



February 20, 2019

Dear Foster Care Educational Representative:

The ZNO Community Service Fund, Inc. (ZNO-CSF, Inc), a 501 (c)(3) organization was incorporated in 1982, by New York State and established by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ® – Zeta Nu Omega Chapter, to provide service to Westchester County residents. Most notably, the ZNO-CSF, Inc. in 2017 Zeta Nu Omega Chapter began awarding scholarships through the **Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Program**. Consequently, \$4,000 has been awarded to men and women who live or are being educated in the Westchester County area and formerly in the foster care system in New York State. This year we will be awarding scholarships to students who meet the following criteria:

- Former Child/Adolescent in Foster Care
- A Copy of the Applicant's Post – Secondary Education\* Acceptance Letter or Proof of Continued Enrollment for the 2019 – 2020 Academic Year

\* Please Note Post – Secondary Education includes but is not limited to the following:

- Trade School
- Certificate/ Training/ Apprenticeship Program
- Community College
- Four – Year College/University

#### **Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Scholarship**

This scholarship is open to men and women who were former children/adolescents in the New York State Foster Care System. Applicants are asked to complete the scholarship application and complete a 300-word essay based on one of the selected prompts. Please note all applicants are requested to attend an interview with the scholarship committee. Scholarship Interview Dates are listed on the application.

The **2019 ZNO Scholarship applications** are available online at [www.znoaka.org](http://www.znoaka.org). Please click scholarship in the tabs listed at the top of the screen. Note that the application and all supporting documents must be emailed to [scholarshipcommitteeCSF@znoaka.org](mailto:scholarshipcommitteeCSF@znoaka.org) by the scholarship deadline which is **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:59 p.m.** The scholarship application is solely being offered as a writable PDF document and can only be submitted via email. Paper applications will not be accepted. If you or your student have questions, please feel free to contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Ms. Tara C. Richards, at (646) 423-7242 or email: [scholarshipcommitteeCSF@znoaka.org](mailto:scholarshipcommitteeCSF@znoaka.org).

Sincerely,

President  
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