



**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter  
Oak Lawn, Illinois**



**2016 Scholarship Application**

## Background

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was founded on November 12, 1922, on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The sorority, which is the only one of the four NPHC sororities founded on a predominantly white college campus, was founded by seven school teachers who were determined to create an organization of women who are committed to higher education, dedicated to youth, living by the highest ethical standards, and rendering unselfish service to make a better society.

On August 16, 1992, forty-six women chartered Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter in Oak Lawn, Illinois, one of the largest graduate chapters in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's history. As their numbers grew, they saw a need to further their Founders' dream of achievement through higher education, and thus, expanded their services in the community through the awarding of college scholarships to highly talented and deserving graduating high school seniors. Scholarship recipients will be identified as an Eta Xi Sigma Scholar and honored at our annual Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show.

## Eligibility...

An Eta Xi Sigma Scholar will typically demonstrate the following: superior academic talent; an ability to follow instructions; excellent writing skills; a strong desire to pursue a professional career; and, strong leadership ability through a balance of extracurricular activities, community service, and individual pursuits and accomplishments.

Applicants are:

- Graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college in the Fall
- An undergraduate Soror and member of Omicron Beta Chapter (UIC) or Xi Lambda Chapter (DePaul University).
- Permanent residents of the Chicago metropolitan area
- Students who possess a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Available to attend the Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show on **May 7, 2016**
- The Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter Scholarship *is* a nonrenewable scholarship.

## Application Deadline

Applications must be received or postmarked by **March 4, 2016**. **Confirmations of receipt will be sent via email only. Incomplete applications and those postmarked after March 4, 2016 will not be considered.**

## Notifications to Applicants and Scholarship Recipients ...

Applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship will be notified via email and/or first class mail. In addition, an announcement of their accomplishment will be sent to their area newspaper for publication. Upon notification, recipients are required to send their acceptance of the scholarship, provide a headshot photograph for publication, and confirm their reservation for the Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show on **May 7, 2016**. **Applicants who are not selected will be notified by email only. The Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter Scholarship is *not* a renewable scholarship.**

## Application Instructions ...

Read the application carefully and complete all sections. **Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after the deadline of March 4, 2016 will not be considered for review or funding.**

- **Submit a single spaced, typewritten one page Essay (500 word limit) that addresses the following:**

How important is community service? (Include the following)

1. How has your participation in community service made an impact on your peers, at your school, or in your community?
2. How do you intend to continue serving your community in your college community?

**\*Essay - Undergraduate Soror Applicants ONLY\*:**

1. What is your chapter currently doing to exemplify community service on campus and/or in the surrounding community?
2. How will this financial assistance help with the cost of schooling for this academic year?

• **Include TWO letters of recommendation on the official letterhead of the writer\*:**

- **One and only one letter must** be from a high school teacher **or** counselor (not both), **and**
- **One letter** should be from a person who knows you in a professional or service capacity (such as an official of your church, **or** community service organization, **or** place of employment).

**\*Recommendations - Undergraduate Soror Applicants ONLY\*:**

- **One** letter from a chapter official
- **One** letter from a person who knows you in a professional or service capacity (such as an official of your church, or community service organization, or place of employment).

*Be sure to select writers of your recommendation who know you well, and can speak knowledgeably and passionately about your overall character, including: length of time they have known you, examples of your work ethic, leadership ability, and commitment to your goals.*

- Instruct each writer to enclose their letter in a sealed envelope and to affix their name across the seal. Letters **must** be mailed with your application.
- Include an official transcript that includes course work from the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the senior year. Transcript **must** contain the official seal of your high school. The sealed envelope **must** have the signature of the registrar affixed across the seal of the envelope, and be mailed **with** your application.
- Include Letter(s) of Acceptance for **fall 2016** enrollment to all schools with “Confirmed” status on page 6 of the application.

**\*Transcript/Class Schedule - Undergraduate Soror Applicants Only\*:**

- Include an official transcript, which includes **current** quarter/semester of courses taken
- Include a schedule of classes for current quarter/semester or upcoming quarter/semester

- The completed and signed application packet (with **all** requested information) must be received or postmarked **on or before March 4, 2016**. Please include **only ONE application per envelope**.
- Mail *completed* application to:

**Scholarship Committee  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter  
PO Box 522  
Oak Lawn, IL 60454**

If you have questions regarding this application, send email to [exs.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:exs.scholarship@gmail.com)

**Dr. Rachelle Stewart, Scholarship Chairperson, Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter  
Nai V. Colton, Basileus, Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter**

**CHECK LIST: Please check each of the following before submitting your application. Keep this page for your records.**

**ETA XI SIGMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Completed and signed application \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

- Only ONE application per envelope, please.

Two letters of recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

- Only ONE letter from a school-related reference
- Only ONE letter from a Non-school-related reference
- Each letter must be in a sealed envelope with the writer’s signature written across the flap of the envelope

**Undergraduate Soror Applicants only:** Two letters of recommendation as stated on page three

Essay \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Official transcript \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

- Transcript must be affixed with school seal and put in a sealed envelope with registrar’s signature or school stamp

Proof(s) of acceptance and/or admission for ALL colleges marked “Confirmed” on Page 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

**Undergraduate Soror Applicants only:** Class schedule as stated on page three

Date mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**How did you hear about this scholarship?**

(Please state name of person and relationship to you (i.e., school counselor, member of Sigma Gamma Rho, etc.)

**List colleges/universities applied to, check status of all applications, and, include letters of confirmed admission(s):** ( ) Confirmed

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**Parent/ Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** (if different from Student) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity Profile...**

**List all honors or awards received during high school at the national, state, or local level:**

<u>Honors/Awards</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
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**List ALL school and/or volunteer organizations in which you have participated or currently belong. Please indicate office held, if applicable:**

**Leadership/Community Service**

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**Release Authorization**

I certify that I have read and understand the conditions of the scholarship, and I certify that the information in this application is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information of a substantial nature provided as a part of this application will result in disqualification. I, hereby voluntarily grant my high school or college permission to confirm and/or verify information to Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated for the purpose of the scholarship selection. If selected as a recipient, I grant permission for my name, information and/or picture to be used in press releases, websites or other media outlets identifying me as an Eta Xi Sigma Scholar of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_