

# **2014 EFFIE MCKERSON BOOK SCHOLARSHIP**

**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.  
IOTA ZETA ZETA CHAPTER, MINNEAPOLIS, MN**



## **Effie McKerson: The Woman**

Effie McKerson was originally from Henderson, TX. She was married to Hayward McKerson and she has one son, Hayward McKerson, Jr. She was the first black teacher in the Edina Public School system and a member of the Board of Education. Prompted by her experiences as an educator in the states, she decided that she wanted to make a bigger impact in the education sector, teaching internationally in several countries abroad. She retired from the Edina Public School System and then went on to work at Harvest Preparatory Charter School in Minneapolis as an educator. She traveled the world and sponsored numerous foreign students throughout her journeys.

Not only was she the first black teacher in the Edina Public School system, but also the first black woman to become a member of the elite Women's Club in Minneapolis, MN. She was very politically active in the Republican Party and she was the Alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1972.

Ms. McKerson was also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She, along with seven other members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., saw the need to bring the organization to Minnesota, chartering our chapter, Iota Zeta Zeta, on November 17, 1979. She was also elected as the first President of the chapter, never tiring in her efforts to provide service and uplifting those in need for over 35 years, until her passing on March 5, 2012.

Iota Zeta Zeta seeks to award one young woman for her efforts as a standout student, who is scholarly and active in her school and/or community, similar to our beloved Soror McKerson. This young woman is focused and exemplifies what Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc stands for. We proudly offer this book scholarship in hopes of assisting a determined young woman reach her academic and professional goals.

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## GUIDELINES

The 2014 Effie McKerson Book Scholarship will consist of one award in the amount of \$500.

1. Candidates must be female, graduating seniors, and must attend school in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro or surrounding areas. **Women of color are strongly encouraged to apply.**
2. The student must be in good academic standing and have an overall “B” or better GPA (3.0 on a 4.0 scale).
3. Candidates must be attending an accredited four - year college or university and show proof.
4. Candidates should have involvement in at least one of the following: civic, religious, community and/or extracurricular activities and submit proof of said activities. This is part of the basis for selection.
5. Applicant’s grades and grade point average will also be considered, and part of the basis for selection.
6. Persons related to Iota Zeta Zeta Chapter members are ineligible for this scholarship.
7. All candidates must submit a completed application, letter of recommendation, and a copy of her most recent high school transcript and it must be postmarked by **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Any missing, incomplete or late documents disqualify the application.
8. Scholarship recipient will be notified by mail and/or phone by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**.
9. The award will be paid directly to the recipient at a later date to be determined once proof of enrollment at an accredited college or university has been submitted (A class schedule and a bursar’s letter or receipt must be submitted).
10. By completing and signing this application, if selected as the scholarship recipient, you give Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Iota Zeta Zeta Chapter, the right to use your name and likeness in any of our promotional materials (i.e. website, press releases and such).

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## Instructions for completion of scholarship application

1. Please **type or print neatly** the answers to **all** questions.
2. Please answer all questions under the section labeled “Extra-Curricular Activities” and the essay questions on a separate sheet of paper. Include your name on the top right corner of each additional sheet of paper, and must be typed.
3. An official copy of your most recent transcript must be included with your application packet. Only sealed, official transcripts with your school’s official stamp or seal will be accepted.
4. You must include the names, addresses and phone numbers of your reference. **Your reference must be from one of the following: one of your high school teachers, academic advisor, a community center employee where you have worked or volunteered, minister, civic organization or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**
5. The person selected to provide your recommendation should return the completed recommendation form to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal of the envelope.
6. The completed application packet (this includes the application page 4 and 5 of this document), transcript and recommendation forms) must be postmarked by **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Please return application packet to:

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Iota Zeta Zeta Chapter**  
**Attn: Effie McKerson Scholarship Committee**  
**P. O. Box 581303**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55458-1303**

7. If there are any questions regarding the completion of this application packet feel free to contact the Scholarship Committee via email at [iotazetazeta@hotmail.com](mailto:iotazetazeta@hotmail.com). Your message will be responded to within two business days. Be sure to put **Effie McKerson Scholarship Committee** in the subject area.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving any other scholarships? If yes, which ones ?  
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How did you find out about the scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Educational Background**

<i>Name and Location of Institution</i>	<i>Date Entered</i>	<i>Graduation Date</i>	<i>G.P.A.</i>
★ Elementary _____ _____ _____	_____	_____	_____
★ Junior High _____ _____ _____	_____	_____	_____
★ High School _____ _____ _____	_____	_____	_____
★ College or University you plan to attend (name and location) _____			

**Please include a sealed, official transcript with your scholarship application.**

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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please answer the following questions in a short answer format on a separate sheet of paper. (All responses must be typed.)

What are your short-term and long-term educational goals?

Please list any honors and awards that you have received.

Describe your work and volunteer experiences (titles, places of employment and duties). Please indicate if they were full or part-time, paid or volunteered, begin with your most current position.

Describe your hobbies, club memberships and/or sports activities.

## REFERENCE

List the name, address and phone number of one, unrelated persons who can speak on your character, school activities, and community service and/or job experiences. The reference must be from a teacher or academic advisor at the school you are currently attending, a community center employee, minister, civic organization, or member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Have your reference complete the included recommendation form. The recommendation form must be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
_____	_____	_____

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Signature of Applicant	Date

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Name of Applicant (print)

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Signature of Guardian	Date

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Name of Guardian (print)

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**