

Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



2026

Scholarship Application

Application Deadline:

**Application package must be POSTMARKED by
March 6, 2026**

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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was founded 112 years ago on January 13, 1913, by 22 young women studying at Howard University. They sought to create an organization rooted in sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action. Today, we have blossomed into more than courageous women could have imagined, with over 350,000 initiated women and over 1,000 chapters located worldwide.

In realizing its mission, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. provides an extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of:

- Economic Development
- Physical and Mental Health
- Educational Development
- Political Awareness and Involvement
- International Awareness and Involvement

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In support of educational development and academic excellence, the Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter (TCMDAC) offers the following types of scholarships:

Scholarship Name	Award Amount
Elvear B. Johnson (Ph.D.)	\$1,000
Educational Program	\$500
College of Southern Maryland (CSM)	\$500
Tri-County Maryland	\$1,000
Career/Vocational/Technical	\$750
Book Scholarship	\$500

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The applicant must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for a scholarship:

- Reside **or** attend a high school in the TCMDAC service area
 - High schools include: La Plata, St. Charles, Thomas Stone, Career & Technology Academy, Calvert, Huntingtown, Northern, Patuxent, Chopticon, Great Mills, Leonardtown and the James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center.
- Must be a graduating high school senior **or** CSM student **or** previous TCMDAC scholarship recipient.

- Plan to attend a two-year or four-year university or college OR a Career/Vocational/Technical program as a full-time student.
- Applicants must NOT be the child or stepchild of a current TCMDAC member.

The following documents MUST be attached to your completed application form:

- ☐ **Official High School or College Transcript.** The high school transcript must include the (1) first semester of your senior year, (2) cite the cumulative grade point average, and (3) be in an envelope sealed and signed by a school official. For college students the current official transcript must be sent directly to TCMDAC from the university.
- ☐ **Test Scores.** A copy of your SAT or ACT scores sent directly from your high school in an envelope sealed and signed by a school official (high school applicants only)
- ☐ **School Recommendation.** One typed, signed, and dated current 2025/2026 letter of recommendation from a school official (i.e. principal, teacher/instructor, counselor, advisor, etc.) on the school's official letter head. The recommendation should include the length of time the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity; and highlight the applicant's academic achievements, personal characteristics and leadership ability/skills.
- ☐ **Community Service Recommendation.** One typed, signed, and dated current 2025/2026 letter of recommendation from a community service official or authorized representative of an organization verifying applicant's current community service involvement. The letter must be on the organization's official letterhead. The recommendation should include the length of time the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity; and demonstrate active involvement to benefit the organization and/or community.
- ☐ **Essay:**
 - **Dr. Elvear B. Johnson Scholarship:** a typed one-page essay on why you chose education, liberal arts, science, technology, engineering or math as a career choice.
 - **Educational Program Scholarship:** a typed one-page essay explaining the impact of TCMDAC Educational Program had on your academics and/or personal growth.
 - **CSM Scholarship; Tri-County Maryland Scholarship; Book Scholarship; Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship:** a typed one-page essay describing a community service project. (Maximum of one typewritten page, double spaced, 12-point font).
- ☐ **Color photograph.** Recent portrait (wallet size senior picture/headshot). No proofs or personality shots. Applicant's name should be printed on the back of the photo.
- ☐ A copy of the acceptance letter from a four-year university or enrollment verification for college applicants (must be provided if awarded a scholarship)
- ☐ **Awards.** A list all academic awards, school and community service involvement

A completed 2026 TCMDAC Scholarship Application Form along with relevant items on the checklist **MUST** be submitted as one complete application package. If any items are omitted or the application (including the Essay) is not typed, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered. Incomplete package will not be returned. All information provided is considered confidential. All materials become the property of the Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Submit completed application (in its original format) along with attachments, official transcript, photo and recommendations with a postmark no later than 6 March 2026 to:

**Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1956
Leonardtown, MD 20650**

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**For questions, please contact
Mrs. Jossie Washington
Email: tcmdacscholarshipdst@gmail.com
Phone: (504) 234-5712**

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS AND CRITERIA

You may apply for multiple scholarships. Place a check next to ALL applicable scholarships for which you wish to apply and provide ALL supporting documentation.

☐ **ELVEAR B. JOHNSON (Ph.D.) SCHOLARSHIP:**

Students applying for the Elvear B. Johnson (Ph.D.) Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Reside **or** attend a public school in the TCMDAC service area, which includes all of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties and Charles County (east of Route 301).
- Be a high school senior with a **grade point average of 3.0 or above**;
- Be able to demonstrate community or extracurricular involvement;
- Be accepted by or planning to attend an accredited four-year university or college as a full-time student beginning in the fall of 2026; and
- Be planning to pursue a major in one of the following areas: Education, Liberal Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering or Math.

☐ **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP:**

Students applying for the Educational Program Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Maintain active participation in a TCMDAC Educational Programs (Delta GEMS or EMBODI) for at least two consecutive years while in high school;
- Be a high school senior with a cumulative **grade point average of 2.75 or above**;
- Be able to demonstrate community or extracurricular involvement; and
- Apply to an accredited post-secondary education institution.

☐ **COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND (CSM) SCHOLARSHIP:**

Students applying for the CSM Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Tri-County resident;
- Be enrolled full-time at the College of Southern Maryland;
- Demonstrate community or extracurricular involvement;
- Have a minimum **grade point average of 2.75 GPA**;
- Provide 2 letters of recommendation from a current instructor or a leader in the community;
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Provide a one-page essay on community service involvement.

