



**Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc.**  
**2024 Willie Carney Harden Undergraduate  
Scholarship Application**

**Deadline: Please submit application by March 30, 2024**

## 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 **March 30, 2024**. Applicants may submit the following documentation listed below via email to the scholarship chair at [kyszscholar1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyszscholar1920@gmail.com) or in one envelope addressed to Kappa Upsilon Zeta Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 170 Manhattan Ave #54 Buffalo, New York 14215 ATTN: Scholarship Committee.

Please make sure to include in this order:

1. Completed and signed scholarship application. (Use blue ink)
2. Completed essay typed on separate paper (1 copy)
3. Most current official academic transcripts (can be sent electronically to [kyszscholar1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyszscholar1920@gmail.com))
4. The two letters of recommendation (1 copy of each attached to the essay)

**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 2024 semester.
3. Recipients will be required to email a brief biography and a photo.
4. Recipients will be provided with further information for the awards presentation. Scholarship recipients are asked to attend the awards presentation to accept the award and participate in a photo opportunity.

**Please send all scholarship inquiries to: [kyszscholar1920@gmail.com](mailto:kyszscholar1920@gmail.com)**

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**Willie Carney Harden Undergraduate Scholarship \$500**  
**2024 Scholarship Application Cover Sheet**  
*(Please print neatly using **blue ink**)*

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 2024: 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. 2024 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*

