



Omega Phi Beta Foundation – STEM to Flowers

WHO WE ARE: Omega Phi Beta Foundation (OPBF) is a national philanthropic organization committed to providing leadership, academic, and community development opportunities through educational and grant-making initiatives. These initiatives support individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing women’s rights in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math).

STEM TO FLOWER: The Omega Phi Beta Foundation STEM to Flowers Scholarship is awarded to current high-school seniors looking to pursue an undergraduate degree in the **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics) field(s). The increased inclusion of women and girls in this field not only diversifies the field, in terms of gender and thought, but also serves to encourage other women and girls to become involved.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must currently be a female high-school senior.
- Must be from a low income household earning a combined income that is less than \$45,000.00 a year.
- Must be in pursuit of an undergraduate degree at a college or university.
- Must be pursuing a degree with a major in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics) field.

SELECTION PROCESS: The Board of Directors of Omega Phi Beta Foundation will review all applications and consider all applicants.

AWARD INFORMATION: All General Scholarships are awarded for one academic year and are non-renewable. Individual scholarship awards are for \$500.00.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Any student selected to receive a scholarship will be notified via e-mail by mid-July.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Submit a completed general application (see page 3).
2. Current official high school transcript.
3. Proof of Fall 2019 or Spring 2020 enrollment in an accredited university or college.
4. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation - One recommendation must be from a member who is currently active in the field of choice, such as a mentor, teacher, or advisor.

Letters of recommendation must include the following:

1. Applicant's name and level of study.
2. Name of high-school the applicant attends and intended program of study at the desired undergraduate institution.



3. Complete address, phone and/or fax, and email address of the school or nominator.

NOTE: Letters of recommendation must be sent via e-mail as an attached PDF file. All the letters must be sent by the recommender submitting the recommendation on the student's behalf. The letters must be received on or before the scholarship deadlines noted herein. **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all letters are sent by the deadline.**

5. Personal Statement – Submit a personal statement of 750-1000 words in PDF format. Please submit your personal statement using the following questions as guidelines:
 - What sparked your interest in your chosen STEM field? For example, courses taken, after-school program, a family member.
 - What are your career goals for your chosen field?
 - Describe any experience you already have in the field. For example, volunteer work, personal website, part of a club at school, or an online portfolio. Please include the URL to any of these, if applicable.
6. Proof of income: Copy of parent or guardian's previous tax return making sure to cross out any sensitive information, such as social security number.
7. Please include a headshot of yourself in either .JPG or .GIF format, which will be used on our social media if you are chosen as the winner.
8. A signed Photo Release form (found on page 4).

Please submit all materials to: scholarships@opbfoundation.org

Applications must be submitted, in their entirety, by 5pm on May 31. **No applications will be accepted if emailed after the designated deadline.**



General Application

Nominee		
Name (Complete Government Issued Name):		
Date of Birth:	Age:	
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email Address:		
Telephone Number:		
School Information		
High School:	GPA:	
College/University:	Degree:	GPA:
Extended Education:	Degree:	GPA:
How did you hear about us?		
Social Media/Online (please specify):		
Personal Recommendation (list name):		
Relationship to Nominee:		
Certification of Authenticity		
<i>I certify that all the information that I am submitting in this application is accurate to my knowledge. All information pertains to me and if chosen as an award winner, Omega Phi Beta Foundation is allowed to utilize my information for promotional use only via the intended scholarship.</i>		
Print Name		
Sign Name		
Date		



Photo Release Form

I hereby consent to the use, reproduction, and/or editing by Omega Phi Beta Foundation, Inc. of any and all photographs of me from this day to promote Omega Phi Beta Foundation, Inc.

I do hereby release to Omega Phi Beta Foundation, Inc. all rights to exhibit this photograph in print and/or electronic form publicly or privately. I understand that the images may be used in print production, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media is used.

I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement. If I am not at least 18 years of age a Parental Guardian must sign on my behalf.

Name of Participant (please print): _____

Participant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if Participant is under 18 years of age): _____

Date: _____