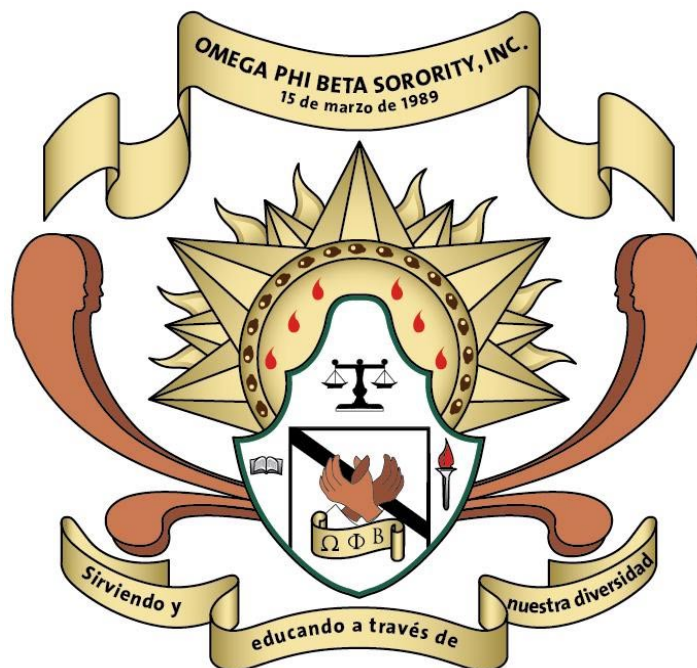


# **REACH FOR THE GOLD Book Scholarship**

**Application  
2011**



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

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated  
Attn: Reach for the Gold Book Scholarship  
PO Box 3352  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163-3352

**Envelope must be postmarked between  
March 1, 2011 and April 15, 2011**



**Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated**

*Serving and Educating Through Our Diversity*

**REACH FOR THE GOLD  
Book Scholarship**

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, and postmarked between **March 1, 2011 and April 15, 2011**, will be considered. The award recipient will be announced no later than August 1, 2011.

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 citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.
2. Must be a female student of color. Woman of color is defined as Hispanic/Latina, Native American/Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.
3. Must be a senior in high school or secondary school, graduating in May/June 2011.
4. Must be entering an accredited 4-year college or university program as a first year student by the fall 2011 semester.
5. Must have a minimum high school / secondary school academic average of 85, or 3.4 on a 4.0 GPA scale.
6. Must have a minimum combined (math, writing, and critical reading) SAT score of 1800, or a minimum ACT Composite score of 24.

**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. Photo copies or print-outs are not accepted.
- 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 September 1, 2010, 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 September 1, 2010.
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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.*



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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:

Table with 3 columns: AP Course Name, AP Exam Completed (Y/N), AP Exam Score



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**Academic Information**

Please list colleges/universities you have applied to and your application status for the fall 2011 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

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 1:** How will you contribute to society post-graduation and ensure your personal success?

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

**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 1, 2011**. 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