



**The Metro Atlanta Joint Founder's Day  
Scholarship Committee**

**SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION  
2026**

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for taking interest in being a part of The Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Joint Founders Day Scholarship Competition. We are currently seeking individuals that exemplify the qualities of scholarship and service that will be honored at a Recognition Ceremony celebrating the Joint Founders Day theme ***“Two Stories, One Legacy.”***

Enclosed you will find the Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship application with forms attached. The scholarship application must be emailed by ***Monday, January 5th, 2026 by 11:59 pm***. Please make sure that the following forms/documents are submitted:

- **COMPLETED 2026 MASZFD Scholarship Application**
- **Current Sigma/Zeta Resume**
- **Scholarship Essay 750 words**
- **OFFICIAL copy of collegiate transcript**
- **One letter of recommendation from an active graduate member who can attest to your commitment and service.**

Once your application packet has been received by the committee, you will receive a confirmation email regarding your application. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** After all applications have been received, applicants will be assigned points based off the following information:

- Application with resume
- Grade Point Average
- Recommendation Letters
- Scholarship Essay
- Overall Presentation

If you have any questions about the scholarship application, please contact me at [maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com)

Thank you for your time and good luck with the process!

Sincerely,  
Shawnika Anderson Clemmons  
2026 MAJFDC Scholarship Committee Chair  
Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Joint Founders Day Committee

*“To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.”*

## Scholarship Rules and Guidelines

In order to be eligible to receive the 2026 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 recipients will be chosen and notified by **January 12th, 2026.**
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 2026 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](mailto: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](mailto:maszjfdscholashipcommittee@gmail.com) by **Monday January 5th, 2026 by 11:59 pm.**

*"To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc."*

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.

*“To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.”*

# 2026 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/L5SpZ36LKvXriUCA6>

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 2025-2026 school year?

Award Name	Date	Amount

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

Activity	Role	Date Participated

*"To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc."*

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?

*"To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc."*

## Part IV: Essay

**Topic:** Our Founders built a legacy that continues to shape our sisterhood, brotherhood and community today. Reflect on two “stories”: your own story and the story of our Founders. How do these two narratives connect, and how do you envision contributing to this shared legacy as a scholarship recipient and future leader?

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*“To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.”*

## 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](mailto:maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com) by **Monday, January 5th, 2026 by 11:59 pm**. (please save application package as "**Metro Atlanta Sigma Zeta Founders Day Scholarship – Your Name**"):

- COMPLETED 2026 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](mailto: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 Clemmons at [maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:maszjfdscholarshipcommittee@gmail.com) or 404-908-0185 . Good luck with the application process!

*"To inspire a culture of service and to renew our pledge to uphold the precepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and scholarship through congenial fellowship with all members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc."*