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THE GAMMA PHI BETA FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

Gamma Phi Beta is pleased to announce the Foundation's scholarship and fellowship awardees for the 2020-21 academic year.

Scholarships and fellowships are made possible by the generous sisters and friends with a special interest in Gamma Phi Beta or a specific Gamma Phi Beta chapter. These donors made financial gifts to the Foundation, endowing a financial aid award(s) for members.

The Grants Committee reviewed and assessed 102 applications and granted over \$48,000 in scholarships and fellowships to 43 Gamma Phi Beta women to support them in continuing their education.

The Grants Committee of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Board of Trustees extends our congratulations to all our financial aid awardees*!

**Only financial aid recipients who provided Gamma Phi Beta with their information and gave us their permission to publish that information are included below.*



Abigail Amelia Douglas

University: Colgate University

Area of Study: Sociology

Thank you Gamma Phi Beta for allowing me not only to join the best sisterhood I've ever been a part of, but for also providing me with financial resources that I can use to continue my education and remain a part of the organization.



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Abigail Christine Turner

University: University of Missouri-Columbia

Area of Study: Agriculture Education

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. I hope to honor your investment in my education with dedication to my studies, sisters and community.



Alina Baron

University: University of California-Berkeley

Area of Study: Computer Science

I would like to thank my sisters for selecting me to be the recipient of the Eta Chapter Scholarship Endowment in Memory of Michelle Bernadette and Eta Chapter Ellender Dickson Financial Aid Endowment from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation! It means a lot to me knowing that I have sisters by my side to help me through my collegiate experience and motivate me to pursue a career in STEM!



Allison Leigh Sams

University: Indiana University

Area of Study: Elementary Education

Gamma Phi Beta is more than just the house on North Jordan. Gamma Phi has given me a place to call home, the most unbelievably intelligent, supportive and welcoming sisters, and a community I am incredibly proud to be a part of. I want to thank the women of Beta Phi for giving me endless amounts of support throughout my time as chapter president and throughout some of the toughest years of my personal life. I want to thank Heather Seber for going great lengths to ensure that the women of Beta Phi succeed. I want to thank Samantha Abel and Cheryl Gunter for awarding me with this endowment. Hannah Wilson was, and forever will be, a light in my life and someone who has always inspired me to fearlessly love those around me. I am forever grateful for this humbling recognition, and I am forever proud to be a Gamma Phi.



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Amanda Locker

University: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Area of Study: Biological Sciences

Thank you so much for granting me the Eta Epsilon Scholarship! Your generosity has helped to lighten the financial burden of college on my family. In addition to my father's medical bills, I am an out of state student with other college-aged siblings. The financial assistance you've provided me with will be a great help in paying for my educational expenses. Words alone cannot do justice to how thankful I am for your gift, but I hope my accompanying letter can begin to show you my appreciation.



Blazie Alex Gilder

University: University of Idaho
Area of Study: Medical Sciences

I feel incredibly honored to have received this scholarship. I believe quality education is vital for my future success, and without scholarships like this one, attending college would not be a possibility for me. Without having to worry about funding for school, I will be able to focus on serving my community, contributing as a valuable member of my chapter and Greek community and my academics. I can't thank you enough for this opportunity, and I can assure you that I will make the most of your generous gift.



Cara Dillhyon

University: Florida State University
Area of Study: Psychology

I am so grateful to have received the Ellender Dickson Scholarship Endowment. This scholarship will help me to fund my last year of undergraduate studies so that I am able to continue to a graduate program and further my education in a career that I am passionate about. Receiving this scholarship has given me confidence in myself and has reiterated to me what I have always known — that Gamma Phi will always be here to support me in my endeavors. I am and always will be proud to be a Gamma Phi Beta, and I am so thankful for the generosity of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.



Christeane Carnelle Guanzon Tacadena

University: Pepperdine University
Area of Study: Accounting

I am very grateful to be a part of a sisterhood that supports me and my education. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this scholarship; it means so much to me to be surrounded by amazing and uplifting sisters.





Daniela Bernstein

University: University of Virginia

Area of Study: Youth and Social Innovation and Elementary Education

I am so honored to be the recipient of the Zeta Beta Chapter Scholarship from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. This scholarship will support me in pursuing my dreams of working as a teacher while also allowing me time to give back to my chapter in meaningful ways throughout my college career and beyond. Thank you.



Elizabeth Grace Hanna

University: Southern Methodist University

Area of Study: Computer Science and Music

I feel so incredibly honored to be awarded a scholarship from the Foundation that has helped me so much in other ways; from providing me with sisterly bonds for a lifetime to kindling my leadership skills, Gamma Phi Beta has been a beacon of light throughout my college years. Thank you so much for this scholarship. It means the world to myself and my family, especially during this difficult financial moment in my life. My faith and

loyalty in the sisterhood of this Sorority grows stronger every day, and I am so grateful this organization was able to lift me up in this way and help me finish my senior year of study. You have my deepest gratitude.



