



*Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated  
Omicron Theta Sigma Chapter - Portland, OR*

***Dr. George Washington Carver Academic Excellence Scholarship***

Dear Counselors, Parents, and Prospective Scholarship Applicants:

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has an established tradition of rewarding students who display the intellect and desire to pursue a higher education. In 2020, the Omicron Theta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. supports the academic efforts of our youth by awarding \$500 scholarships to male high school seniors in the metropolitan Portland area.

Our monetary scholarships are targeted toward, but not limited to, students from communities underrepresented in higher education who have demonstrated scholarly acumen, citizenship and commitment to serving humanity. The selection process is also sensitive to students with financial need.

This \$500 award will be disbursed during the fall semester/term after verification of enrollment and attendance. The scholarship is solely intended to help lessen the student's financial burden.

We look forward to receiving applications from students who aspire to pursue a college degree at an accredited institution of higher learning.

*Sincerely,*

Scholarship Chairman  
Omicron Theta Sigma Chapter  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
Portland, OR



Deadline: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Organizational Profile:**

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is an international organization that has become a legacy of excellence. The lineage of greatness began on January 9, 1914 with our three noble Founders: Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown on the campus of Howard University, Washington, DC. These proud men formed a chain of esteemed scholars striving to make a difference in society through the principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service.

The diversity of their membership was the unique attraction of Sigma. With Culture for Service and Service for Humanity as their motto, the Brotherhood was able to advance a variety of human causes, including civil and equal rights and service to America's communities. Inclusion rather than exclusion was the ethical foundation of Phi Beta Sigma's membership.

Decade after decade, Sigma has captured within its ranks great men of America's history. A century later and with over 150,000 members initiated, the Brotherhood has evolved into one of the nation's oldest African American institutions. Sigma Men are the high achievers, movers and shakers of their times. A few of the prominent men of Sigma are: James Weldon Johnson, Dr. George Washington Carver, Dr. Alain Leroy Locke, A. Philip Randolph, Dr. Huey P. Newton, Honorable Congressman John Lewis, and 42nd president of the United States, William "Bill" Clinton.

*Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.*

*Men of Culture*

*Men of Vision*

*Men of Service*



## **Eligibility:**

Applicant must be a college bound male senior graduating this year (2020) from a high school within Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, or Clark (WA) counties.

Applications considered from students with cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.

The successful applicant must show proof of enrollment in a four-year accredited college or university for the 2020-2021 academic year prior to the funds being released.

Applicant understands that submission of this application does not guarantee award and that all scholarship finalists will be notified no later than **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. **Scholarship recipients are requested to attend the Portland Area Black Baccalaureate program held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to receive their award. All non-winning applicants are encouraged to attend this event as well.**

## **Application Requirements (Applicant may use this area as a checklist.)**

- Submit Parts I, II, III, IV, and V
- Submit Part IV- the essay
- Submit your most recent transcript:  
Transcript must include 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your senior year.
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or principal.  
or
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a community member (faith-based leader, volunteer coordinator, etc.)
- Submit a recent photograph

**Deadline: All application materials must be submitted to [otsphibetasigma@gmail.com](mailto:otsphibetasigma@gmail.com) no later than April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Format your email subject line as follows: (your last name, first name, App for OTS Sch 2020)**

Any questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Omicron Theta Sigma Scholarship Committee via email to [otsphibetasigma@gmail.com](mailto:otsphibetasigma@gmail.com)



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**Part I. Personal Data:**

Name

Date of Birth

Mailing Address

Ph. #

Email address

Racial identity: (optional) Indicate all that apply:

Asian

Black/African American

Black/African Immigrant

Caucasian/White

Hispanic/Latino

Pacific Islander

Native American

Middle Eastern

Two or more races



**Part II. Educational Data:**

Name and location of High School:

List colleges/universities to which you have applied:

What is your intended major(s)?

If “undecided”, what are your areas of interest?

Have you been approved for other financial aid or scholarships? Indicate    Yes            No

If “yes”, identify source(s) and amount of award(s):



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**Part III. Honors and Activities:**

Please list your academic, other awards or honors you have earned during your high school years. Mark (X) the type of award and give the year it was received.

School Award	Community, Regional or State Award	National Award	Year of Award

Please list your school related co-curricular activities (such as clubs, student government, or sports), the grade(s) you participated in each, and include any leadership positions held (i.e. team captain or president). List most recent activities first.

Name of Activity	Position Held	Grade (s)



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Please list the activities you have participated in outside of school (such as community service, music, sports), and the years (i.e. 2016-2020) you have participated in each. For volunteer activities, please also list any sponsoring organizations (such as church, Boy Scouts, etc.). List most recent activities first.

Name of Activity	Position(s) Held	Sponsoring Organization	Year(s) of Participation



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#### **Part IV. Position Statement:**

This section of the application gives you an opportunity to present yourself in a way that grades and test scores may not reflect. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate the content of your essay and your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself clearly.

Attach and submit a titled original essay describing an experience, or set of experiences, that has had an impact on your life and explain how this experience has shaped who you are.

Your essay must follow the following format:

- Typed and double spaced
- 12-point font
- 500 words or less

#### **Part V. Signature Block**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that I plan to pursue my education beyond the high school level. I understand that I must have an official transcript (stamped and sealed) of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the Omicron Theta Sigma Scholarship process. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified males who have been accepted by an accredited university or college. If selected as an Omicron Theta Sigma Scholar, I agree that the Omicron Theta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. can use an image of me for official Fraternity purposes. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. Awards will be submitted to each recipient, upon written verification from an institution of higher education that the individual has enrolled. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_