

# Federal City Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

## Request for Charitable Giving

The Federal City Alumnae Chapter through its Charitable Giving Program gives priority to organizations and events that align with our focus areas of (5 programmatic thrusts)

In addition to focus area alignment, charitable donation requests are reviewed to ensure they will successfully:

**Advance** The FCAC's core value of serving and improving communities within its service area

**Provide** positive exposure consistent with The FCAC's brand

**Create** opportunities to reach targeted audiences and build relationships

**Demonstrate** innovative approaches to address a defined social issue

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to determine whether a requesting organization is eligible to receive charitable donations:

- Organizations requesting support must have 501(c) (3) status and be in good standing as determined by the IRS.
- Requests are only accepted via an online system at [www.thefcacadst.org](http://www.thefcacadst.org)
- Requests must be on a rolling basis
- No multi-year commitments will be considered
- Organizations requesting support must have in place nondiscrimination policies and procedures with respect to race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Support is provided for specific programs and related needs rather than for general funding.
- Support is provided to organizations whose programs benefit residents within the geographic confines of the District of Columbia, unless otherwise noted in this policy.
- Support is provided for programs and initiatives that are aligned with FCAC's local program priorities.
- Support is provided for initiatives that are aligned with Delta Sigma Theta's national and international programmatic thrusts and for whom contributions are requested or encouraged by the national leadership.

### EXCLUSIONS:

- Capital campaigns, building or equipment projects
- Raffles
- Transportation and travel expenses
- Partisan political organizations
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Salaries
- Loans or investments
- Research studies
- Athletic teams, events, or sponsorships
- Animal related programs, including shelters
- Merchandise for fundraisers and auctions (Door prizes, gift certificates, or other giveaways)
- Symposiums, conferences, conventions, professional association meetings, seminars
- Individual primary and secondary school events such as proms, graduations, PTA groups, etc.
- Merchandise promotions, partnerships or advertising
- General awareness campaigns
- Development or production of books, films, videos, television programs, or websites
- Parties, celebrations, parades, and festivals
- Deficit funding
- Membership in religious, political, labor, or fraternal organizations  
*The term membership implies the paying of dues to religious, political, labor, or fraternal organizations. This exclusion does not prohibit contributions to other Greek letter organizations.*
- Religious organizations for sectarian purposes, political associations or organizations with strictly a sports focus
- Individual capital or endowment campaigns.

If there is need for more information, The FCAC Charitable Giving Committee will contact the organization directly.

*Please note: There are three parts to the application. While there are not specific word counts for each response, we encourage brevity (no more than 2-3 paragraphs) for each question. Our intent is for you to share your organization's story, however is most effective.*

### **Part 1: Basic Organizational Information**

- Name, address, email and website of organization
- Your 501 (c)(3) status and EIN
- Location & area (s) served
- Contact information for your Executive Director, Board Chair and application writer (if different from your Executive Director)

### **Part II: Narrative**

#### Section 1: Who Are You?

- About you:** What is your mission? What vision do you have for the community? What values guide your operations? (1-2 paragraphs)
- Your Board:** List your board members and their occupations/affiliations.
- What community need or social issue do you address?** Make sure to lay out the landscape for someone who isn't familiar with the issue and explain how you see your work in the context of the field. Then identify your target population and how it benefits from your work. (2-3 paragraphs)

### **Part III: Wish List**

#### Wish List:

Please complete a 'Wish List' that will help The Federal City Alumnae Chapter- Charitable Giving understand in concrete terms what a donation to your organization will mean to you. Please fill out an "item" for each of the following categories: \$100; \$500; \$1,000+.

Here are some examples:

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| \$100    | gasoline for 2 weeks of food deliveries;                   |
| \$500:   | half the art supplies for our summer program;              |
| \$1,000+ | counseling for 10 survivors of domestic abuse for 1 month; |