion of the MASZJFD scholarship committee to make the determination of which applicants followed the guidelines as set forth in the application.

Please be sure to complete the scholarship application form and include ALL attachments listed below. Failure to adhere to the instructions will result in disqualification of your application.

1. COMPLETED 2025 Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship Application
2. Current Sigma/Zeta resume
3. An official copy of your collegiate transcript showing your cumulative GPA
4. One letter of recommendation:
 - a. The recommendation must be submitted directly via email from the following:
 - i. An active Graduate member who can assess your skills.
 - ii. **NOTE: All recommenders must submit their letters directly to maszjfdscholashipcommittee@gmail.com by the application deadline.**
5. A 750 word scholarship essay (information will be included in application)
6. One headshot in Business attire in Official Colors

Your completed application package should be emailed to maszjfdscholashipcommittee@gmail.com by **Monday January 6th, 2025 by 11:59 pm.**

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Please save your application package as ***“Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship – Your Name”*** since we will be receiving a number of applications during this application process.

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2025 Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day

Scholarship Application

Please attach a current resume. Please type in the information below.

Part I: Demographic Information

Please use the link below to complete the survey regarding your personal and collegiate demographic information.

<https://forms.gle/VTERoFgWP7TpAugz8>

Date survey was completed: _____

Part II: Scholarship and Community Service

Please answer the following questions concisely and attach additional sheets if needed.

1. What other scholarships, grants, or financial aid awards have you received or do you expect to receive for the 2024-2025 school year?

Award Name	Date	Amount

2. What community service activities have you been involved with in the last year?

Activity	Role	Date Participated

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3. List all of your current and previous work experience. Please include the type of work you did, how many hours you worked per week, and length of employment.

Employer	Position	Dates Participated	Hours Per Week

Part III: Short Answer

4. Why should you receive this year's Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship? What type of impact would this scholarship have on your education?

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Part IV: Essay

Topic: How do you think your volunteer efforts have impacted your community or the broader political landscape?"

Reflect on the tangible or intangible contributions made through your efforts, including voter turnout, awareness of key issues, or fostering community unity.

Essay Criteria:

- Your essay should be a minimum of 750 words, no more than 1000 double-spaced and typed.
- Size 12 font (only Times New Roman or Arial (font are accepted)
- **Your essay will be judged based on the following:**
 - o The degree to which the writer establishes a controlling idea and elaborates the main points with examples, illustrations, facts or details that are appropriate to the audience.
 - o The degree to which the writer's ideas are arranged in a clear order and the overall structure of the response is consistent to the audience.
 - o The degree to which the writer controls language to engage the reader.
 - o The degree to which the writer demonstrates control of sentence formation, usage, and mechanics.
- **The essay will account for a major portion of the scoring criteria for the awarding of the scholarship.**

Part V: Recommendations and Transcripts

Recommendations

Each applicant must have **ONE** letter of recommendation for their application package. The recommendation letter must be submitted directly from your recommender to maszjfdscholashipcommittee@gmail.com by the application deadline or the application will be considered incomplete. **Please include the applicant's name in the subject.** Active graduate members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. or Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc are all acceptable recommenders who can assess your commitment and skills.

Transcripts

Applicants must obtain a copy of their collegiate transcript and submit it as a PDF along with the scholarship application **OR** have the system email the transcript as a PDF to maszjfdscholashipcommittee@gmail.com . **Please include the applicant's name in the subject.** The transcript should show the applicant's GPA and, if possible, the applicant's percentile rank. Applications are considered incomplete until transcripts and/or academic verifications are received by the MASZJFD scholarship committee.

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Part V: Applicant Verification

By signing this application, I affirm that all information contained within this application and accompanying attachments are complete, accurate and all information is truthful. Also by signing this application, I authorize the Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship Committee to check my academic transcript to verify my current cumulative GPA.

Applicant

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: If selected, it is strongly recommended that your graduate advisor or member of your graduate chapter accompany the applicant to the ceremony.

Scholarship Application Package Checklist

The following checklist is provided for the applicant's benefit. To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must make sure all of the following are done and the completed application package must be submitted to maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com by **Monday, January 6th, 2025 by 11:59 pm**. (please save application package as "**Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship – Your Name**"):

- COMPLETED 2025 Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship Application
- Applicant's Current Sigma/ Zeta Resume
- OFFICIAL Copy of Collegiate Transcript (PDF format – either included in application package or sent by system via email)
- One Letter of Recommendation sent directly to maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com
- Scholarship Essay (750-1000 word maximum)
- One headshot in Business attire in Official Colors

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawnika Anderson at maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com or 404-908-0185 . Good luck with the application process!

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