



*Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter*  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.



# Application Deadline: March 6, 2023

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January 16, 2023

Dear Applicant:

The Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., (FWAC-DST), a service sorority, will award a total of **\$20,000** in scholarships to graduating high school students who attend schools in Southern Prince George's County (south of Central Avenue/Route 214) and Charles County who have demonstrated a concern for their community while maintaining academic excellence. The awards will be at minimum \$1,000.<sup>1</sup> FWAC-DST provides payment of all scholarship money awarded directly to the college or university where the recipient is enrolled, on behalf of the recipient. FWAC-DST scholarship money may only be used to pay tuition, room and board, and fees. Students may apply for the FWAC-DST scholarship, even if they have applied or received scholarship awards from any other source, including other chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The scholarship can only be granted for the academic year following the award.<sup>2</sup>

FWAC-DST's Scholarship Committee will evaluate candidates based on community service, academic achievement, a personal statement, a written essay, an interview (if selected) and letters of recommendation. Community Service is the essential component of the award. All candidates must possess a **minimum grade point average of 2.5** calculated through the end of the 2nd quarter of the 2022-2023 academic year and plan to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4-year college/university in summer or fall 2023.

**All items listed below must be returned to FWAC-DST. Failure to include all items will result in your application being deemed incomplete:**

- (1) Typed and signed application;
- (2) Personal statement (**maximum of 3 typewritten pages double spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font**);
- (3) Essay – Respond to one essay question (**Maximum of 3 typewritten pages double-spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font**);
- (4) Two (2) letters of recommendation: (a) a community service letter of recommendation from a community service representative or coordinator on official letterhead from the organization where the community service is performed (should include information based on personal knowledge regarding the applicant's level of participation in the activity and

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<sup>1</sup> Scholarship awards for the children of financial FWAC members may not be a minimum of \$1000.

<sup>2</sup> FWAC reserves the right to adjust the scholarship award of any recipient who has received full payment of tuition, room, and board and fees from other scholarships or grants for the academic year in which the award is to be paid.

how long the person has known applicant); and (b) a scholastic recommendation letter from staff/faculty member on official letterhead. **Both letters must be typewritten/computer generated, dated, signed and addressed to Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;**

(5) Copy of official transcript in a school-provided sealed and stamped envelope (if mailed) or an official electronic transcript sent directly to FWAC-DST from your school/school official **AND** all recorded grades for your senior year.

Applications must be postmarked or received electronically no later than March 6, 2023. Applications postmarked or received electronically after this date **WILL NOT** be considered. Incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be considered. Candidates, if selected, are required to participate in an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee. **A complete copy of the Scholarship Application can be completed and printed online at: <http://www.dstfwac.org/>**

Please forward the completed application to the following address or follow the online instructions provided in the application guidelines:

Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1731  
Temple Hills, MD 20757

**(Postmarked or received electronically no later than March 6, 2023)**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter Scholarship via email at [fwacscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:fwacscholarship@gmail.com) or via the hotline at (240) 803-1913.

Sincerely,

Opal Snelling Moore  
President

Kenya Gray, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair  
Joanne Kerr, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and entering college in the year of graduation with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher.
2. The entire application package **must be typewritten or computer generated**. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
3. To be eligible to apply for the FWAC-DST scholarship, applicants must attend a school **(public or private)** in the FWAC-DST service area, or be a current member of FWAC-DST's Delta GEMS, or be the child of a financial member of FWAC-DST.<sup>3</sup> Our service area includes southern Prince George's County (south of Route 214/ Central Avenue) and all of Charles County. **The public high schools in our service area are: Academy of Health Sciences @ PGCC; Central; Crossland; Frederick Douglass; Forestville; Friendly; Gwynn Park; Henry Lackey; LaPlata; Largo; Maurice J. McDonough; North Point; Oxon Hill; Potomac; St. Charles; Suitland; Surrattsville; Thomas Stone; Westlake; and Dr. Henry A. Wise.**
4. Applicants must receive a minimum score of 75 points to be considered for an interview. Points are derived from the following categories: GPA, Essay, Personal Statement, Community Service, and Letters of Recommendation.
5. Letters of Recommendation must be submitted on **official letterhead** and must not be from family members. The Community Service Recommendation **must be typewritten or computer generated** and addressed to *Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.* The Scholastic Recommendation **must be typewritten or computer generated** and addressed to *Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*
6. Community service activities cannot be job related, done in the interest of family or self, or those for which the applicant is receiving a grade. Public service activities performed pre-COVID as well as any activities performed during COVID are acceptable. ***A minimum of 15 service hours accumulated during your high school tenure are acceptable.***

