

# **Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe Scholarship**

Awarded by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated,  
Chi Eta Zeta Chapter in Cambridge, MA



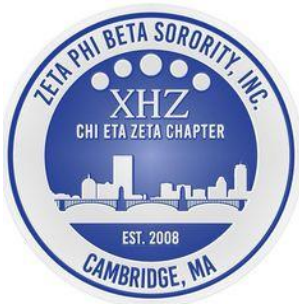
**Application for 2020 Scholarship Award**

**Deadline:**

**Thursday January 16, 2020**

## [Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.](#)

The organization was founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., by five women – Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings and Fannie Pettie Watts — on the principles of **Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood**. Zeta Phi Beta’s purpose is to foster the ideals of service, charity, scholarship, civic and cultural endeavors, sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. These ideals are reflected in the Sorority’s national programs for which its members and auxiliary groups provide countless hours of voluntary services to staff community outreach programs, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for social civic change.



## [Chi Eta Zeta Chapter](#)

Our chapter was chartered on June 23, 2008 Cambridge, Massachusetts by eight extraordinary Zeta women. Currently, Chi Eta Zeta Chapter promotes several signature programs in the Cambridge community that focus on education, health and wellness, self-esteem, and financial management.

## [Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe](#)

Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe was born on December 22, 1916 in Cranford, New Jersey. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Social Studies and went on to earn a Master’s degree and Ed. D. Dr. Wolfe devoted her life to teaching at the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels. Having been awarded over 65 honorary degrees, she was one of the most influential educators in the United States during the twentieth century.

Dr. Wolfe was the 14th International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. As the sorority’s longest serving President to date, she devoted a great deal of time and energy to the sorority and was influential in many of the organization’s accomplishments, including the development of the organization’s international headquarters.

Dr. Wolfe’s trailblazing achievements went far beyond academia. She was a woman of many firsts.

- First Black Woman ordained by the American Baptist Church
- First chief of professional Staff of the House of Education and Labor Committee of the United States Congress during President Johnson's Administration
- First Black citizen to serve on the New Jersey State Board of Education and the State Board of Higher Education
- First faculty member at Tuskegee Institute with an earned doctorate
- First Black faculty member of the Universities of Illinois and Michigan
- First Black full professor at Queens College

*Dr. Wolfe's life is a true inspiration and her legacy will be felt for generations. In her name and legacy, we extend the opportunity to award a scholarship to a deserving young woman.*

## **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

**AWARD:** The scholarship winner will be awarded **\$1,920** in the form of a college/university bookstore gift card, for the purchase of textbooks and school supplies during her first year of college OR in the form of a check payable to the college/university. *This award is non-renewable.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants for the 2020 Scholarship Award must:

- Be a Massachusetts resident
- Be a female High School Senior
- Be a student of color
- Apply for Fall 2020 admission into an accredited four-year college/university immediately after high school
- Plan to pursue a degree in at least one of the following fields: education, social work, or health/medical care
- Exhibit a record of distinguished scholarship (3.0 Grade Point Average or better) and community service demonstrating a commitment to following in Dr. Wolfe's celebrated legacy.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Complete your application including the scholarship **questionnaire**, and then email your completed scholarship questionnaire and supporting documents to [CEZscholarshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:CEZscholarshipchair@gmail.com) (*highly recommended*) or mail to:

**Attn: Chinelle Andrews, Scholarship Chair**  
**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. - Chi Eta Zeta Chapter**  
**P.O. Box 398044**  
**Cambridge, MA 02139**

## **DEADLINE**

Application materials must be received by **January 16, 2020** by **11:59 P.M. EST**. Applications with incomplete or missing documentation will not be considered.

## **REQUIRED SUPPORTING CREDENTIALS**

**Resume:** Applicants must submit a professional and completed resume with professional profile photo.

**High School Transcript:** Applicants must submit an official high school transcript to demonstrate her record of academic achievement. Applicants are expected to have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) or better.

**Recommendations:** Applicants must submit **two (2)** letters of recommendations. One letter from a local member of the community, and/or active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. supporting your service and character within your community. The second letter must be from a faculty or staff member of your school, supporting your academic performance and overall character as a student. Recommenders should email letters of recommendation via email (see below).

**Essay:** All applicants are required to submit a **500-word** typewritten essay.

**AWARD DECISIONS:** The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants of a decision by **February 23, 2020**. You may receive a phone call from the scholarship chair for a conversation. If selected, applicants will be invited to and expected to attend the chapter brunch **Saturday, June 13, 2020 to be presented with an award certificate**. Bookstore gift card will not be finalized and issued until after “*Letter of Enrollment*” is received: this letter must be submitted and received by **May 13, 2020**. If the letter is not received by this date, the selected applicant will forfeit the scholarship and another applicant will be selected.

## **CHECK LIST**

**Be sure you have included the following in your completed packet:**

- \_\_\_ Completed Scholarship Questionnaire
- \_\_\_ Resume with Professional Photo
- \_\_\_ Official Sealed High School Transcript
- \_\_\_ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- \_\_\_ 500-Word Typed Essay

**QUESTIONS:** Please email any questions regarding the Scholarship to  
[CEZscholarshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:CEZscholarshipchair@gmail.com)

# SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Full Name: Race/Ethnicity:  
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): City & State/Country of Birth:  
Address: Parent/Guardian Name:  
City: Parent/Guardian Email:  
State: Current High School:  
Zip: Expected Graduation Date:  
Cell Phone: Dates of Attendance:  
Alternative Phone: GPA:

E-mail:

Institutions Applied to and Intended Major:

Institutions Accepted Into:

How did you hear about this scholarship?

List the names of two (2) people who are writing letters of recommendation. Indicate how you know the recommender.

- 1.
- 2.

## RESUME

A completed resume that includes the following:

- Community service activities/ student organizations you are involved with
- Academic awards, recognitions, or honors received during your high school career
- Other scholarships, grants, or financial aid awards have you received or expect to receive for the 2020-2021 school year

## THE ESSAY

*According to Macon History "she [Wolfe] recalled that her parents were determined to teach her understanding and respect for herself and her heritage. Her parents imbued her with a deep love of people without regard to race and a missionary-like zeal to change people's prejudices through education."*

What does this quote mean to you? Describe how your educational background, goals and aspirations contribute to your impact on your community and society as a whole. **(500-word limit)**

**Application for Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe Scholarship**  
***Recommendation Form***

**Applicant:** Please fill in your name and contact information before giving this form to your recommenders.

<b>Name of Applicant (Last, First)</b>	
<b>Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Name of Recommender</b>	
<b>Relationship to Applicant</b>	
<b>Name (Last, First)</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip Code</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	

To Whom It May Concern:

The listed applicant is applying for the Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe Scholarship and has requested a recommendation from you in support of her application. This is a \$1,920 scholarship presented by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Chi Eta Zeta Chapter to be used for purchasing books for school. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. Five women chartered Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to encourage the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs; promote service projects on college campuses and in the community; foster sisterhood; and exemplify the ideal of Finer Womanhood.

The scholarship is named for past International President Dr. Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe, who was one of the most prominent educators of the twentieth century, devoting her life to teaching and community service. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who

intends to matriculate into a four-year college or university in Massachusetts following high school graduation and whose record of accomplishments and future goals are in accord with the legacy of Dr. Wolfe.

Please email your letter with a completed Recommendation Form to [CEZscholarshipchair@gmail.com](mailto:CEZscholarshipchair@gmail.com) describing your interactions with the applicant, your knowledge of her high school academic and service record, as well as your knowledge of her career goals. Thank you for your assistance in this process.