Emily Marie Willis

University: Pepperdine University

Area of Study: Computer Science/Mathematics and Italian

Thank you so much for supporting me in my academic endeavors. This scholarship means so much to both me and my family. I am so grateful to have a Sorority that truly supports me in every area of my life. The kindness and generosity of my Gamma Phi Beta sisters is unmatched, always getting me through the hard times, and this is yet another testament to that. I cannot express my gratitude enough.



Emma Keay

University: Pepperdine University

Area of Study: Biology

I am forever grateful to the Foundation Trustees for this scholarship! It will help me to complete my final year at Pepperdine University. Dearest thanks and blessings.





Gabriella Catherine Khoury

University: University of Kansas

Area of Study: Accounting (major) and Global and International Studies (minor)

I am writing to say thank you for the generous scholarship provided from the Sue Herzog Johnson Scholarship Endowment and Laura F. Cottingham Scholarship Endowment. I am honored and appreciative to receive this scholarship. Gamma Phi Beta has made my first two years of college so meaningful. I have met friends who will last a lifetime and gained invaluable leadership experience through this organization. This scholarship will significantly help lighten the financial burden and allow me to continue to focus on my education. The generosity of the Foundation and the endowments created by these two women leave me hopeful and motivated to give back in a similar way in the future to help strong women achieve their goals.



Jacqueline Lee

University: McGill University

Area of Study: Arts

I am so incredibly grateful for this scholarship. I believe a lot of us are still grappling with all of the changes that COVID-19 has introduced into our lives, and trying to adjust to a new normal, and this scholarship is truly such a relief in an otherwise confusing and stressful time. It has taken a weight off my shoulders that I hope I can truly express my gratitude for in my letter! I am very thankful that I can focus more of my energy into my studies and my position in Gamma Phi and less on working out the finances to do so. I am honored to be supported by such an amazing and considerate community! I am constantly so proud of the support and care of Gamma Phis, even ones I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet. I am very thankful for both your consideration and for the scholarship!



Julia Elliott Birdsall

University: Colgate

Area of Study: Psychology

Thank you so much for this opportunity! It means a great deal to me to be part of a sisterhood that uplifts its members as much as Gamma Phi Beta does. It takes off a great deal of financial stress to not have to worry about how I will pay for dues this year!





Kaleigh Shaw

University: University of Kentucky
Area of Study: Marketing and Management

Being selected as a Gamma Phi Beta Foundation scholarship recipient is such an honor. There are not enough words to truly capture my gratitude for those that made this opportunity possible. I am thankful to be seen as a confident woman of character to those taking part in this decision. While I am cherishing every moment of my time as a collegian, I cannot wait for the day I can give back to my Sorority and change the life of

a young woman like myself.



Kamila Postolowicz

University: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Area of Study: Speech Language Pathology

Thank you so much for this fellowship! I am so grateful for the generous financial support of Gamma Phi alumnae and the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. This fellowship will help fund my graduate education, placing me one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming a multilingual speech-language pathologist.



Karissa Bohme

University: Colorado State University
Area of Study: English

It is with great thanks that I accept this donation.



Kate Elizabeth Becker

University: California State University, Channel Islands
Area of Study: Single Subject Credential, English

Thank you so much for contributing to my education. Working with high school students, I have found that I enjoy helping students discover their own interests. I am excited to pursue my passion of teaching and to someday inspire my own students.





Kiley Kathleen Allgood

University: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Area of Study: Speech Language Pathology

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the Pi Chapter Legacy Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to commit myself more fully to my academics as well as philanthropic work through Gamma Phi Beta next year. I feel extremely blessed and honored to have been awarded this gift that will lighten my financial burden as I continue my education.



Lara Grace O'Donoghue

University: University of Washington
Area of Study: Philosophy

I am so thankful to have been awarded this scholarship. It is immensely helpful to me in pursuing my academic studies and allows me to continue to explore the wonderful opportunities that being a Gamma Phi at the University of Washington has presented to me. Without these opportunities, I would not be able to follow my dreams, and I wouldn't be the woman I am today. I am so grateful for the support of the amazing

women I now have the pleasure to know and the generous support that this scholarship has given me. Thank you so much for helping me attain my goals!



Lauren Louann Carlsen

University: University of Idaho
Area of Study: Environmental Science

Thank you for this incredible support. I am truly honored to be chosen as a scholarship recipient and will be using this aid to finish my undergraduate studies in environmental science. Here's to promoting the highest type of womanhood!

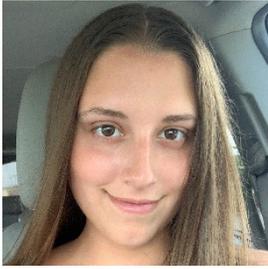


Lia Alletto

University: St. John's University
Area of Study: Biology

I am thankful to be awarded the Crescent Moon Award Endowment from an organization that means so much to me. I could not imagine college without Gamma Phi Beta and all my sisters. Thank you so much!





Madeline Scheele
 University: Boston University
 Area of Study: Journalism

Thank you to the generous Gamma Phi Beta donors for providing me with this scholarship. I cannot wait to lead Delta Chapter in a wonderful spring recruitment and now I can do so without having to worry about the financial burden of dues. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this gift!



