



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Beta Theta Sigma Chapter

Oakland, CA

2020 Scholarship Application

Background

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated was founded on November 12, 1922, on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Founded by seven schoolteachers, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated is the only one of the four NPHC sororities founded on a predominantly white college campus. The goal of our founders was to create an organization for 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 November 30, 1947, through the pioneering efforts of Evelyn Coleman Draper and Marie Spann Ivey, Beta Theta Sigma was the first Alumni Chapter chartered in Northern California. As membership in the chapter grew, they saw a need to extend the Founders' dreams of achievement through higher education and thus created scholarship opportunities for students pursuing higher education

Eligibility

A Beta Theta Sigma (BTS) Scholar demonstrates the following: strong academic skills, good 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, possessing a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Previous BTS undergraduate scholarship recipient currently enrolled in college and will be returning in the Fall (may re-apply up to 3 times), possessing a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- A financial (National, Regional, and Local) member of an undergraduate chapter advised by BTS (may re-apply up to 3 times), possessing a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Resides in the Greater Bay Area

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by **May 1, 2020** ; confirmations of receipt will be sent via email only. Incomplete applications and those received after Friday, **May 1, 2020** , will not be considered. Applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship will be notified via email. Upon notification, recipients are required to reply to the email indicating acceptance of the scholarship and be available to attend the Pan-Hellenic Council Scholarship Luncheon, Sunday, June 7, 2020.

Application Instructions

- Read the application carefully and complete all sections. **Applications that are incomplete or received after the deadline of May 1, 2020 will not be considered.**
- **Submit a double spaced, typewritten essay (500-word limit), using Times New Roman 12 font, that addresses the following, High School Applicants ONLY:**
 1. What are your thoughts on the importance of community service?
 2. How has your participation in community service made an impact on your peers, at your school, and in your community?
 3. How do you intend to continue to serve your community while you are in college?

Returning Applicant's and Financial Undergraduate Sorors advised by BTS, essay topic:

How has your continued participation in community service impacted your outlook on society?

- All applicants must include an official transcript that includes course work from Fall semester of the current year. Transcripts **must** contain the official seal of your high school/university. The sealed envelope **must** have the signature of the registrar affixed across the seal of the envelope and be mailed with your application.
- High school students include Letter(s) of Acceptance for **Fall 2020** enrollment.
- Reapplying current college students and Financial Undergraduate Sorors advised by BTS, include documentation verifying continued community service, on official letterhead stationery.

The completed and signed application packet (with **all** requested information) must be received **on or before** Friday, **May 1, 2020** . **Please include only ONE application per envelope.**

Mail *completed* application to:

Scholarship Committee
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Beta Theta Sigma Chapter
P.O. Box 1016
Oakland, CA 94604

If you have questions regarding this application, **please email** betathetasigma22@gmail.com, and enter **“2020 Scholarship Application”** as the subject line.

CHECK LIST: Please check each of the following before submitting your application.

Enclosed	Completed and signed application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only ONE application per envelope, please.
Enclosed	Two letters of recommendation (High School Applicants ONLY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONE letter from a school-related reference • 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
Enclosed	Community Service Verification (Reapplying Current College Students and Financial Undergraduate Sorors advised by BTS, ONLY) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One letter verifying community service
Enclosed	Official transcript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript of Fall 2019, must be affixed with school seal and put in a sealed envelope with registrar’s signature or school stamp
Enclosed	Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500-word limit, using Times New Roman 12 font
Enclosed	Proof(s) of acceptance and/or admission for ALL colleges marked “Confirmed” (High School Applicants ONLY)
Enclosed	Proof of Spring 2020 registration (Reapplying College Students and Financial Undergraduate Sorors advised by BTS, ONLY)

Date mailed: _____

Student Name: _____

Print

Sign

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Keep this information for your records.

Beta Theta Sigma Scholarship Application

Please Note: This application is not complete without the following:

- Applicant signature.
 - **Two** letters of recommendation selected from the preferred list provided in Application Instructions. (High School Applicants ONLY)
 - **One** letter verifying community service (Reapplying Current College Students and Financial Undergraduate Sorors advised by BTS.)
 - A sealed, official transcript, including current course work.
 - A **500-word maximum**, double-spaced, typewritten essay on the topics provided in Application Instructions.
 - Proof of acceptance for high school seniors.
 - Proof of registration for continuing college students and financial undergraduate Sorors advised by BTS.
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Student Profile ... (Please type or print)

Circle Gender (Optional): Male Female

Name of Student: First _____ Last _____ M.I. _____

Home Address: Street _____ Apt/Suite _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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School Name: _____

Location: _____
 Address City State Zip Code

Academic Record:

GPA (Grade Point Average) _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Intended College Major(s): _____

Are you an Undergraduate Soror? Yes No

If yes, indicate your Chapter name: _____

Are you a Rhoer? Yes No

If yes, give name and location of sponsoring Sigma Gamma Rho chapter

Is anyone in your family a member of Sigma Gamma Rho? Yes No

If yes, give their name and relationship to you _____

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 confirmed admission(s):

	() Confirmed

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>

List each school, and/or volunteer organization to which you currently belong. Please indicate office held, if applicable:

Leadership/Community Service:

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 permission to confirm and/or verify information to Beta Theta 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 a Beta Theta Sigma Scholar of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

Applicant's Signature _____
Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____
Date _____