



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

2020 – 2021

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FOR
CURRENT
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
STUDENTS**

ABOUT 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. The sorority has over 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States and abroad.

The Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is one of the sorority's chapters and was established with a vision to make Montgomery County, Maryland a better place for all of its citizens to live, work and enjoy their leisure time.

Information about Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. may be found at: www.deltasigmatheta.org. Information about the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter 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, Maryland, and contribute their skills and talents towards the improvement of the community.

The Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Program currently awards several types of scholarships to high school seniors. This scholarship is a one-time award named in honor of 57 women (Fervent LVII) initiated into the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter during 2019, to assist undergraduate students (classified as sophomore or higher) and graduate students as they continue their efforts to acquire a degree. The scholarship will be awarded to six deserving recipients receiving \$950.00.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this scholarship award, applicants must meet the following requirements:

| Requirement | Description/Explanation |
|--------------------|--|
| Residency | Resident of Montgomery County, MD |
| Student Status | Student enrolled during the 2020-2021 academic year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate Students: Attempting 12 or more credit hours• Graduate Students: Attempting 9 or more credit hours |

| Requirement | Description/Explanation |
|---------------------------|---|
| School Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-year college or university; or • Graduate degree program; or • Two-year college and transferring to a four-year college or university during the 2020–2021 academic year |
| Grade Point Average (GPA) | Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale |
| Community Service | Must submit proof of completion of 15 hours of community service during calendar years 2019-2020 |

Applicants can be prior recipients of other Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter scholarship awards.

Applicants cannot be members of Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter or related to a member of the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered for this scholarship, a completed application must be submitted and postmarked by March 13, 2021. Applications and/or supplemental documents postmarked after the final submission date **will not** be considered.

Applications must be mailed to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter
 Attention: Sheila Marshall, Chair
 Scholarship Committee
 P.O. Box 4236
 Silver Spring, MD 20914-4236

Your completed application must include the following:

1. Scholarship Application Form

Please note that the form must be signed and dated by the applicant and applicant's parent/guardian, if the applicant is under the age of 18.

2. Verification of Montgomery County Residency

A photocopy or electronic image of one of the following:

- Government-issued photo identification card issued to the applicant or the applicant's parent/guardian (e.g., driver's license or non-driver's identification card)
- Voter registration card issued to the applicant
- Residential lease or property deed (in applicant's name or name of applicant's parent/guardian)
- Bank statement or utility bill (in applicant's name or name of applicant's parent/guardian and identifying applicant's address)

3. Proof of School Enrollment

A photocopy or electronic image of an enrollment verification letter issued by the college or university on the institution's official letterhead indicating that the student is enrolled in a full-time status.

4. Current Transcript

A photocopy or electronic image of the applicant's current transcript showing the applicant's grade point average. An unofficial transcript printed or emailed from the school's student portal is acceptable.

5. Community Service Verification Letter

A letter from a community service organization where the applicant volunteered, verifying that the applicant completed a minimum of **15 hours** of community service during calendar years 2019-2020. The letter must:

- Clearly indicate how many hours of were completed and when the hours were completed;
- Be on the organization's letterhead and signed by an official of the organization;
- Demonstrate active involvement of the applicant to benefit the organization and/or community.

Please do not provide letters regarding church activities that are common to all churches and religious institutions, such as Sunday School teacher or singing in the choir. These types of activities are considered self-serving and do not meet the public service criteria of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

6. Personal Statement Essay

A 300-500 word essay authored by the applicant, describing the applicant's educational goals and explaining how this scholarship will help with achievement of those goals.

The essay must clearly identify the applicant's name at the top of the document (applicant's name and identifying information does not count towards the word count limit). The essay will be evaluated based on content, grammar, syntax and presentation.

7. Photograph Release Authorization

Scholarship recipients will be asked to provide a color photograph or color electronic image (a headshot is preferred), which may be featured in the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter's Scholarship Program brochure. The photograph may be used also by the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter for social media and other internet postings, including promotions to educate the public about and solicit support for the Chapter's programs. All applicants are required to complete an authorization allowing the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter to use the photograph.

If the applicant has questions during the application period, please contact the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Committee via email at scholarship@mcacdst.org.

All material submitted in conjunction with the application process is confidential. Once submitted, the material becomes the property of the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter will take all reasonable efforts to safeguard and maintain the confidentiality of application material.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND INTERVIEW

All applications will be reviewed by the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Committee to determine which applicants will be scheduled for an interview. Incomplete applications (e.g., missing required materials or missing required signatures) will not be considered.

Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted by the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete all fields in the application, as applicable.

| Personal Information | |
|--|--|
| Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) | |
| Date of Birth | |
| Permanent Address | |
| Primary Telephone Number | |
| Alternate Telephone Number | |
| Email Address | |
| Alternate Email Address (optional) | |
| Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)* | |
| Telephone Number and Email for Parent(s)/Guardians* | |

*If applicant is under 18 years of age

| School Information for 2020-2021 Academic Year | |
|---|--|
| Name of College or University (include city, state and zip code) | |
| Date of Enrollment (month and year) | |
| Major (indicate "undecided" if applicable) | |
| Class Status (e.g., Sophomore, Junior, Senior or other) | |

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

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

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

Signature of Applicant's Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

By affixing my signature below, I affirm all information I have provided is true and complete (to the best of my knowledge) and that I am not related to a member of the Montgomery County (MD) 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.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Applicant

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

Signature of Applicant's Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

Please ensure that the application package contains the following materials.
Incomplete packages will not be considered. Please refer to pages 3-5 for requirements associated with each application component.

| | Required Application Component |
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| | Scholarship Application |
| | Verification of Montgomery County Residency |
| | Proof of School Enrollment |
| | Current Transcript |
| | Community Service Verification Letter |
| | Personal Statement Essay |
| | Photograph Release Authorization |