



# Houston Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## Scholarship Application FAQs

### **Q. When will the application be available?**

**A. Saturday, January 24, 2026**, the application link for the high school and collegiate/vocational/graduate applications will go live.

### **Q. How many scholarships does the Houston Alumnae Chapter offer?**

**A.** Houston Alumnae Chapter (HAC) offers a wide variety of scholarships, organized into two main categories: Chapter-sponsored and Private & Family-funded Scholarships, that provide scholarship opportunities for high school seniors, current college students, and graduate students.

### **Q. Can I apply for more than one scholarship? If so, how?**

**A.** Certainly! When you access the application, you can review all the candidate requirements for each scholarship. After that, you'll have the option to choose **every** scholarship for which you qualify before submitting your application. There is no limit.

### **Q. What are the eligibility and criteria requirements for the scholarships offered by the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.?**

**A.** Eligibility requirements for these scholarships vary. To view a comprehensive list of HAC chapter-sponsored and Private Donor & Family-funded scholarships, along with their requirements, please refer to the link provided within the application.

### **Q. Is there an application for each scholarship?**

**A.** No. A single application covers all available scholarships, much like the Common Application.

### **Q. I do not have a very high GPA. Am I eligible for your scholarship program?**

**A.** Yes! We recognize that students may face numerous challenges during their high school and college matriculation.

### **Q. How is eligibility for HAC-sponsored scholarships different from Private & Family-funded scholarships?**

**A.** HAC Scholarships are only offered to students in the Greater Houston area, as well as Clear Lake Students in the following zip codes: 77058, 77059, 77062, 77258.



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

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

### **Q. What is an official transcript?**

**A.** An official transcript is a document that comes sealed and directly from the school's registrar or clearinghouse and is sent straight to a specified email address or physical address. It must bear the Registrar's seal, stamp, and/or signature.

### **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:

- Participation in Delta Activities
- Participation in Community Service Activities
- Participation in Organizations and Extra-Curricular Activities
- Work Experience while in High School
- 2 Essay Questions - Minimum 250 words, but not more than 400 words

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

**A.** No. Transcripts for high school, collegiate, and graduate applicants can **ONLY** be submitted electronically via email by the school registrar or official clearinghouse to [transcript@dsthoustonalumnae.org](mailto:transcript@dsthoustonalumnae.org). Deadline is **March 2, 2026**. \*Mail-in option requests will be reviewed individually.

### **Q. What if my recommender prefers to submit the letter themselves?**

**A.** Applicants must upload recommendations in the application, per the provided instructions. Deadline is **March 2, 2026**. \*Mail-in option requests will be reviewed individually.

### **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.



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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! Applications can be saved; however, you must complete the current page before proceeding to the next section. It's a good idea to look over the essay questions before you start filling out the application. The Deadline is **March 2, 2026**.

**Q. Are the scholarship awards renewable every year?**

**A.** Some scholarships are renewable every year (up to 4 years). 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! HAC 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 satisfy the eligibility criteria, regardless of their mother's affiliation with the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. HOWEVER, students whose mothers are members of the Houston Alumnae Chapter, as well as applicants who are themselves members of the Houston Alumnae Chapter, are not eligible for any HAC-sponsored scholarships.

**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-EMBODI or HAC-GEMS programs.

**Q. When is the application deadline?**

**A.** The 2026 Scholarship application for both high school and college will close on **March 2, 2026, 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 considered.



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**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 it 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.** In April, all applicants will receive an email at the address they provided on their application informing them if they have been chosen as scholarship recipients.

**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 proofread your application carefully before you submit it.

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

**A:** Upon verification of scholarship eligibility and any necessary documentation, a check in your name will be sent directly to the address listed on the application.

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

**A:** Yes! Your scholarship will be forfeited if your status changes, should you no longer meet the expressed scholarship criteria, including the specific requirements set by any private donor scholarship (i.e., G.P.A., selected major, school choice, etc.).

**Q: Who do I contact if I have additional questions or concerns?**

**A:** Please reach out to the committee at [scholar@dsthoustonalumnae.org](mailto:scholar@dsthoustonalumnae.org) if you have additional questions or concerns.