



THE DEBBIE GAYDEN-LAVIZZO SCHOLARSHIP

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Xi Mu Zeta Chapter is chartered in Markham, Illinois. In giving back to its local community, a scholarship award was developed to provide financial assistance to a student in the South Suburbs. This application is for such an award.

This award is named after Zeta Debbie Gayden-Lavizzo. She was born in McComb, Mississippi, September 25, 1961. The youngest of six children, she was taught early in life that success comes with hard work and perseverance. Active in her community and church, loyal to her family and friends, Debbie gave of herself for the benefit of others in all that she did.

In 1981, she was initiated into the sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta at Southern Mississippi University. As a dedicated member, she strived for excellence in her chapter. Upon graduation, Debbie relocated to Chicago where she continued her strive for excellence and true dedication as a member of Xi Mu Zeta Chapter.

In 1997, she lost her battle with breast cancer at the young age of 36. Before her transition, she resided in the south suburbs. Debbie's spirit lives on through her husband, Christopher; her children, Michael Alexander and Taylor Marie; and her parents, sibling, sorority sisters and close friends. This award is named on her behalf to inspire students in the south suburbs to continue to strive for excellence.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the scholarship all applicants must:

1. Attend a school in District 205 **or**
 - a. Thornton Township – 15001 Broadway Avenue, Harvey, IL
 - b. Thornridge – 15000 Cottage Grove, Dolton, IL
 - c. Thornwood – 17101 South Park Avenue, South Holland, IL
2. Attend a school in District 228
 - a. Bremen High School – 15203 Pulaski Road, Midlothian, IL
 - b. Tinley Park High School – 6111 175th Street, Tinley Park, IL
 - c. Oak Forest High School – 15201 Central Avenue, Oak Forest, IL
 - d. Hillcrest High School – 17401 Crawford Avenue, Country Club Hills, IL
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or a 3.75 on a 5.0 scale
4. Male or female high school students involved in community service within the south suburban community

If you meet the application requirements, please submit:

A completed application by **Monday, February 28, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. CST**

Three (3) letters of recommendation from:

- An active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., **or**
- A high school counselor, **or**
- A high school teacher, **or**
- A church official, **or**
- An employer

A high school transcript reflecting your cumulative grade point average.

College bound high school seniors are encouraged to apply.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.
XI MU ZETA CHAPTER
Attention: Scholarship Committee
877-XMZ-1989
scholarship@ximuzeta89.org

ONLINE SUBMISSION ONLY
THE DEADLINE DATE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 BY 11:59 P.M. CST



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1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last Name **First Name** **Middle**

Address: _____
Street

City **State** **Zip**

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2. SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School that you currently attend: _____

District 205 _____ District 228 _____ Other District _____

Dates of attendance: _____

Please list your school/community involvement: _____

Where do you plan to attend college? _____

What are your career aspirations? _____



3. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Complete this section only if you are currently employed.

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: _____

Position and Responsibilities: _____

4. ESSAY SECTION

Please answer the following two questions in **typed essay form** only and attach to the application. Maximum of 100 words.

WHY DO YOU FEEL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

WHY SHOULD YOU BE AWARDED THE DEBBIE GAYDEN-LAVIZZO SCHOLARSHIP?

5. APPLICATION VERIFICATION

I, _____ do hereby certify that the information contained on the attached application is both accurate and correct. I also give my permission to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. or a representative thereof, to certify the information enclosed for the sole purpose of awarding me Xi Mu Zeta Chapter's **Debbie Gayden-LaVizzo Scholarship**.

Printed Name

Signature

Date



APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed application
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Proof of college acceptance/enrollment
- High School Transcripts (Reflecting Cumulative Grade Point Average)