



# 2019 Scholarship Application

## **Submission Deadline:**

Postmarked no later than **Thursday, January 31, 2019** OR  
Emailed no later than **11:59PM on Thursday, January 31, 2019**

# DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding more than 200,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

## ABOUT THE FEDERAL CITY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

On December 6, 1969, twenty - six visionary women embarked upon a new and challenging path in their Delta lives—they established The Federal City Alumnae Chapter (The FCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Throughout the past 50 years, The FCAC members have unselfishly given of their time, energy and talents to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

The FCAC Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to African-American, District of Columbia high school (public, private, or charter) students in the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree. In addition to supporting students, the program also supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and minority scholarship programs at majority institutions, nationally and in the Washington, DC area.

# AWARDS

- The **HBCU Academic Excellence Scholarship** will be awarded to at least two (2) African-American, District of Columbia high school students, who are also District of Columbia residents, entering any accredited HBCU as a full-time student in the upcoming academic year.
- The **Academic Excellence (non-HBCU) Scholarship** will be awarded to at least two (2) African-American, District of Columbia high school students, who are also District of Columbia residents, entering any accredited college or university as a full-time student in the upcoming academic year.
- The **Book Scholarship** will be awarded to a select number of applicants to fund purchase of books for African-American, District of Columbia high school students, who are also District of Columbia residents, entering any accredited HBCU or non-HBCU as a full-time student in the upcoming academic year.

In 2019, The FCAC will award a total of \$30,500 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors residing in and attending District of Columbia High Schools (public, private or charter) **who have excelled academically, demonstrated leadership, and contributed their talents to the improvement of the community through service.**

Scholarship award decisions of The FCAC are final. The FCAC also reserves the right to adjust the scholarship award of any recipient who has received full payment of tuition, room, board and fees from other scholarships or grants.

Payment of all 2019 The FCAC Scholarship awards will be directed to the college or university where the award recipient is enrolled as a full-time student, on behalf of the recipient. Funds are forwarded as a one-time award, payable in full, to be applied toward tuition, room and board, fees, and books only for a total of four years from the date of the letter forwarded to the applicant's college or university, provided the student remains enrolled on a full-time basis. A request will be made that colleges and universities return any unused monies to The FCAC.

# ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a 2019 The FCAC Scholarship Award, the applicant must:

- be a permanent resident of the District of Columbia;
- be African-American;
- be a graduating senior from a District of Columbia high school (public, private, or charter);
- have applied or been accepted to enter an accredited<sup>1</sup> four-year university or college as a full-time student in the school year immediately following the scholarship award;
- complete the application in accordance with the application guidelines;
- have a scholastic average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale through the end of the second quarter of their 2018-2019 high school senior year.

**NOTE:** Children of The FCAC members are not eligible for consideration of The FCAC Scholarship.

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<sup>1</sup> For a list of accredited colleges and universities, please visit [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community service, a written essay, letters of recommendation, SAT and/or ACT scores. Finalists may be required to participate in an in-person interview.

Scholarship applicants must submit the following:

- A complete, typed, application with appropriate signatures;
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from school officials (e.g. principal, assistant principal, counselor, teacher, advisor, organization lead or athletic coach). Recommendation letters must be typed, signed and dated, and should be on the school's official letterhead.
- An official high school transcript
- An official copy of an applicant's highest SAT/ACT scores
- A typed essay response to the following statement:  
Explain why The FCAC should provide financial assistance to support your pursuit of a baccalaureate degree. Be sure your essay includes examples of the following:
  - Academic excellence and extracurricular activities involvement
  - Leadership experience and skills
  - Contributions to the improvement of the community through serviceThe essay must not exceed three typewritten pages, and must be double-spaced with one-inch margins in Arial or Times New Roman 12pt font.

**Applications not completed in accordance with the application requirements will be deemed ineligible.**

**All information received is confidential and becomes property of The FCAC.**

The applicant and his or her parent/guardian must authorize release of any and all information relative to the application process. The FCAC may use portions of this information, to highlight the achievements of scholarship award recipients.

Completed applications, recommendations, essays, official transcripts, and SAT/ACT scores should be forwarded via email to [thefcacscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:thefcacscholarship@gmail.com) or postmarked to the address below **no later than 11:59 PM Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

**Education Development Committee  
The Federal City Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1605  
Washington, D.C. 20013**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		
Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)	Ethnicity	Gender (Mark with an X) Male    Female
Permanent Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home Telephone Number	Mobile Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address		
Name of Parent/Guardian	E-mail Address of Parent/Guardian	

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School	City/State
School Counselor's Name	Expected Graduation Date (Month/Day/Year)
Cumulative GPA	

## CONSIDERATION PREFERENCE

Please indicate for which scholarship you would like to be considered (choose only one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Scholarship (non-HBCU)

\_\_\_\_\_ Historically Black Colleges and Universities Scholarship (HBCU)

## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

List the Universities/Colleges to which you have applied, and asterisk those to which you have been accepted below.

College/University	College/University
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College/University	College/University

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List the major extracurricular activities (school and community) that you have participated in during high school. ***Be certain to highlight any leadership positions held.***

(You may use one additional separate sheet of paper, if necessary)

Activities	Positions Held/Honors

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Organization Name	Number of Community Service Hours Completed

Number of Community Service Hours Required: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List your work experience. (You may use one additional separate sheet of paper, if necessary)

Employer	Position Held & Brief Description of Responsibilities	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

*To the Recommending School Official (e.g. principal, assistant principal, counselor, teacher, advisor, organization lead or athletic coach):* The student listed herein is applying for a scholarship from The Federal City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We would appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant's academic performance, maturity, oral and written communication skills, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and interpersonal skills. In your letter of recommendation, please also include the length of your acquaintance with the applicant, the subject or courses taught, dates of instruction, and a telephone number where you may be reached. Your letter of recommendation should be prepared on official stationery and include your signature. You may return your letter of recommendation to the applicant for inclusion in the applicant's packet, or mail it directly on or before the deadline (**must be emailed no later than 11:59PM on Thursday, January 31, 2019 to thefcacscholarship@gmail.com OR postmarked no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019**) to:

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# PACKET CHECKLIST

Be sure to include the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two Letters of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay

# CERTIFICATION

By the signature below, I affirm that all information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Misrepresentation or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

Applicant Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date