

# Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

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Greetings Chapter Basilei and Amicae Auxiliary Presidents,

It is time again to ready yourselves for the 2024 Maryland State Leadership Conference Z-HOPE™ Awards and Recognition Program. Please read the enclosed carefully.

Graduate chapters, Undergraduate chapters, and Zeta Amicae Auxiliaries will be considered for the following awards:

**Service Awards:** These awards will be presented in three categories: Pearl Service Award, Sapphire Service Award, and/or Silver Service Award for Undergraduates, Graduates, and Amicae Auxiliaries. They will be based solely on verified points awarded for programs reported via the Zeta Service Management System (ZSMS).

**Z-Excellence Awards:** These awards will be presented in three categories to include Social Justice, Health Justice, and Economic Justice for Undergraduates, Graduates, and Amicae Auxiliaries. They will be based solely on submitting the written chapter or auxiliary statement.

**Zeta Male Network Service Partner of the Year:** This award will be presented to one network based solely on verified points awarded for programs reported via the Zeta Service Management System (ZSMS).

Please review the information below and the attachment for detailed information.

### **Z-HOPE™ Recognition & Awards**

Chapter, Amicae Auxiliaries, and Zeta Male Networks that meet minimum international requirements for completion of Z-HOPE™ programs will be recognized. Chapters, Amicae Auxiliaries and Zeta Male Networks that exceed minimum international requirements for completion of Z-HOPE™ programs will be in contention for Z-HOPE™ Awards, including Z-Excellence Awards, if applicable.

**Z-HOPE™ recognition & awards are based on programs completed in the PRIOR sorority year. The following requirements apply to programs completed in the 2022-2023 sorority year and will be the basis of recognition and awards at the 2024 Maryland State Leadership Conference.**

### **Size and Number of Program Requirements for Chapters and Amicae**

- 1-4 members/completion of at least 2 programs
- 5-25 members/completion of at least 3 programs
- 26-50 members/completion of at least 4 programs
- 51 + members/completion of at least 6 programs

### **Category Requirements**

- At least one (1) Z-HOPE™ program must be for Women AND
- At least one (1) Z-HOPE™ program must be for Mental Health or Autism Awareness

### **Maryland State Z-Excellence Awards**

The Maryland State Z-Excellence Award is an opportunity to recognize chapters in the State of Maryland who have implemented extraordinary programming in their service area and beyond, enhanced their community in significant, visible, and noticeable ways, and have positively impacted the State of Maryland through time, talent, and finance. To be considered for a Z-Excellence Award, Chapters and Amicae Auxiliaries must submit a typed statement. Statements must include the attached cover letter to confirm demographics and the category you wish to be considered. Chapters and Auxiliaries will only be considered for the category indicated on the cover sheet. Statements should be creatively presented, typed in third person, and use both qualitative and quantitative

information to demonstrate how the Chapter/Amicae/Auxiliary has addressed each of the elements in the selected category. Be intentional. Chapters will be evaluated on presentation creativity. Include supporting documents such as thank you letters, press releases, testimonials, photos, etc.

**Please note:** Statements should not summarize all the activities completed throughout the year in multiple categories. Submissions that do not clearly address the selected category will be voided. Take the time to avoid skeletal responses. Chapters, please encourage and assist your sponsored Amicae Auxiliaries with submitting a statement! This is your time!

**Scored Elements aligned with the Power of S.H.E.**

Chapter Statements will be evaluated on the following elements:

- Commitment (50pts)
- Accomplishment (50pts)
- Impact (50pts)

Additional evaluation areas:

- Creativity (25 pts)
- Grammar/Punctuation/Organization (25 pts)

**What are examples of what DEMONSTRATE each element?**

***Commitment***

- Multiple programs and or projects over a period of time
- Single program expanded over a period of time
- Going above and beyond
- Motivated others around the cause

***Accomplishment***

- Collaborations
- Growth within the targeted area
- Depth of service/programming
- Recognitions/Accolades/Citations

***Impact***

- Number of people impacted/served
- Empowered participants and the community (thank you letters, photos, testimonials etc., are strongly encouraged to support)
- Generated positive change within the targeted area
- Incorporated Get Engaged / Social Action

**Submission:**

Submit to [Z-HOPE@zphibmaryland.org](mailto:Z-HOPE@zphibmaryland.org) no later than 11:59 pm on February 4, 2024.

**Please note:** Do you want to be considered for multiple categories? You MUST submit one statement and cover letter PER category! Although a Chapter or Amicae Auxiliary can be considered for more than one category, you can only receive one Z-Excellence Award for a given award year.

In Service,

Rachelle Adams, Maryland State Z-HOPE™ Co-Coordinator  
Eureka Thompkins, Maryland State Z-HOPE™ Co-Coordinator  
Tameka Barber, Maryland State Z-HOPE™ Committee Member

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## Z-EXCELLENCE AWARD COVER SHEET

**This cover sheet is required for EACH Z-Excellence Award submission.**

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| <b>Name of Chapter or Amicae Auxiliary</b>                                       |  |
| <b>Name of Basileus or Amicae President</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Name of Chapter or Amicae Auxiliary Z-HOPE™ Coordinator</b>                   |  |
| <b>Service Area</b>                                                              |  |
| <b>Sponsoring Chapter (if applicable)</b>                                        |  |
| <b>Institution Name (Undergraduates Only)</b>                                    |  |
| <b>Chapter or Amicae Auxiliary Address</b>                                       |  |
| <b>City/State/Zip</b>                                                            |  |
| <b>Total Number of Chapter or Amicae Auxiliary Members (as of June 30, 2023)</b> |  |

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| <b>Selected Category: (choose ONE Category per submission, per cover sheet):</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social Justice</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Health Justice</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Economic Justice</b> |
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| <b>Submitted by (first and last name)</b> |  |
| <b>Date of submission</b>                 |  |
| <b>Telephone</b>                          |  |
| <b>Email Address:</b>                     |  |