

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter

# 2012 Scholarship Application Packet



Application Deadline: March 7, 2012

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Telephone: 301-894-8311

E-Mail Address: Scholarship@dstfwac.org

Website: <http://www.dstfwac.org>

January 16, 2012

Dear Applicant:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter (FWAC), a service sorority, will award a total of \$16,500 in scholarships to graduating high school students from Southern Prince George's County and Charles County who have demonstrated a concern for their community while maintaining academic excellence. The awards will be at least \$1,000\*. FWAC provides payment of all scholarship money awarded directly to the college or university where the recipient is enrolled on behalf of the recipient. FWAC scholarship money may only be used to pay tuition, room and board, and fees. Students may apply for the FWAC scholarship, even if they have applied or received scholarship awards from any other source, including other Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The scholarship can only be granted for the year that it is awarded.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate candidates based on community service, academic achievement, a personal statement, a written essay, an interview and letters of recommendation. Community Service is the essential component of the award. All candidates must possess **a minimum grade point average of 2.5** calculated through the end of the 2nd quarter 2011-2012 and plan to enroll full-time in an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university in summer or fall 2012.

**All items listed below must be returned to FWAC in one packet. Failure to include all six items will result in your packet being deemed incomplete:**

- (1) Typed and signed application;
- (2) Personal statement (**maximum of 1 typewritten page double spaced, 12 pt. font**);
- (3) Essay – “Discuss a recent event and how it has made an impact on your view of society.” (**Maximum of 2 typewritten pages double-spaced, 12 pt. font**);
- (4) Two (2) letters of recommendation: (a) a community service letter of recommendation from a community service representative or coordinator on official letterhead from the organization where the community service is performed (should include information based on personal knowledge regarding the applicant's level of participation in the activity and how long the person has known applicant); and (b) a scholastic recommendation letter from staff/faculty member on official letterhead (**both letters must be typewritten and signed**);

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- (5) Copy of official transcript in a school provided sealed and stamped envelope **AND** all recorded grades for your senior year; and,
- (6) Wallet size school or passport photograph.

Incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be considered. Applications postmarked later than March 7, 2012, **WILL NOT** be considered. Candidates are required to participate in an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee. **A complete copy of the Scholarship Application can be completed and printed from the website at [www.dstfwac.org](http://www.dstfwac.org).**

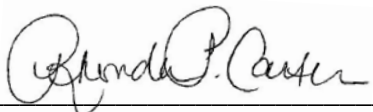
Please forward the completed application to the following address:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 1731  
Temple Hills, MD 20757

**(Postmarked no later than March 7, 2012)**

For more information please contact the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter Scholarship hotline at (301) 894-8311 or via email at [scholarship@dstfwac.org](mailto:scholarship@dstfwac.org).

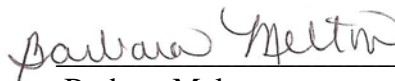
Sincerely,



Rhonda P. Carter  
President



Katrina R. King  
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair



Barbara Melton  
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

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**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and entering college in the year of graduation.
2. The entire application package **must be typewritten or computer generated**. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
3. To be eligible to apply for the FWAC scholarship, applicants must live or attend a school (public or private) in the FWAC service area, or be a current member of FWAC's Delta GEMS, or be the child of a financial member of FWAC. Our service area includes southern Prince George's County (south of Route 214, Central Avenue) and all of Charles County. The public schools in our service area include: Central; Crossland; Frederick Douglass; Forestville; Friendly; Gwynn Park; Henry Lackey; LaPlata; Largo; Maurice J. McDonough; North Point; Oxon Hill; Potomac; Suitland; Surrattsville; Thomas Stone, Westlake, and Dr. Henry A. Wise.
4. Applicants must receive a minimum score of 75 points in order to be considered for an interview.
5. Letters of recommendation must be submitted on **official letterhead** and must not be from family members. The Community Service Recommendation and the Scholastic Recommendation **must be typewritten and placed in a sealed envelope** addressed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter.
6. Community service activities cannot be job related those that are done in the interest of family or self, or those for which the applicant is receiving a grade.  
**Some examples of acceptable public service activities are:**
  - Feeding the homeless
  - Registering voters
  - Volunteering at local hospitals
  - Volunteer church activities that provide services to individuals
    - Examples include: tutoring/mentoring program; preparing/delivering meals; assisting senior citizens or disabled
  - Volunteering with community based public service organizations
  - Tutoring
  - Mentoring

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**Some examples of unacceptable self service activities are:**

- Church activities common to all churches
- Sunday school teacher, singing in choir, usher board member
- Member of sports team
- Member of a teen group (without volunteer service activities included)

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FORT WASHINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of January 31, 2012)

College/Intended College \_\_\_\_\_

Formally Accepted Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Potential Major \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please attach a wallet size or passport photograph with your application.**

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GPA Verified \_\_\_\_\_

Contact at School \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Soror \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CONTINUATION  
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**PERSONAL STATEMENT**  
**(maximum of 2 typewritten pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. font)**

We want to know about you! Scores will be based on content, style, and presentation.

- 75% Content: Consider addressing the following elements in a clearly expressed personal statement:
  - Academic potential and skills
  - Current motivations and future aspirations
  - Personal skills and qualities
  - Work experience
  - Community service activities
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Awards and honors
  
- 25% Style and Presentation:
  - Does your writing indicate an ability to communicate well?
  - Is there creativity and enjoyment in your use of language?
  - Is your writing clear and error-free writing that is easy and pleasant to read?

**ESSAY**  
**(maximum of 3 typewritten pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. font)**

Respond to the essay question – *“Discuss a recent event and how it has made an impact on your view of society.”*

Essay Criteria:

- 35% Content: Have you provided a clearly stated answer and explanation for your answer to the questions posed?
  
- 35% Position/Argument Support: Have you provided an organized argument supported by rationale, examples or evidence?
  
- 30% Style and Presentation: Does your writing indicate an ability to communicate well? Is there creativity and enjoyment in your use of language? Is your writing clear and error-free writing that is easy and pleasant to read?

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## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide two (2) recommendations: (a) a community service letter of recommendation from a community service representative or coordinator (**please review the Application Guidelines page for some examples of acceptable and unacceptable community service**); and (b) a scholastic recommendation letter from staff/faculty member (**both letters must be on official letterhead and must be typewritten**).

## TRANSCRIPT/PHOTO

Copy of official transcript **AND** all recorded grades for your senior year

Wallet size or passport photograph

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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CHECKLIST

*This checklist is intended to be a friendly reminder. It does not override any instructions listed within the scholarship application. Please adhere to all detailed instructions contained within the application packet.*

***Take a few minutes to look over your application packet to ensure that you have included the following:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Typed and signed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement  
**(Maximum of 2 typewritten pages double spaced, 12 pt. font)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay **(maximum of 3 typewritten pages double spaced, 12 pt. font)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation from a community service representative returned in a sealed envelope addressed to Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter (official letterhead)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation from a staff/faculty member in a sealed envelope addressed to Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter (official letterhead)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of official transcript in a school provided sealed and stamped envelope **(minimum grade point average of 2.5)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of all recorded grades for the senior year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wallet size photograph

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Be advised that your application packet will become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned.

Name:  
School Name:

***PERSONAL STATEMENT***

Name:  
School Name:

***ESSAY***

***“Discuss a recent event and how it has made an impact on your view of society.”***

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