**Some examples of acceptable public service activities are:**

- Feeding the homeless
  - Registering voters
  - Volunteering in local hospitals
  - Volunteering in church activities that provide services to individual
- Examples include:
- Tutoring/mentoring program
  - Preparing/delivering meals

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- Assisting senior citizens or the disabled
- Volunteering with community-based public service organizations
- Tutoring
- Mentoring

**Some examples of unacceptable public service activities are:**

- Church activities common to all churches

Examples include:

- Sunday school teacher, singing in the choir, or usher board member,
- Member of a sports team
- Member of a teen group (without volunteer service activities included)

**Please note:** If a candidate is awarded a scholarship, and all requested information is not received by August 31, 2023, the scholarship award will be null and void.

### **ONLINE GUIDELINES**

1. *Scholarship application may be submitted by filling out the fillable application by **midnight (EST) March 6, 2023**. Applications received after the timestamp of 11:59pm (EST) on March 6, 2023 will be deemed ineligible.*
2. *The scholarship application packet including the applicant's application, personal statement, essay, and the two (2) recommendation letters (prepared by community service representatives/coordinators and staff/faculty members), can be scanned and emailed to **fwacscholarship@gmail.com**.*
3. *The applicant's official transcript may be emailed directly to **fwacscholarship@gmail.com** from the school/school official or an official stamped transcript in a sealed envelope may be mailed directly to the FWAC Scholarship Committee.*
4. *Official transcripts (if not emailed) **must be mailed to the following address:***

Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1731  
Temple Hills, MD 20757

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FORT WASHINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Must be Typewritten/Computer Generated or Emailed to the Scholarship Committee)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is Your Parent or Guardian a Member of the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is the applicant a participant in a Delta GEMS program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of January 31, 2023)

College/Intended College \_\_\_\_\_

Formally Accepted Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Potential Major \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Your signature certifies that the information contained in this application packet is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.*

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CONTINUATION

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In this section we ask that you provide an answer to **both** the personal statement and one essay prompt

### I.PERSONAL STATEMENT

**(Maximum of 3 typewritten pages, double-spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font)**

We want to know about you! Scores will be based on content, style, and presentation.

- 75% Content: Consider addressing the following elements in a clearly expressed personal statement:

- Academic potential and skills
- Current motivations and future aspirations
- Personal skills and qualities
- Work experience
- Community service activities
- Extracurricular activities
- Awards and honors

- 25% Style and Presentation:

- Does your writing indicate an ability to communicate well?
- Is there creativity and enjoyment in your use of words?
- Is your writing clear and error-free?

### II.ESSAY

**(Maximum of 3 typewritten pages, double-spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font)**

Respond to one essay question; please check which prompt you are responding to –

\_\_\_\_\_ *“Voting Rights have recently been a major legislative topic. How important do you feel voting rights are to your generation and how can you engage in the effort to secure them?”*

\_\_\_\_\_ *“As you reflect on the last 3 years of the pandemic, what have you learned and how has it changed you?”*

\_\_\_\_\_ *“Describe a time when your beliefs or ideas were challenged and how you overcame that.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ *“Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?”*

## FWAC Scholarship Essay Scoring Rubric

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### **Response Rating Scale**

