



Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
**2025 Willie Carney Harden Undergraduate
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.

Willie Carney Hardin Undergraduate Scholarship - \$500

Willie C. Hardin became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated while obtaining her undergraduate degree. In 1980, Willie C. Hardin joined four other phenomenal members of the sorority and chartered the Kappa Upsilon Zeta Chapter the graduate chapter in Buffalo, New York. She remained active in the chapter until she became sick and moved down south where she could be cared for by family. Willie C. Hardin passed away in the early 1990s and despite her illness was very active in the community up to her passing. Since her induction into the sorority, Willie C. Hardin believed strongly in the principles of the sorority, especially the principle of community service and scholarship. She believed with a good education there is nothing that could not be achieved in life. The recipient of the Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Willie Carney Hardin Undergraduate Scholarship should demonstrate leadership abilities through participation in the community and displays academic progress.

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. Undergraduate applicant must be enrolled and matriculating in an accredited undergraduate program at a college or university with a minimum number of 12 credit hours.
3. If the applicant is a high school senior in Erie or Niagara County, they must be enrolled at a college or university and registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours.
3. Applicant must be a resident of Erie or Niagara County (Proof of residency will be required).
4. Applicant 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. Applicant 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 kyszscholar1920@gmail.com. Please make sure to include in this order:

1. Completed and signed scholarship application completed in fillable pdf format and downloaded.
2. Completed essay 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 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 500-750 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 how you have contributed to your community.

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

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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: _____

High School students only: GPA: _____

College GPA through January 2025: Undergraduate GPA: _____

Degree pursuing: _____ Program: _____

Matriculation status: () High School () Undergraduate

Earned degree if applicable: _____

Ethnicity:

() Black/African-American () Hispanic () Native American () African () Caribbean
() Other: _____

I attest the information submitted for 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.

Signature

Date

