



Houston Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Scholarship Application FAQs

Q. When will the application be available?

A. On Saturday, **January 3, 2025**, the application link for the high school and college/vocational application will go live.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements for the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., scholarships?

A. Eligibility for **high school** applicants, you must:

- Graduate from high school in Spring 2025
- Be a resident of the greater Houston area.
- Intend to enroll in an accredited college, university or vocational/community college beginning in Fall 2025.
- We do not have a GPA minimum.

B. For **collegiate and graduate applicants**, you must:

Be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or vocational/community college.

Q. May I use a post office box for my residence address?

A. No. Your residence address must be your physical address.

Q. Before I begin my application, what do I need?

A. The application will ask you a series of questions. Several questions will ask you to include a listing of:

- All Delta Activities
- Community Service Activities
- Work Experience while in High School

There are also 2 Essay Questions (* Please note - Minimum 250 words, but not more than 400 words).



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Q. What is an official transcript?

A. An official transcript is defined as a transcript sealed and mailed directly from the school's registrar or issuing office or clearinghouse and sent directly to the chapter, either to the P.O. Box or electronically to the designated email address provided. It may show rank, GPA, and state mandated assessment (applicable and shall have passed all parts). It must include the Registrar's seal or stamp and signature.

Q. Am I allowed to mail or email the official transcript to Houston Alumnae Chapter?

A. No. Transcripts for collegiate and high school applicants can **ONLY** be submitted by the school registrar or official clearinghouse, either via USPS (**postmarked by the deadline date of March 1, 2025**), or electronically emailed directly from the clearinghouse or Registrar's office to: transcript@dsthoustonalumnae.org.

Q. May I apply for more than one scholarship? If so, how?

A. Upon submission of your application, you will be automatically included in the pool of applicants for scholarships, if you meet the eligibility requirements.

Q. Can a family member write my letter of recommendation?

A. No. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted from family members. Individuals who provide letters of recommendation (teacher/Counselor/community leader) should be well acquainted with your character, academic performance/achievements and goals.

Q. What if my recommender prefers to submit the letter himself or herself?

A. Recommenders may choose to directly submit the letter on your behalf by uploading it electronically and emailing it to scholar@dsthoustonalumnae.org or by mailing it to the chapter post office box (**postmarked by the deadline date of March 1, 2025**).

In the appropriate place on the application, the applicant must upload a document informing the committee that the recommender is separately emailing their letter. The applicant and the recommender must still adhere to the **March 1, 2025** deadline for the application and all supporting documentation.



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Q. If I start my application, can I save what I have already entered and come back at another time?

A. Yes. You can save your application and come back later at the exact point to finalize it before the **March 1, 2025** deadline.

Q. Are the scholarship awards renewable every year?

A. A few of the scholarships are renewable every year (up to 4 years). However, most of the Houston Alumnae scholarships are one-time awards. Renewable scholarships will be awarded every year of college and are contingent upon the recipient continuing to meet scholarship requirements.

Q. If I have been a scholarship recipient in a previous year, may I apply for another scholarship this year?

A. Yes. The Houston Alumnae Chapter has continuing education scholarships that a student may apply for, even if they previously won a scholarship as a high school student or received a higher education scholarship (for college and above) in previous years.

Q. If my mother is a member of the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., am I eligible to apply for scholarships?

A. YES! Our private and family-funded scholarships are open to ALL applicants who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of their mother's affiliation with the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; however, a student whose mother is a Delta in the Houston Alumnae Chapter or an applicant who is a soror in the Houston Alumnae Chapter is not eligible for Houston Alumnae Chapter scholarships.



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Q. If I did not participate in the HAC- EMBODI or HAC – GEMS program, am I eligible to apply for the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. scholarships?

A. YES! Our scholarships are open to ALL applicants who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of their participation in our HAC-EMOBI or HAC-GEMS programs.

Q. When is the application deadline?

A. The 2025 Scholarship application for both high school and college closes on **March 1, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.** Central Standard Time. This includes submission of **all** documents (transcript, letter(s) of recommendation, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be scored.

Q. My school does not use a 4.0. grading scale. How do I convert my GPA to this scale?

A. Please have the registrar convert your GPA and include on your transcript. If you are unable to get the GPA converted to the 4.0 scale, please mark the scale that is included on the transcript on the application and include the GPA listed on the transcript.

Q. When and how will the Houston Alumnae Chapter notify applicants of the scholarship award decisions?

A. All applicants are notified in April as to whether or not they have been selected as a scholarship recipient. Notifications are sent to the email address listed on the application.

Q. I do not have a very high GPA, am I eligible for your scholarship program?

A. We recognize that students may face numerous challenges during their high school and college matriculation. We offer at least one scholarship that does not have a minimum GPA requirement.

Q. If I make a mistake on my application, am I allowed to change or edit my application or documents after I submit it?

A. No. Once your application is submitted, there are no edits or changes. Remember to proof your application carefully before you submit it.



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Q: If I am awarded a scholarship, how do I receive the funds?

A: Upon receipt of your proof of enrollment, a check in your name is sent directly to your college or university. Please verify with your school's bursar for their specific policies and procedures for receipt of outside scholarship funds.

Q: Is it possible for me to lose my scholarship after it has been awarded?

A: Yes. Your scholarship will be forfeited should you no longer meet the expressed scholarship criteria, including the specific requirements set by any private donor scholarship (ie. G.P.A., selected major, school choice, etc.).

Q: What do scholarship funds cover?

A: For many institutions, your scholarship funds will be used for tuition, books, fees, and other appropriate educational expenses.