Madison Renee Bellah
 University: California Polytechnic State University
 Area of Study: Journalism

I am so honored to receive the Ardis McBroom Merek Scholarship Endowment and Sue H. Johnson Scholarship Endowment! I pay for the majority of my own schooling and have plans for additional post-grad education. I place a special and unique value into my education, as I know the experiences I make in college (both in the classroom and outside of it) are shaping me to become my best sense of self. Thank you so much for this

scholarship!



Maria Rose Pittella
 University: University of Virginia
 Area of Study: Politics-Foreign Affairs

I am honored to be the recipient of a Gamma Phi Beta scholarship for the academic year 2020-21. Thank you to my Sorority sisters for encouraging me to be my best self! I could not have become the woman I am today without the unwavering support of my parents. This scholarship will allow me to continue my involvement with Girls on the Run and other local groups to benefit the greater Charlottesville area. Thank you to Tracy Stack,

Zeta Beta's house manager, for providing me with this opportunity.



McKenna Anne Watson
 University: Florida Southern College
 Area of Study: Business Administration

Thank you very much for this scholarship. It means the world to me and allows me to get an education and be a part of an organization such as Gamma Phi Beta. I have grown so much since joining this Sorority and my time in it could have been cut short if it wasn't for your help. Thank you!





Megan Nicole Goforth

University: Sam Houston State University
Area of Study: Developmental Education

I am truly honored to have been selected for the Dr. Deborah L. Floyd Fellowship Endowment, Dorothy Taylor Henderson Scholarship/Fellowship Endowment from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. I am appreciative of the opportunity not only to further my own education but to also be better equipped to assist the students I work with every day. One day, I hope to use this knowledge to contribute to an education system that is equally accessible to everyone, regardless of their background.



Reagan Elizabeth Eley

University: University of Oklahoma
Area of Study: Accounting

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for this award. Due to the generosity of each donor, I can continue my education and pursue a Master of Accountancy, which will further increase the opportunities available to me throughout my career.



Riya Shah

University: Drexel University
Area of Study: Physics

Thank you so much for this fellowship! I am so honored to be selected for this award. Gamma Phi Beta has been a constant source of pride, happiness and comfort for me throughout my four years of undergraduate education. I am thrilled to be able to take these feelings into graduate school with me as well!



Savanna Rosemary Schwartz

University: University of Oregon
Area of Study: Romance Languages and International Studies

Receiving this scholarship means so much to be, both because it's helping me to further my academic goals as well as the fact that it has given me a further sense of belonging in Gamma Phi Beta. I'm proud of myself that I've met the standards necessary to receive a Gamma Phi scholarship, and I'm proud to belong to a Sorority that values such standards and wants to help its members succeed.





Taylor Elyse Wiewiora

University: University of Kentucky

Area of Study: Finance

I am so incredibly grateful to have received a scholarship from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. This award will allow me to breathe a bit easier with expenses throughout the school year and continue to focus on my studies. This past year in Gamma Phi Beta has been truly life-changing and eye-opening. I have been able to meet people I wouldn't have otherwise met and have gained great leadership experience. This

Foundation award is a testament to the strength of our sisterhood and our wholehearted beliefs in our Core Values. Being able to continue my learning, both in the classroom and within Gamma Omicron Chapter, means the world to me.



Thaila Schug

University: University of Florida

Area of Study: Occupational Therapy

Thank you so very much for this generous fellowship. This will help me fulfill my dreams of being a pediatric occupational therapist, and in the process, I won't have as much stress and worry regarding my finances. I really cannot say how thankful I am for not only being a Gamma Phi but having amazing sisters, like you, who I know are supporting me along the way. Thank you again; I really appreciate this opportunity.



Vanessa Rosqueta

University: Rockhurst University

Area of Study: Nursing

Thank you, Gamma Phi Beta, for Building Strong Girls by providing avenues and funding for women to achieve academic and personal success!



Veronica Landeros

University: California Lutheran University

Area of Study: Education/Counseling for K-12

I would like to thank the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation for awarding me such a substantial amount of money to continue my studies as a first-generation college student. This will allow me to pursue my professional career and alleviate my economic burden as I strive to obtain a master's degree and become a counselor for first-generation college students like myself. This award will contribute to my formation as a

woman in leadership and offer my family and me a better life while I fulfill my passion for education. Thank you once again. I hope to continue to be a great role model to future Gamma Phi Betas and donate in the future to give back.





Yvonne Chaoyu Deng

University: University of British Columbia

Area of Study: Medicine

I am incredibly thankful for being selected to receive this generous fellowship in honor of Audrey Weldon Shafer. At the time of the fellowship application, I intended to attend Yale University for their Master of Public Health program. I am happy to share that last month I received an acceptance to attend medical school at the University of British Columbia — a decision I had been anticipating for many years. As I begin my journey in medicine this coming fall, the fellowship will significantly reduce the financial burden of my tuition at medical school and allow me to pursue my lifelong dream. I feel endlessly grateful and blessed to have alumnae sisters of Gamma Phi Beta and the Foundation supporting my aspirations. Thank you very much for your consideration and contribution.



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