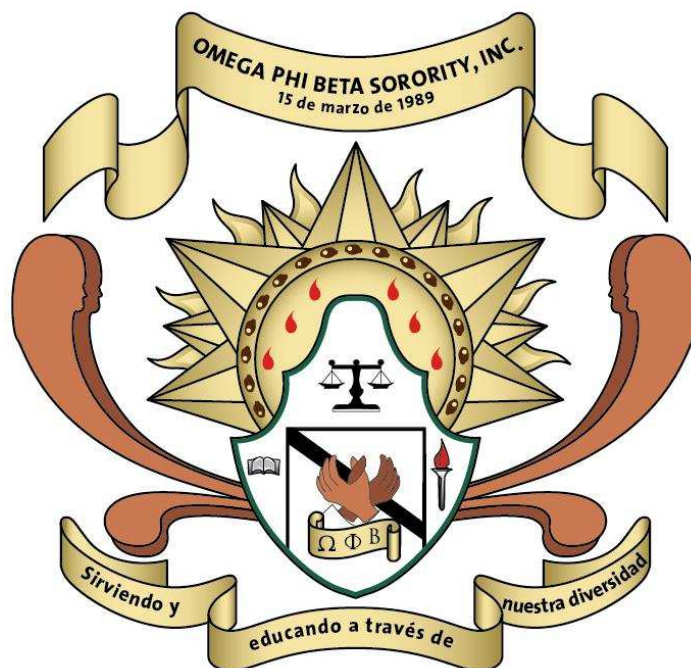


# REACH FOR THE GOLD Book Scholarship

**2016  
Application Packet**



**Mail completed application and all supporting documents to:**

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated  
Attn: Reach for the Gold Book Scholarship  
3117 Flowers Road South, Apartment K  
Atlanta, GA 30341

**Delivery Options:**

- (1) Electronic packets are due via [alumnae@omegaphibeta.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphibeta.org) July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 by 11:59pm.**
- (2) Mailed packets must be postmarked July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**



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The Reach for the Gold Book Scholarship recognizes academic and benevolent achievement among young women of color, and supports continued success through the first year of college. The Alumnae Association of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated awards one scholarship recipient annually.

Applications are reviewed based on content, clarity, and creativity. Only applications submitted as one single packet including all supporting documents via email or postmarked by **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016** will be considered. The award recipient will be announced no later than August 14, 2016 during our National Convention.

The total award amount is \$1,000 and will be disbursed in one installment once proof of enrollment at an accredited college/university is submitted to Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated. The disbursement is to be used towards the purchase of academic text books only.

*Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a Latina-oriented sorority founded on March 15, 1989, at the University at Albany, State University of New York. Seventeen women of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds came together to defy the injustices suffered by women, particularly women of color, in the academic, professional and political arenas. The purpose of OPBSI is to serve and educate people of diverse backgrounds through sisterhood, leadership, and guidance. As positive role models, we promote unity of all cultures, focus on the empowerment of our gender and raise the standards of excellence in our academic, social, and personal endeavors. For further information visit: [www.OmegaPhiBeta.org](http://www.OmegaPhiBeta.org).*



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## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants to the Reach for the Gold Book Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a female student of color. Woman of color identifies with any of the following ethnic backgrounds: Hispanic/Latina, Native American/Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.
2. Must be a senior in high school or secondary school, graduating in May/June 2016.
3. Must be entering an accredited 4-year college or university program as a first year student by the fall 2016 semester.
4. Must have a minimum high school / secondary school academic average of 85, or 3.4 on a 4.0 GPA scale.
5. Must have a minimum (math, writing, and critical reading) SAT score of 1300, or a minimum ACT Composite score of 25.

## Required Documentation Checklist

- Completed Application Questions (Part I)
- Personal Essays (Part II)
- Completed and signed Attestation (Part III)
- An *official* High School transcript must be included with application packet. Copies will be sealed for mailed packets. Scanned copies will only be allowed for emailed packets.
- Copy of SAT and/or ACT score reports. If your transcript includes this data, you may omit this step.

Two (2) letters of recommendation:

- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, supervisor, guidance counselor or school official. Letters must be dated, no earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and on official school letterhead.
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from a community agency (i.e. house of worship, YMCA or YWHA, soup kitchen or shelter, animal shelter, Girls Scouts, local heritage/ethnic interest club). This letter should be on letterhead and cannot be from a school official. Letters must be dated no earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
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**Note: Family members may not submit recommendations on your behalf.**

- Resume: Please include your current resume highlighting work experience, extracurricular activities, community service, awards, and academic achievements.
- One (1) passport style photograph: front-facing, approximately 2" x 2" in size. *Note: Photographs are used for promotional purposes only and have no bearing on the application status. No selfies.*



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## PART I: Application

### Personal Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender:  Female  Male Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ethnic Origin (select all that apply)

Hispanic/Latina  Native American / Alaskan Native  Black / African American  
 Asian  Pacific Islander  Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your H.S. offer an Advanced Placement (AP) Program?  Yes  No

*If yes, please list AP courses taken. Please use a separate sheet if necessary:*

AP Course Name	AP Exam Completed (Y/N)	AP Exam Score



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**Please list colleges/universities you have applied to and your application status for the fall 2016 semester:**

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**If you have already selected a college/university for the fall 2011 semester, please indicate the following:**

**College/University Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended Major/Academic Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information**

**Please summarize your Career Goal(s):**

**How did you hear about the Reach for the Gold Book Scholarship?**

School     Friend / Family Member     Internet Search Engine     [www.OmegaPhiBeta.org](http://www.OmegaPhiBeta.org)

Website (please indicate which one): \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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## PART II: Personal Essays

Please attach to this application two (2) 500-word essays that addresses the following questions. Essay format must meet academic standard formatting (1-inch margin, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced).

**ESSAY 1:** How will you contribute to society post-graduation while ensuring your personal success?

**ESSAY 2:** What service activities will you participate in while in college and how will you motivate others to get involved?

## PART III: Attestation

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

1. I have met all requirements as outlined and acknowledge that misrepresentation of the information presented may be grounds to rescind the scholarship award. I also agree to inform the scholarship committee of any significant changes to that information.
2. I will use the proceeds of any scholarship aid received from Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (OPBSI) for the purchase of academic text books only.
3. I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee award and that the scholarship recipients will be notified by **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. A public announcement will be published on OPBSI's national website ([www.OmegaPhiBeta.org](http://www.OmegaPhiBeta.org)) shortly thereafter.
4. I understand that submission of this application constitutes permission to use my name and/or photograph for promotional purposes regardless of my application status.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date