



## **2022 Scholarship Application**

**For Students with GPA above 3.0**

**DEADLINE:**  
**March 18, 2022**

For additional information contact:  
Scholarship Committee Chair  
[Scholarship@dstpvac.org](mailto: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 109-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.

For over thirty-six (36) years, 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 to Montgomery County High School graduating seniors based on the following criteria:

- Δ Community Service
- Δ Academic Achievement
- Δ Essay (Essay Rubric included)
- Δ Financial Need
- Δ A copy of the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

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](http://www.dstpvac.org) . A copy of the application is also attached to this notice.

*Brooke G. Holmes*  
Brooke G. Holmes,  
President

*Daphne Page-Reaves*  
Daphne Page-Reaves, Chair  
Scholarship Committee

## Application Criteria

Applicant must:

1. Be a high school senior who lives in or attends school in the communities of Potomac, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Rockville, Poolesville, Darnestown, or Seneca.
2. Not be a daughter/son of a member of the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
3. Have an overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 or above.
4. Be enrolled full-time in an accredited institution by Fall 2022, seeking an Associate's or Bachelor's degree.

In addition to the application, applicants must submit:

1. Two reference letters, one school-based and one community-based not associated with the school the applicant attends.
2. An essay addressing one of the prompts included.
3. A current official academic transcript submitted by the applicant's school.

**All items listed above must be included in the application package, along with signatures from the applicant, parent/guardian, and the counselor. 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 should be sent to:**

scholarship@dstpvac.org

or

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

**Application due by March 18, 2022.**

**Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter**  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
**A Public Service Sorority**  
2022 Scholarship Application

***Type The Requested Data Below:***

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Home Address:

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Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current Unweighted Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Service-Learning Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Certification/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**POTOMAC VALLEY ALUMNAE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**\*Print additional forms as needed\***

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Applicant Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions for essay:**

Write a well-developed argument that addresses one of the following prompts (essay must be typed using 12-pt Times New Roman or Arial font).

**Prompts:**

1. Which branch of government is the most important?
2. How involved should the United States get in conflicts in other parts of the world?
3. What is the greatest threat to our environment?
4. Do movements like Black Lives Matter and #MeToo promote inclusiveness and awareness or division and inequality?

## **OPTIONAL ESSAY**

The past 18 months have been challenging for us all. Describe how COVID-19 has affected you.

## Photo Release

I understand that my child may be photographed in connection with the application for the scholarship awards offered by the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. I give permission for Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter to publish on the Internet or media still photographs ("Images") that may be taken of my child 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 finished product in which my child's likeness appears. 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 my child or any other persons acting on his or her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images.

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name and Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Email Address

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, Incorporated. 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.

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name and Signature

Date

### **Checklist**

- ☐ Scholarship Application (signed)
- ☐ One Community-Based Letter not associated with the school
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