

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (MD)
ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

2023 - 2024

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college-educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. Information about the National Organization of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. may be found at www.deltasigmatheta.org. Information about the local chapter, Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter (MCAC), can be found at www.mcacdst.org.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Program was created to provide financial assistance to students who reside in Montgomery County, MD, and contribute their skills and talents towards the improvement of the community. The Scholarship Program currently has the following types of scholarships, which are described below:

1. County-Wide Scholarship

The County-Wide Scholarship was established to provide financial awards to high school students who have excelled in their academics.

2. MCAC Educational Program Scholarship

The MCAC Educational Program Scholarship was established to provide financial awards to high school students who have participated in a MCAC Educational Program for a minimum of two consecutive years.

3. Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship

The Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship was established to provide financial awards to students who want to advance their education/skill set by enrolling in a career/vocational/technical program. These programs are traditionally described as those that focus on specific vocational skills needed within certain occupations.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please note that you may apply for more than one scholarship type.

Requirement	MCAC Educational Program Scholarship	Career/ Vocational/ Technical Scholarship	County-Wide Scholarship
Residency	Resident of Montgomery County, Maryland	Resident of Montgomery County, Maryland	Resident of Montgomery County, Maryland
Student Status	High School senior of a Montgomery County, MD school, graduating the academic year in which the scholarship is being announced	High School Diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Diploma	High School senior of a Montgomery County, MD school, graduating the academic year in which the scholarship is being announced
School/ Program Type	Apply to a two or four-year college or university as a full-time student	Apply to an accredited career / vocational / technical school as a full-time student	Apply to a two or four-year college or university as a full-time student
GPA	Minimum Scholastic Average of a 2.0 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale	Latest transcript of academic record with a minimum Scholastic Average of a 2.0 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale	Minium Scholastic Average of a 2.5 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale
Additional Requirements	Educational Program Participant for a minimum of two consecutive years with MCAC	N/A	N/A

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered for a scholarship, a completed application must be uploaded using the following Jotform link: [Submission Form](#). The completed application must be submitted, and all supplemental documents must be received via email or submitted with the application, by **March 15, 2024 at 11:59pm**. Applications and/or supplemental documents received after March 15th **will not** be considered.

Your completed application package **must** include the following:

1. Scholarship Application Form

Note: The application form must be signed and dated by both the applicant and parent or guardian.

2. Letters of Recommendation

- (a) A letter of recommendation must be written and signed by a teacher or counselor at the applicant's school. The letter must be on the school's letterhead and include the length of time the teacher or counselor has known the applicant and in what capacity. Comments should include references to the applicant's scholastic achievements, maturity, motivation, interpersonal skills, and verbal and written communication skills. It should also include the contact information for the teacher or counselor.

Note: If applying for the MCAC Educational Program Scholarship, this letter must be written by the Chair/official leadership of the MCAC Educational Program in which you participated.

Note: If applying for the Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship, this letter can be written by an individual of the selected career/vocational/ technical school.

- (b) A letter of recommendation must be written and signed from a community service organization where the applicant volunteered. The letter must be on the organization's letterhead and must demonstrate active involvement to benefit the organization and/or community.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly by the recommender via email to scholarship@mcacdst.org. Please include the cover page in the "Letter of Recommendation" section of this application.

3. An official high school transcript or an official General Education Development (GED) Diploma is required. It should be submitted directly from the school via email to scholarship@mcacdst.org.
4. Two separate, thoughtfully written 300 - 500 word essays on the topics below must be submitted by the applicant.

(a) Community Service Essay

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization committed to public service. What contributions have you made for the betterment of your community through volunteer service? How has your service impacted you? How will you use your further education to impact your community?

(b) Personal Essay

- **County-wide Scholarship Applicant:** What are your specific academic and career goals and why? How will obtaining a scholarship and furthering your education help you to achieve your goals?
- **MCAC Educational Program Scholarship Applicant:** Explain the personal impact the MCAC Educational Program had on your personal development and academic enrichment.
- **Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship Applicant:** Explain your career goals and what has influenced your career path.

Note: The essays must be typed and will be evaluated based on content, grammar, and presentation.

5. Submit a high-resolution, digital color head shot image of yourself. The photo will be used to identify the applicant.

- Include your name in the file name of the photo.
- Provide a signature in the “Photo Release” section of this application to approve use of the photograph, if selected, in the MCAC announcement of scholarship winners and featured in a scholarship brochure, video, social media accounts or the MCAC website.

Please note all information in the application is confidential. Once submitted, the application becomes the property of the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The MCAC Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications submitted electronically by **March 15, 2024 at 11:59pm**. Applicants selected to continue in the process will receive correspondence from the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship finalists must participate in an interview to receive further consideration. Award recipients will be notified by May 2024.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Scholarship Committee via email at scholarship@mcacdst.org or by phone at (240) 491-0275.

STUDENT APPLICANT SECTION

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Please complete all information on this page.

Name of Student (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)
Permanent Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number	
E-Mail Address		
Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)		

SCHOOL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Name of High School	City/State	Zip Code
School Counselor Name		Counselor Phone Number
Expected Graduation Date (MM/DD/YY)		Cumulative GPA
GED Graduation Date (MM/DD/YY)		Cumulative GPA

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION (please select one or more)

	County-Wide Scholarship
	MCAC Educational Program Scholarship
	Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship

COUNTY-WIDE/ MCAC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

List all colleges / universities to which you have applied. Place an asterisk next to the colleges / universities where you have been accepted.

College / University	College / University
College / University	College / University
Intended Major / Career Interest	

CAREER/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICALSCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

CAREER/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL

List all career / vocational / technical training schools to which you have applied. Place an asterisk next to the schools where you have been accepted.

Career/Vocational/Technical School	Career/Vocational/Technical School
Career/Vocational/Technical School	Career/Vocational/Technical School
Indicate the Career/Vocational/Technical Interest:	

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Scholarship Application	
Transcript	
Two Letters of Recommendation (Community Service and Personal)	
Two Essays (Community Service and Personal)	
Professional / Extra Curricular Activity List	
Individual Digital High-Resolution Color Photograph	

PHOTO RELEASE SECTION

PHOTO RELEASE

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I give permission to the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to use photographs of my child/ward in their publications, internet website, social media platforms, and other promotions to educate the public and solicit support for their programs. I will hold harmless and indemnify MCAC from any and all liability that may arise from the use of the photographs and for the purposes stated.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address

STUDENT APPLICANT and PARENT/GUARDIAN

CERTIFICATION

By the signature below, you affirm all information you provided is true, complete (to the best of your knowledge) and you are not the parent, child, or sibling of a member of the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SECTION

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by each teacher, counselor, or community service provider submitting a letter of recommendation.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete all sections of this form in its entirety. The letter of recommendation must be on the letterhead of the school and/or organization and submitted with this form. Refer to the Application Procedures section of this document for additional information.

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
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Recommender's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Role / Position
School / Organization	
Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address	

Do you recommend this applicant for the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter Scholarship?

YES NO

Please return this recommendation via email to scholarship@mcacdst.org by the application deadline **March 15, 2024 11:59pm**.

Print Name and Title

Date

Signature

Thank you for assisting the Scholarship Committee in recommending the above-named applicant, who is applying for a scholarship from the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant. Only the Scholarship Committee will see your comments.