



**Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc.  
2025 Grace Shallowhorn “Silver Belle” Graduate  
Scholarship Application**

**Please submit application by April 30, 2025**

## Purpose Statement

The purpose of scholarship through Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is to provide financial assistance to matriculating minority female college students in pursuit of self-improvement through education. It is our fervent prayer that the award is received with a spirit of thanksgiving and utilized to support the aspirations of its recipient.

### Grace Shallowhorn “Silver Belle” Graduate Scholarship - \$1,000:

Grace Shallowhorn became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated in 1954 while attending college in New York City. She truly exemplified the sorority’s founding principles of Scholarship, Community Service, Sisterly Love, and Finer Womanhood. She served the sorority for over 50 years. Grace was one of five Zetas responsible for the charting of Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter and a two-time recipient of Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter’s Longevity Award. She was crowned Zeta of the Year in 1998 and is the chapter’s first and only “Silver Belle”; the highest honor a chapter can bestow on an elder member. The recipient of the Grace Shallowhorn Graduate Scholarship displays characteristics of Finer Womanhood, Sisterly Love, has a strong academic foundation and the ability to follow through on her goals no matter what obstacles cross her path.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Each applicant must be a female and have at least one birth parent who is a member of one of the following groups: Black/African American, Hispanic, Native American, African or Black/African Caribbean.
2. Graduate applicants must be enrolled and matriculating in an accredited graduate or doctorate program at a college or university with a minimum number of 9 credit hours.
3. Applicant must be a resident of Erie or Niagara County (Proof of residency will be required).
4. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or 80 and above on a numeric scale. An official copy of their transcript must be submitted.
5. Applicants must provide one professional letter of recommendation and one letter of recommendation demonstrating their community involvement.

### Application Procedure:

To be considered for a scholarship, application and supporting materials must be received no later than **April 30, 2025**. Applicants may submit the following documentation listed below via email to the scholarship chair at [kyzscholar1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyzscholar1920@gmail.com). Please make sure to include in this order:

1. Completed and signed scholarship application completed in fillable pdf. and downloaded.
2. Completed essays are typed on separate paper. (1 copy)
3. Most current official academic transcript.
4. The two letters of recommendation.

5. Scan all documents (single-sided) into **ONE PDF** and email to [kyszscholar1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyszscholar1920@gmail.com) by **11:59pm on April 30, 2025**.
6. **Please work with your school counselor if you need assistance with this process.**
7. Photographic images from your phone of the required documents will not be accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE: Applicants who do not follow the submission directions and whose applications omit any of the required documents will not be considered.**

**Essay Procedure:**

1. Essays must be 500 to 750 words typed on a separate sheet of paper using Times New Roman 12pt. font and 1.5 spacing.

**Essay Question:** In 500-750 words, write a short essay that describes the most difficult challenge you've ever faced and how did you handle it.

**Notification and Conditions of Payment**

1. Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc. will notify each applicant of the result status of their application via email.
2. Recipients must submit documentation from their institution providing enrollment for the Fall 2025 semester.
3. Recipients will be required to email a brief biography and a photo.

**Please send all scholarship inquiries to: Sheila Murphy, Scholarship Chair by email [kyszscholar1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyszscholar1920@gmail.com)**

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**Grace Shallowhorn "Silver Belle" Graduate Scholarship \$1000**  
**2025 Scholarship Application Cover Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Permanent mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and street name*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

School presently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College GPA through January 2025: Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Matriculation status:     Graduate     Doctorate

Earned degree if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity:

Black/African-American     Hispanic     Native American     African     Caribbean  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest the information submitted to the Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc. 2025 Scholarship is true. I understand that if it is found that I have misled the scholarship committee with manipulated information my application will be void and I will be disqualified from applying for scholarship funds from Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc. indefinitely. I understand and agree to all the requirements detailed in the application description.

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*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*