



ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED NU ZETA CHAPTER

2020 Lois Kelly Scholarship Program

Named after longtime member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, the **Lois Kelly Scholarship Program** provides financial assistance to eligible women who are planning to attend or who are currently enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited institution of higher learning. Mrs. Kelly (1908-2012) was an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Zeta chapter, for 79 years. At a banquet celebrating Mrs. Kelly's 100th birthday, the Nu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, founded in 1935 in Knoxville, TN, honored Mrs. Kelly by establishing a scholarship designed to support women who were in pursuit of degrees of higher learning in the area of education. Since that time, however, this scholarship program has expanded to honor women across all academic disciplines. Throughout her 104 years of life, among other roles, Mrs. Kelly served as an elementary school teacher, an office manager for her husband's dental practice, a leader in the civil rights movement, a tutor with the Boys and Girls Club, and an active member of her church and community.



Alongside a host of other accomplishments, Mrs. Kelly received the 2010 Covenant

Health Platinum Award for her dedication to her community and the education of its members, and in 2008, she was honored by the Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr. in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

It is in remembrance of our beloved sorority member that we open this year's application cycle. Applicants are invited to apply for one of three financial awards: graduate/professional, undergraduate, and youth. Details regarding applicant requirements, the application process, and important dates to remember are found below.

Eligibility

To be considered for a Lois Kelly Scholarship, female applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Identify currently as a high school senior who is accepted to attend an accredited college or university in Knoxville and/or the surrounding area or an undergraduate or graduate/professional student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university in Knoxville and/or the surrounding area (proof of enrollment and/or acceptance will be required).
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (unweighted) on a 4.0 scale
3. Submit a completed application (details below)
4. Has not applied and received the scholarship for the same level in the past.

Scholarships are in the amount of \$500 (youth), \$800 (undergraduate) and \$1200 (graduate/professional) and will be awarded one (1) time only, payable directly to the school (undergraduate and youth) and to the recipient via check (graduate/professional).





Application Guidelines

For an application to be considered complete, all applicants must submit:

1. A completed **application**.
2. An **official transcript** from the current school of enrollment. Transcripts must be mailed directly from the school, college, or university in a sealed envelope. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
3. Two (2) **letters of recommendation** from persons who are familiar with your academic and leadership abilities. One letter *must* come from a teacher/professor/faculty advisor/professional supervisor (as applicable). *For members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated or an Auxiliary of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, one letter must come from the sponsoring chapter's president (for graduate members) or advisor (for undergraduate and auxiliary members).*
4. An **essay** of at least 150 but no more than 500 words *describing an influential woman in your life who has challenged or motivated you to succeed. How has this woman impacted your educational pursuits? What characteristics of Finer Womanhood does this woman exhibit, and how do you seek to exhibit these characteristics in your academic career?* The essay should be typed and double-spaced on a separate page. **For graduate/professional student applicants only**, in addition to this essay, a description of your research and/or future career endeavors is also required. This additional essay should be no more than two (2) double-spaced pages typed.

Important Dates to Remember:

Date	Description
Thursday, January 16, 2020	2020 application cycle opens
Wednesday, February 26, 2020	Deadline for receipt of applications (must be received not postmarked)
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Notification of interview status
Saturday, March 21, 2020	Interview with scholarship committee (date subject to change)
Sunday, April 12, 2020	Notification of scholarship winners
Saturday, June 6, 2020	Scholarship and Awards Breakfast

Please direct additional questions/concerns to: Jerica Jackson, Scholarship Committee Chair,
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Zeta Chapter
nuzetaknoxville@gmail.com

Return application and supporting documents to: ATTN: Scholarship Committee Chair
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Zeta
P.O. Box 30676
Knoxville, TN 37930

Applications may also be returned electronically to: nuzetaknoxville@gmail.com





2019 Lois Kelly Scholarship Program Application

Check the name of the scholarship to which you are applying (*select only one*):

Graduate/Professional

Undergraduate

Youth (high school senior)

Demographic Information

Applicant Name: (Last): _____ **(First):** _____ **(MI):** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

School Information and Community Activities

Name of Current School: _____

Name of School You Plan to Attend (*For Youth Only*): _____

Degree Type: _____ **Major:** _____ **GPA (cumulative, unweighted):** _____

Briefly Describe Your Current School Activities Including Leadership Roles: _____





List the Names of Community Organizations in Which You Are Currently Involved and Briefly Describe

Your Role(s): _____

List Any Honors/Awards/Recognitions You Have Received: _____

Additional Information

Are you an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated? (check one): _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the name of your chapter and president: _____

Are you a member of a Zeta Auxiliary? (check one): _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the name of your auxiliary, your sponsoring graduate chapter, and the president's name:

Do you have any family members affiliated with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list their name and affiliation:





List the Names and Email Addresses of Your References in the Space Below:

Name of Reference	Email Address of Reference
1	
2	

Statement of Agreement

By signing below:

1. I acknowledge that all information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. I agree to attend a final interview with the scholarship committee on Saturday, March 21, 2020 (date subject to change) if I am selected as a scholarship finalist.
3. I acknowledge that if I receive the award to which I have applied, I agree to use the funds only for educational expenses, tuition, lab fees, and/or living expenses related to the pursuit of my degree of higher learning.
4. (If applicable) I acknowledge that if I am a high school student who has applied for college, I will provide proof of acceptance to the Scholarship Committee prior to the award being dispersed.
5. I agree to have my photo displayed in media outlets including but not limited to social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), newspaper, and/or the local news.
6. I agree to attend the Scholarship and Awards Breakfast on Saturday, June 6, 2020 if I am selected as a recipient.

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (High School applicants only): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (High School applicants only): _____ Date: _____





Transcript Waiver

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) states that all students who attend institutions receiving funding from the U.S. Department of Education have the right to access his or her own educational records, the right to have those records amended, and the right to control who has access to those educational records. To be considered for any of the three financial awards offered under the Lois Kelly Scholarship Program, your application must be accompanied by an official transcript in a sealed, signed envelope.

By signing below, you are granting access to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Nu Zeta chapter (Knoxville, TN) to receive and review your official academic transcript. The transcript will be used for the purpose of reviewing your completed Scholarship Program application and will be destroyed after one (1) fiscal year.

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (High School applicants only): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (High School applicants only): _____ **Date:** _____





	Did you Remember to Include?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed and signed application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed essay
<input type="checkbox"/>	For graduate/professional students only, research/career statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two letters of recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/>	An official academic transcript
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed transcript waiver

***** Please submit all documents in one envelope or email. Please scan and attach application materials if you choose to submit your application electronically. No late applications will be considered. *****

