



2024 Scholarship Application

For Adult Learners

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
April 7, 2024

For additional information contact:
Scholarship Committee Chair
Scholarship@dstpvac.org

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a public service organization of black, college educated women that strives to improve the condition of African Americans and, in so doing, build a stronger more just country for all Americans. During its 110-year history, the organization has developed an extensive array of public service projects through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Since its chartering in 1985, the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has served the Greater Montgomery County, Maryland area. The chapter continues to address the conditions of low-income communities, with a particular focus on African American communities.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Δ Community Service
- Δ Academic Achievement
- Δ Personal Statement
- Δ Financial Need

The minimum award will be \$1,000.

For more information on our programs and a link to the application visit our website at www.dstpvac.org . A copy of the application is also attached to this notice.

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Chair, Scholarship Committee

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Application Criteria

Applicant must:

1. Be an adult at least 5 years out of high school.
2. All adult learning candidates must be a resident currently living or enrolled in school in a city within the chapter's service areas: Potomac, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Seneca, Poolesville, Gaithersburg, Germantown, or Rockville.
3. Plan to be enrolled in an accredited institution by Fall 2024, seeking a Certificate, Associate, or Bachelor's degree.

In addition to the application form, applicants must submit:

1. Two reference letters, one community-based on official organization letterhead, and one personal. Letters from relatives are not permissible.
2. Not be a child, sibling, or parent of a member of the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
3. A personal statement.
4. An official copy of the high school transcript, or transcript from the most recent institution attended. The official, sealed transcript must be mailed directly to the Chapter's PO Box (address found below), from the high school or most recent institution attended. The transcript must be postmarked by April 7, 2024.
5. A copy of the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submission summary.

All of the items listed above must be included in the application package (except the transcript). Omission of any of these items will exclude the applicant from consideration.

If awarded the scholarship, the recipient must provide proof of enrollment from the college or university in order to receive funds. Class schedules will not be accepted as proof of enrollment.

Completed applications can be either mailed or received electronically **no later than 11:59p (Eastern time), April 7, 2024.**

Mailed applications **must be postmarked by April 7, 2024 and must be sent to:**

Scholarship Committee Chair
Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
P.O. Box 59653
Potomac, Maryland 20859

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Type The Requested Data Below:

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Educational Institution Planning to Attend: _____

Intended Major/Course of Study: _____

Describe your participation in and contribution to community service.

Describe any special skills or training that you have.

Applicant's Signature and Date: _____

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Instructions for Personal Statement:

Tell us about yourself. Feel free to share your positive qualities, accomplishments, work experience, internships, volunteer work, leadership experience, extracurricular activities, or personal problems you have overcome. What do you want to study or pursue during this next phase of your academic career and why? How will this scholarship help you? Your personal statement must be typed using 12-pt Times New Roman or Arial font, use 1 inch margins, and should not exceed 2 pages.

Checklist

- ☐ Completed Scholarship Application (with all signatures)
- ☐ Two reference letters, one community-based on official organization letterhead, one personal. Letters from relatives are not permissible.
- ☐ A personal statement
- ☐ An official, sealed transcript from high school or transcript from most recent institution attended.
- ☐ A copy of the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submission summary.

Photo Release

I understand that I may be photographed in connection with my application for the scholarship awards offered by the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I give permission for Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter to publish on the Internet or media still photographs ("Images") that may be taken of me without payment or any consideration and without notifying me. I understand and agree that these Images will become the property of Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter, which shall have complete ownership of the Images. I hereby irrevocably authorize Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter's scholarship program or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finish product. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter and any of its officers and members, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., its officers; National Executive Board, employees; members from any and all claims, cost, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which I or any other persons acting on her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images.

Applicant Signature

Date

Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and current and that the Applicant is not the parent, child or sibling of a member of the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I understand this application packet will be kept confidential. All material submitted becomes the final property of the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I understand that submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

Applicant Signature

Date