



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated Florida State Leadership Conference Laura Saunders Scholarship

- The Laura Saunders scholarship is open to all undergraduate sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- 2 scholarships will be awarded for \$500 each
- Completed application must be postmarked by April 15, 2012. Please include:
 - ❑ An explanation of why you feel you should receive this scholarship
 - ❑ A summary of your community service and your Zeta activities
 - ❑ Recommendations from your Undergraduate Advisor and 2 active graduate Sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
 - ❑ Official Transcript

Darlene T. Sparks, Web-mistress & Scholarships Coordinator
Florida State Leadership Conference



Laura Saunders graduated from Florida A&M University in 1945. She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Tau Zeta Chapter until 1983. Soror Saunders and six other members that lived in the South Dade Area thought it was time to charter a chapter to meet the needs of families in the various communities in South Miami-Dade County. On May 28, 1983, Mu Gamma Zeta Chapter was chartered under the sponsorship of Beta Tau Zeta. Laura served as the first Basileus.

*“During the early 1980s, the national programmatic thrust focused on concerns of the black family and minorities. The “Five Point” plan included services for Haitian refugees in a project directed by Laura Saunders; training for minorities so they could qualify for public, private, and political jobs; voter registration; social action, dealing with the news media; and youth career education and development. Zetas also participated nationally in the National Assault on Illiteracy Program”. `` From *Torchbearers of a Legacy: A history of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Inc. 1920-1997*, page 166.*

As an educator, Laura started as an elementary school teacher. However, she retired as Principal of A.L. Lewis Elementary School. The school was re-named in her honor. From 1984 – 1988, she served as a City Commissioner in Florida City. As commissioner, she organized Team Clean, a citywide clean-up program that involved civic groups, school children and government officials.

She passed in August 1993. In her honor, the Laura Saunders scholarship was established.



**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
FLORIDA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

LAURA SAUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter Affiliation:

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter Basileus: _____
Sponsoring Graduate Chapter : _____ Graduate Chapter Basileus: _____

Academic Information:

College/ University: _____
College / University Address: _____
Major: _____ Graduation Date _____
High School: _____
High School Graduation Date: _____

Personal Information:

Parent/Guardian: _____
City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Include the following with this application:

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Undergraduate Advisor _____

Completed application must be postmarked by **April 15, 2012** and mail to:
Soror Darlene T. Sparks; 16821 NW 20th Avenue; Miami Gardens, Florida 33056
If you have any questions, please send me an email to dtsparks@netzero.net