**3 points- Excellent    2 points- Very Good    1 point- Satisfactory    0 points- Needs Improvement**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Content/Ideas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong/creative introduction that captures readers attention</li><li>• "Paints a picture" for the reader</li><li>• Content clearly and completely addresses topic with use of relevant supporting details and examples</li><li>• Stays on topic and avoids random/unrelated ideas</li><li>• Topic is fully developed in an interesting and/or informative way that maintains readers interest</li></ul>	
<b>Organization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing is well organized, structured, and easy to follow</li><li>• Ideas presented in a logical order</li><li>• Excellent use of transitions</li></ul> Clear introduction, body, and conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization of sentences reflects purpose and audience</li></ul>	
<b>Word Choice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Precise, vivid, descriptive and/or interesting word choice</li><li>• Avoids overuse of certain words or phrases</li><li>• Use of advanced vocabulary, imagery, and/or sensory words; Incorporates a wide variety of words and phrases and (i.e. similes, metaphors, personification, etc.)</li></ul>	
<b>Voice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed a unique voice to show individual style of writing</li><li>• Voice reflects personality, feelings and/or knowledge about the topic</li><li>• Skillful and creative use of phrasing/words help develop and enhance writer's voice</li><li>• Voice is fitting for the topic and engaging</li></ul>	
<b>Writing Conventions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appropriate/correct spelling, grammar usage, punctuation and capitalization throughout the response;</li><li>• Avoids sentence fragments/incomplete sentences and/or run on sentences</li></ul>	
<b>Total Score:</b>		

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

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Provide **two** separate letters of recommendation addressed to Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

1. A community service letter from a community service representative/coordinator must include:

- how long the person writing the letter has known the applicant,
- the type of service provided by the student, and
- the total number of service hours (A minimum of 15 hours is required) provided by the student to the organization **(Please review the Application Guidelines page for some examples of acceptable and unacceptable community service)**

2. A scholastic recommendation letter from a staff or faculty member must include:

- how long and in what scholastic capacity the person writing has known the applicant,
- the student's academic prowess, examples of their character, and
- the student's desire to achieve in their post secondary community and beyond

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the student provides community service within the school building, the letter must specifically identify the type of service provided and the total number of hours performed by the student.

3. **Both letters must be on official letterhead and must be typewritten/computer generated. Letters of recommendation prepared by community service representative/coordinator or staff/faculty members MUST have a wet signature with blue or black ink and can be sent via email or mailed to the FWAC-DST Post Office Box.**

### TRANSCRIPT

- Copy of official transcript **AND** all recorded grades (i.e. report card) for your senior year

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# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

## CHECKLIST

*This checklist is intended to be a friendly reminder. It does not override any instructions listed within the scholarship application. Please adhere to all detailed instructions contained within the application packet.*

***Take a few minutes to look over your application packet to ensure that you have included the following:***

\_\_\_\_\_ Typed and signed application mailed or submitted via email to the FWAC-DST Scholarship Committee: fwacscholarship@gmail.com

\_\_\_\_\_ *Personal Statement* mailed or submitted via email to the FWAC-DST Scholarship Committee: fwacscholarship@gmail.com (**maximum of 3 typewritten pages double spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font**)

\_\_\_\_\_ *Essay* (**maximum of 3 typewritten pages double spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font**) mailed or submitted via email to the FWAC-DST Scholarship Committee at fwacscholarship@gmail.com

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation (**official letterhead, dated and signed**) from a community service representative in a sealed envelope addressed to Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1731, Temple Hills, MD 20757 or submitted via email to the FWAC-DST Scholarship Committee: fwacscholarship@gmail.com

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\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of official school transcript in a sealed and stamped envelope (**minimum grade point average of 2.5**) addressed to Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1731, Temple Hills, MD 20757 or an official school transcript sent from the school/school representative directly to the FWAC-DST Scholarship Committee: fwacscholarship@gmail.com

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of all recorded grades for the senior year mailed or submitted via email to the FWAC-DST Scholarship Committee at fwacscholarship@gmail.com

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*Be advised that your application packet will become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned.*

Name:

School Name:

***PERSONAL STATEMENT***

**(Maximum of 3 typewritten pages double spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font)**

Name:

School Name:

## ***ESSAY***

**(Maximum of 3 typewritten pages, double-spaced, Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt. font.  
Please include the essay prompt chosen.)**

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