December 2025

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Rho Sigma Scholarship. This scholarship is offered through the Rho Sigma Foundation in partnership with Rho Sigma Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. The Rho Sigma Foundation (RSF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that supports selected community service projects and develops educational and civic programs related to women, children, health, and education to uplift and improve the Detroit community. It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.

Up to fifteen (15) scholarships are available to be awarded in 2026; $500 for students entering or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate/doctoral program, $250 for students entering or enrolled in a community college or trade program and students identified as needs based.

* High School Seniors**:** Three (3) scholarships will be awarded to students graduating as a high school senior entering a 4-year college/university in the fall of 2025. Three (3) scholarships will be awarded to graduating Rhoers.
* Community College: Two (2) scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing a degree from an accredited community college.
* Trade school: One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing certification from a trade school.
* Undergraduate**:** Two (2) scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing a degree from an accredited college/university.
* Graduate/Doctoral**:** Two (2) scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing a degree from an accredited college/university.
* Needs Based: Two (2) scholarships will be awarded to students that demonstrate financial hardship which may have implications on their ability to further their education. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 and must be enrolled in or intend to enroll in an accredited institution. Proof is required.

The application must be filled out completely and submitted via email to **rhosigmascholarship@gmail.com.** For consideration, you must meet the following criteria and submit the required documentation along with your application:

Must be **entering** in the Fall 2026 or **continuing** studies at a College/ University, Community College or Trade School.

* Acceptance Letter or proof of current enrollment (school schedule acceptable)

GPA requirements;

* High School applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
* Community College, Trade School and Special Circumstances applicants must have a minimum GPA of a 2.8
* Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctoral applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Additional requirements;

* Official High School Transcript (H.S)/Official College Transcript (transcripts must be emailed directly by the school or transcript service to **rhosigmascholarship@gmail.com**)
* 2 Current Letters of Recommendation (**Letters should not be dated before 10/01/2025**)
* Students applying for the needs-based scholarship must submit all of the necessary documents noted above in addition to proof of government assistance including, food or cash assistance benefits letter, TANF (Temporary assistance for needy families) letter or SSI/SSDI documentation. All documents must be current. Please also attach a statement in 100 words or less that demonstrates financial hardship and how this may impact furthering your education.

**All documentation including application, 2 letters of recommendation, school acceptance letter and/or proof of enrollment, must be submitted together.**

**The application and all required information must be received by   
11:59pm (EST) on February 22, 2026.**

**If you have questions, please email** [**RhoSigmaScholarship@gmail.com**](mailto:RhoSigmaScholarship@gmail.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 22, 2026 by 11:59 pm (EST)**

*Failure to complete all parts of the application as directed will result in disqualification from consideration.*

Name:

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): Age:

Address:

City, State & Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

High School (if applicable):

College/University/Trade School (if applicable):

Intended Major/Current Major:

Parent/Guardian Name (High School Applicants Only):

Parent/Guardian Phone Number (High School Applicants Only):

Parent/Guardian Email (High School Applicants Only):

Are you majoring in Education? ◻ Yes ◻ No

Are you a member, affiliate or have a family member in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Please indicate

□ Member (**Enter Chapter**)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

□ Philo (**Enter Chapter**)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

□ Rhoer (**Enter Chapter**)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

□ Family member (**Enter family member’s name**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

□ N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. What type of scholarship are you applying for? (Check only one)
   * Community College
   * Trade School
   * Undergraduate
   * Graduate School
   * Needs Based
2. What is your cumulative grade point average as reflected on your most recent report card? **Submit appropriate GPA verification (i.e., official transcript)**
3. List all organizations in which you have actively participated in during your high school/college tenure.
4. List any leadership role that you have held in school activities/organizations.
5. List any awards, honors, or commendations that you have received during the 2024-25 school year. Please indicate the source, date, and basis for the award.
6. List any community service activities that you have been involved in during your high school/college experience. Include the organization’s name and contact person’s name/phone number. **Indicate if currently involved.**
7. **Attach two (2) letters of recommendation** from people who are **NOT relatives** (e.g., school staff, counselors, administrators, teachers, business professionals, civic/ community leaders or church leaders). Letters should be on letterhead when available.

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|  | **Name** | **Title/Relationship** | **Email Address** | **Phone Number** |
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| 2 |  |  |  |  |

1. **Attach your Letter of Acceptance or Proof of Enrollment (school schedule acceptable)**.

*I hereby declare that all my statements in the application are true. Additionally, I have attached or submitted all the requested documents as specified (transcript, recommendation letters, proof of acceptance/enrollment). I agree to accept the decision of the Rho Sigma Scholarship Committee. If granted an award, I acknowledge that receipt of this award is contingent upon my acceptance, enrollment, and continuous enrollment.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*The Rho Sigma Chapter Scholarship Committee of Rho Sigma Foundation and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. does not   
discriminate based on race, color, age, gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. Rho sigma Foundation reserves all discretion to make substitutions were deemed appropriate.*

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

The application and all supplemental materials are to be completed, submitted and received by 11:59 pm (EST) on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Please submit the application along with all required supporting documents to the email below:

**TO:** [**RhoSigmaScholarship@gmail.com**](mailto:RhoSigmaScholarship@gmail.com?subject=Scholarship%20Application)

**SUBJECT: Scholarship Application**

**SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS & NOTICE OF AWARDS**

Applicants will be narrowed down to the finalists based on consideration for each candidate's application including review of their overall academic progress, recommendation letters and their interview. The Rho Sigma Scholarship Committee does not discriminate based on race, color, age, gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

**SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

Following the review of the applications, candidate interviews will be scheduled in March 2026. Candidates will be notified by email if selected or not for the interview process. Candidate selection for interviews will be determined by application completion and timely submission in addition to GPA and community involvement. Selected candidates will participate in a 15–20-minute virtual interview process via Zoom with the scholarship committee. We ask that you select a space with minimal to no distractions and dress business casual. Cameras are required to be on at all times.

**NOTIFICATION OF AWARD**

Applicants will be notified via email of any scholarship award or denial by the end of April 2026.

**REVOCATION OF AWARD**

The Rho Sigma Scholarship Committee reserves the right to revoke all scholarships awarded if the applicant fails to meet any scholarship requirements or reports falsified information.

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