



Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 2024 Scholarship Program

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 2, 2024

[2024 SWDCA Scholarships Application](#)

ELIGIBILITY

Torch of Wisdom Scholarship

Award recipient must:

1. Be an African American female and a high school graduating senior who:
 - Resides in Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, Red Oak, Wilmer, Hutchins **or**
 - Attends school in Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, Red Oak, Wilmer, Hutchins **or**
 - Currently participates in SWDCA Youth Initiative GEM program
2. Have a minimum GPA of **2.75** (based on 4.0 scale) on the transcript submitted at the time of application.

Beacon of Knowledge Scholarship

Award recipient must:

1. Be an African American male and a high school graduating senior who:
 - Resides in Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, Red Oak, Wilmer, Hutchins **or**
 - Attends school in Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, Red Oak, Wilmer, Hutchins **or**
 - Currently participates in the SWDCA Youth Initiative EMBODI program
2. Have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (based on 4.0 scale) on the transcript submitted at the time of application.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed online application**
- Two (2) uploaded letters of recommendation.**
 - Each letter must be on official letterhead and signed. (Letters may be from a school official, church or community leader.)
- Official Transcript**
 - MUST have the Registrar's seal or stamp along with a signature. The official transcript can be submitted using either of the following ways:

- ☐ Mailed to the address below with a postmark no later than **March 2, 2024**.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Southwest Dallas County Alumnae Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 1632
DeSoto, TX 75123

- ☐ Sent electronically to scholarships@swdcadeltas.net no later than **March 2, 2024**, by a school official (Administrator, Counselor, Advisor, Electronic Transcript System, etc.)
- ☐ **Uploaded photograph – headshot only.**
- ☐ **Uploaded essay.** “Tell us your story. What unique opportunities or challenges have you experienced throughout your high school career that have shaped who you are today?”
- ☐ **Signed and uploaded [Application Signature Page](#) .**
- ☐ **Signed and uploaded [Media Release Form](#) .**

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Completed applications must be submitted by **March 2, 2024**.
- If selected for an interview, the date will be **March 23, 2024** and will be virtual.
- Transcript must be sealed and mailed by the deadline above or submitted electronically by a school official as noted above.
- Please add scholarships@swdcadeltas.net to your email contact list.
- Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered. All applicants will be notified of their application status via email.

IF SELECTED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarship Recognition event will be held **May 18, 2024**, where awards will be announced.

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school of enrollment upon submission of the following:

- ☐ Official Verification of Enrollment (Not a copy of registration)
- ☐ The address of the financial aid/scholarship office
- ☐ Your student ID number

Funds must be claimed by May 2025, or they will be forfeited.