



2022 Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline

Postmarked no later than **Friday, March 25, 2022** OR
Emailed no later than **11:59PM on Friday, March 25, 2022**

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 300,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The sorority currently has over 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, the Middle East, Southern Africa, and West Africa.

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 52 years, The FCAC members have unselfishly given of their time, energy and talents to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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The program consists of scholarship awards for books and the following two (2) scholarships that are awarded on the basis of **academic excellence, leadership, and community service**:

- 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.

Scholarship award decisions of The FCAC are final. Payment of The FCAC Scholarship awards will be directed to the college or university on behalf of the award recipient upon verification of enrollment as a full-time student. Funds are forwarded as a one-time award, payable in full, to be applied toward tuition, room and board, fees, and books only. Funds will not be directed in any other manner.

The FCAC 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for 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 accredited¹ four-year university or college as a fulltime 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 high school senior year.

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

¹ For a list of accredited colleges and universities, please visit www.ed.gov.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community service, a written essay, letters of recommendation, and SAT or ACT scores. All materials must be submitted by the application deadline.

NOTE: The FCAC recognizes the pandemic impacted the 2019, 2020, and 2021 school years, including opportunities for community service and testing for the SAT or ACT. Therefore, an applicant's overall high school academic, leadership, written essay, and letters of recommendation are evaluated.

Scholarship applicants must submit the following:

- A complete, typed, application with required, appropriate signatures (electronic signatures accepted);
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from school officials ONLY (i.e., 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
- 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 two 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 application materials upon submission become 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 will generally use portions of this information to highlight the applicant pool, and achievements of scholarship award recipients.

Completed application submissions should be forwarded via email to scholarship@thefcacadst.org or postmarked to the address below **no later than 11:59 PM Friday, March 25, 2022.**

**Scholarship Committee
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