



## Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Theta Tau Sigma Chapter  
Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation  
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### **2020 Our Cause Education Scholarship Foundation Application**

The Theta Tau Sigma Alumni chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in partnership with Our Cause Education Scholarship Foundation (OCESF) awards academic scholarships to high school seniors in the Northern Virginia area (Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax City and Fairfax County) pursuing full-time enrollment in a college or university in the in the Fall of 2020. Awards are based on financial need, academic achievement, demonstrated leadership skills and community service. The Foundation's Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and makes the final award. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are FINAL. The scholarships awarded have a dollar value ranging from \$500 - \$2,000 for the 2020 academic year and must be applied to tuition, fees, supplies, books, or equipment.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Male and of African or African-American descent.
- 2020 high school graduate with a minimum GPA of 3.0; based on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrated community service, volunteer commitment, initiative, and leadership skills.
- Resident of one of the following Virginia counties or cities: Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax City, or Fairfax County.
- Provide written acceptance letter for the Fall 2020 academic school year from your selected college or university.
- Completed application package.
  - Completed application form. If under 18 years of age, application form must be signed by parent or guardian.
  - 2019-2020 official high school transcripts
  - Applicant photo
  - Letter of intent
  - Two professional letters of recommendation (one from each category):
    - Academic Achievement (HS Teacher/Counselor/Principal, etc.)
    - Community Service (Religious Leader, Work supervisor, Community/Volunteer Project Leader, etc.)

**All documents must be received or postmarked by March 21, 2020. Applications submitted after the deadline and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

If you have any questions regarding the application requirement, please contact the Scholarship Committee at [ocesfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ocesfoundation@gmail.com).

**Submit completed application via online at <http://thetatausigma1914.com/scholarship-2/> or mail to the address below:**

Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation  
Scholarship Committee  
Mason Enterprise Center – Fairfax  
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*Please note: Relatives of members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and/or The Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation are INELIGIBLE for this scholarship.*

PERSONAL DATA

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
Address:		
Home Phone: (     ) -	Mobile Phone: (     ) -	
Email Address:		

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

High School(s) Attended

Name	Location (City, State)	Dates Attended	Class Size/Rank (HS)	GPA

College/university you will apply to for 2020 admission:

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Name of intended program/major at that institution:

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Honors and Awards:

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Community Service-Related Activities and Offices Held:

(Include summer/holiday employment, internships, part-time positions, etc. Also include participation in service, charitable, athletic, and high school or campus organizations.)

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Employment

In submitting this application, I hereby certify that I, \_\_\_\_\_, have met all requirements as outlined and acknowledge that any 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 information contained in the application.

I am a student who will be enrolled in a college or university's degree program in 2020-2021 academic years.

The Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Committee may release any material pertinent to my application including letters of recommendation, transcripts, and personal statements to the Executive Board of the Theta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation to be used as appropriate and necessary.

Any funds received from the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Theta Tau Sigma Chapter/Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation Scholarship will be used solely for the purpose of paying educational expenses.

Payments will be issued within 30 days upon verification of enrollment. Forfeiture of scholarship award will occur if pertinent information is not received by November 1, 2020. Scholarship payments will be sent directly to the university's Business Office to insure proper credit to your account.

Awards decisions of the Scholarship Committee are **FINAL**.

I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee an award. Also, all scholarship applicants may be **REQUIRED** to be available for interviews and attend a chapter Scholarship Award event/ NPHC Black Scholars event. *Failure to attend may result in forfeiture of scholarship award.*

I grant permission to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Theta Tau Sigma Chapter and Our Cause Education & Scholarship Foundation to use my name, comments, picture, or photography for public relations, advertising or any other lawful purposes, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s) including written copy that may be created in conjunction therewith. I understand that information from my official transcript(s), scholarship application, and submitted essay(s) may be used.

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Applicant Print Name

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Parent/Guardian Print Name

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Applicant's Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date