

2023 Scholarship Application

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Athens Alumnae Chapter

Applications must be postmarked and returned via mail to:

**Athens Alumnae Chapter of DST
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 7967
Athens, Georgia 30604**

Deadline: April 1, 2023

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following documents should be included in your application package:

- ✓ **Completed and signed scholarship application (signed by applicant and parent/guardian)**
- ✓ **Official high school transcript (sealed)**
- ✓ **Two typed and signed letters of recommendation (sealed) ✓ Essay (typed)**

*Missing documents will result in an incomplete package and will not be considered for an award.

College Scholarship Application

Deadline: April 1, 2023

2023 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. High school seniors who reside or attend high school in Clarke, Banks, Barrow, Elbert, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Walton counties.
2. All applicants are required to submit a completed, signed and dated application. The application must be typed.
3. Applicants must have at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale in order to qualify for a scholarship. Applicants are required to submit an official high school transcript which includes first semester grades of the senior year enclosed in a sealed envelope.
4. All applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendations. References can be a teacher, administrator, counselor, minister, employer, community leader, etc Please note that one letter of reference must come from a teacher or administrator. See instructions to be given to references.
5. All applicants are required to submit a typed essay. Essays should be 500 words, double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, one inch margin on all sides, and name typed in the upper right-hand corner of each page. The essay must respond to the following statement: **Reflect on your personal point of view on community involvement and its value to your life.**
6. A one-time scholarship will be awarded to the top students. Scholarship amount is based on available scholarship funds.
7. Scholarship funds will be released within 6-8 weeks of the student providing official proof of enrollment from their respective college or university to the Scholarship Committee.
8. Scholarship recipients must claim the award by **December 31, 2023.**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DECISION PROCESS/SCORING

On a scale of 100 points, candidates will be scored on the following criteria:

Completed and signed scholarship application	25 pts.
GPA	15 pts.
Two typed letters of recommendation (sealed)	15 pts. (7.5 pts. Each)
Written Essay	25 pts.
Interview	20 pts.

Special Honors or Recognition (e.g., academic, church, community, sports)

SCHOOL PREFERENCES

Please list in order of preference the top four colleges to which you have applied or plan to apply.

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

What course of study do you plan to pursue?

REFERENCES (LIST TWO BELOW)

1. Name _____ Phone Number _____
Address _____

2. Name _____ Phone Number _____
Address _____

REFERENCE SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

Please have your references submit a typed letter of recommendation for you. Each letter of recommendation should be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the applicant to be included in the application package. A separate sheet with instructions for references is included.

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT: Please distribute this document to the person that you have requested to write your official recommendation letter.

DIRECTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL WRITING RECOMMENDATION LETTER: Please review the content of required items to be included in your official recommendation letter for the applicant.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of recommendation must be written by persons who are not related to the applicant. A relative is defined as a person connected to another by birth, marriage or adoption.
- Only original signed (pen and ink - no digital signatures) letters of recommendation will be accepted. A scanned, electronic, and special font signature on any letter of recommendation is unacceptable.
- All Letters of Recommendation must be dated (in Month Day Year format)
- All Letters of Recommendation must be TYPED. Handwritten letters will not be accepted and the application will be deemed ineligible.
- All Letters of Recommendation must be on letterhead.

These letters should be addressed to **Athens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** and include:

- Name and address of reference
- Relationship to applicant
- How long reference has known applicant
- Information regarding why applicant should receive the scholarship award

All information provided in this package is correct to the best of my knowledge. If I receive a scholarship award, I hereby give permission to Athens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to utilize my name, photo, and scholarship award in any publicity/marketing materials.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian

Signature Date