

Beta Sigma Alpha, Sororidad Latina, Inc.
Alma Maldonado-Cordner Book Scholarship
2025 Application

COLLEGE APPLICANT

Beta Sigma Alpha, Sororidad Latina, Inc. was founded in 1991 as The University of Connecticut’s first Latina sorority. This is a service organization dedicated to addressing the needs of the Latino community. Our sorority’s mission is to be a positive force in the lives of young Latinas pursuing higher education by providing guidance and support.

We applaud the efforts of young women by offering the *Alma Maldonado-Cordner Book Scholarship*. Our book scholarship is named after Alma Maldonado-Cordner who worked as a college counselor at the University of Connecticut's Center for Academic Programs. She was the sorority's advisor served as a positive role model for our members. A scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 will be awarded to an **undergraduate female student of Latino origin** attending an accredited four-year university. Instructions are as follows:

- Complete the **entire** scholarship application.
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, employer, mentor or community leader. **We prefer to receive recommendations sent directly via email from the person recommending you to betasigmaalpha1991@gmail.com** If that is not possible, recommendations may be sent as a PDF with e-signatures. **We will not accept in .doc, .rtf or .txt files.**
- **New applicants** must write a minimum **one-page essay** addressing one of the questions on page four of this application. **Renewal applicants** must write a minimum **one-page essay** answering the single question on page five of this application. The essay must be **typed and double-spaced**. You may use additional pages if necessary.
- Submit unofficial transcript for **Fall 2024-Winter 2025**. **Completed classes must have an alpha or numeric grade.**
- **All documents must be submitted in pdf format (.doc, .rtf or .txt files will not be accepted).**

The completed application must be submitted no later than 11:59PM on May 9, 2025. Please email your completed scholarship packet, including your application and supporting materials, to betasigmaalpha1991@gmail.com. Your submission will not be complete unless you submit all of the materials as outlined above. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact us at betasigmaalpha1991@gmail.com.

Please check one: NEW APPLICANT RENEWAL APPLICANT

Name _____

Permanent Home Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Home Telephone _____

School Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

High School attended (incl. city and state) _____

Date of Graduation (month/year): _____

How did you learn about the book scholarship? _____

University Information

University (including city and state) _____

Education Level _____ G.P.A. _____

Academic Major(s) _____

Extracurricular Activities (within past three years): Include involvement in university organizations as well as community-based and religious organizations. Provide a summary of activities for each organization. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. Name of Organization	
Start Date – End Date	
Positions held (including time served for each)	
Description of Activities	

2. Name of Organization	
Start Date – End Date	
Positions held (including time served)	
Description of Activities	

3. Name of Organization	
Start Date – End Date	
Positions held (including time served)	

Description of Activities	
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4. Name of Organization	
Start Date – End Date	
Positions held (including time served)	
Description of Activities	

Employment Experience (within past three years): Include internships and long-term volunteer service. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. Name of Company	
Start Date – End Date	
Employer Address	
Employer Telephone	
Job Title	
Description of Responsibilities	

2. Name of Company	
Start Date – End Date	
Employer Address	
Employer Telephone	
Job Title	

Description of Responsibilities	
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3. Name of Company	
Start Date – End Date	
Employer Address	
Employer Telephone	
Job Title	
Description of Responsibilities	

NEW APPLICANT ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please select **ONE** of the following essay questions to write a **minimum one-page, typed and double-spaced essay**. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. Why have you decided to pursue a college education in your area of study? What goals do you hope to achieve with your undergraduate degree? Please describe in detail.
2. If you had to select a platform or issue to advocate, what would it be? Why?
3. Is there a societal problem in the Latino community that concerns you? Please clearly describe the problem in detail. What possible solutions do you suggest be made in order to properly address the problem?

RENEWAL APPLICANT ESSAY QUESTION

Please read the paragraph below and write a **minimum one-page, typed and double-spaced essay in response to the question**. Use additional pages if necessary.

Beta Sigma Alpha Sororidad Latina, Inc’s, Alma Maldonado-Cordner scholarship is named in honor of our sorority advisor at The University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus. Alma is not only an educator but also a trailblazer—a source of inspiration, unwavering support, and our greatest cheerleader. As a motivator, she encouraged us to dream big, question without apology, seek knowledge, and boldly challenge the status quo, paving the way for future generations to redefine their place in the world

For your essay, please tell us who your ALMA is and how they have impacted your life and influenced your decisions.

By submitting this application, if you are selected for a book scholarship, Beta Sigma Alpha Sororidad Latina Inc, and Beta Sigma Alpha Charitable Fund, Inc. will use your name and likeness on its social media platforms, its website and other marketing materials (print and digital) used to fundraise, educate, generate awareness and/or promote the organization.

I GRANT THIS PERMISSION

Name

Date

Funding requirement: Prior to receiving scholarship funds, recipient must provide photo and short bio to Beta Sigma Alpha Sororidad Latina, Inc for use as described above. Check below to acknowledge this disbursement mandate.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THIS FUNDING REQUIREMENT

Name

Date