☐ **TRI-COUNTY MARYLAND SCHOLARSHIP:**

Students applying for the Tri-County Maryland Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Reside **or** attend a high school (public or private) in the TCMDAC service area, which includes all of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties and Charles County (east of Route 301);
- Be a high school senior with a **grade point average of 2.75 or above**;
- Be able to demonstrate community or extracurricular involvement; and
- Be accepted by or planning to attend an accredited four-year university or college as a full-time student.

☐ **CAREER/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

The Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship provides a financial award to students who seek to advance their education by participating in a vocational or technical program. These programs traditionally focus on specific vocation skills needed for certain occupations. Students applying for the Career/Vocational/Technical Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Reside **or** attend a high school (public or private) in the TCMDAC service area, which includes all of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties and Charles County (east of Route 301);
- Be a high school senior with a **grade point average of 2.75 or above**;
- Be able to demonstrate community or extracurricular involvement; and
- Be accepted by or planning to attend a Career/Vocational/Technical program as a full-time student.

☐ **BOOK SCHOLARSHIP:**

The Book Scholarship provides a financial award for students to purchase textbooks. The Book Scholarship is available to high school students and previous scholarship recipients continuing their education through the completion of college. Students applying for the Book Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

High School:

- Reside **or** attend a high school (public or private) in the TCMDAC service area, which includes all of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties and Charles County (east of Route 301);
- Be a high school senior with a **grade point average of 2.75 or above**; and
- Be accepted by or planning to attend a two-year or four-year university or college OR a Career/Vocational/Technical program as a full-time student.

Continuing College Students:

- Be a previous TCMDAC scholarship recipient;
- Attend a two-year or four-year university or college OR a Career/Vocation/Technical; program as a full-time student; and
- Must have a minimum **grade point average of 2.75**.

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2026 Scholarship Application**

The entire application form MUST be typed

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
Last First MI
2. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
3. Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male
4. Home Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)
5. Home Telephone Number: _____ 6. Cell Phone Number _____
7. Email Address: _____
8. Is your Mother a member of Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter: Yes _____ No _____

II. HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION (to be completed by High School Applicant Only)

1. Name of High School: _____
2. School Address: _____
City/State Zip Code
3. School Counselor Name: _____
4. Counselor Phone Number: _____
5. Counselor Email Address: _____
6. Expected Graduation Date (MM/DD/YY): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____
7. Are you a participant of TCMDAC's Educational Programs? Yes _____ No _____
If so please specify, _____

III. COLLEGE SCHOOL INFORMATION (to be completed by Collegiate Applicant Only)

1. Name of College Institution: _____
2. School Address: _____
City/State Zip Code
3. Expected Graduation Date (MM/DD/YY): _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

IV. FAMILY INFORMATION (Applicants under 18 years of age)

1. Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian: _____
Last First MI
2. Home Address: _____
(Street Address)
- _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)
3. Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

V. HONORS AND AWARDS

List all honors and awards received during high school. Please include a brief description of the honor(s)/award(s) received. (Use additional sheets as needed.)

Name of Award or Recognition	Date Awarded

VI. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all extracurricular activities (school and community), including academic related internships and work study jobs, that you have participated in during high school. Please include a brief description of the activities, position(s) held, duties and dates involved. (Use additional sheets as needed.)

Activity/Job/Community Service	Position Held/Duties*	Dates (To/From)

*List leadership positions held, if any.

VII. POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION INFORMATION

List the post-secondary institution (college/university/technical or vocational institution) to which you have applied for fall admission. (Use additional sheets as needed.)

College/University/Vocational School	City and State	Applied or Accepted?

Proposed Major or Career Interest: _____

VIII. PHOTO RELEASE

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I hereby grant the Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated the unrestricted right and permission to use and re-use my child's name and likeness in any and all publications, including photograph, television broadcast, video recording, internet sites, audio-recording or any other form of electronic or print communication (the Promotional Materials), for its own purposes without payment or any other consideration to me or my child, in perpetuity. I understand and agree that any material produced using my child's likeness is the property of TCMDAC.

Parent/Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

*Please note, if a photo release is not provided, the recipient **cannot** be photographed in group pictures. The pictures can be published.

IX. CERTIFICATIONS

Please indicate by your signatures (original signatures only) below that you certify that the statements in this application are correct.

I certify that all information provided is true, complete to the best of my knowledge, and that you are not the child or step-child of a member of the Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I give TCMDAC permission to verify any information contained in my scholarship package, as necessary. I understand that misrepresentation of any information or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification to be considered for a scholarship or forfeiture of any award that I may receive.

I understand that if the applicant is awarded a scholarship, the funds will be made payable and sent directly to the post-secondary institution once proper verification document(s) have provided to Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Applicant (Print Name)

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed, typed application form with original signatures of student and/or parent/guardian.
- ☐ Official copy of high school or college transcript in a sealed envelope.
- ☐ A copy of your SAT or ACT scores sent directly from your high school in an envelope sealed and signed by a school official;
- ☐ A list all academic awards, school and community service involvement.
- ☐ A typed one-page essay on: why you chose education, science, technology, engineering or math as a career choice; or a one-page essay on the impact of TCMDAC Educational Program; or a one-page essay describing a community service project. (Maximum of one typewritten page, double spaced, 12-pt font).
- ☐ A typed and signed letter of recommendation from a school official or community service official. The letter must be 1) signed; 2) on the school/organization's letterhead; and 3) in a sealed envelope addressed to Tri-County (MD) Alumnae Chapter.
- ☐ Scholarship application must be signed by both the student and parent/legal guardian. Original signatures required. Photocopied or electronic signatures will not be accepted, and application will be deemed incomplete.
- ☐ Wallet-sized photograph with full name printed on the back. No proofs or personality photos.
- ☐ A copy of the acceptance letter from a two-year, four- year university or college OR from a Career/Vocational/Technical program (must be provided if awarded the scholarship).

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This checklist does not override any instructions listed within the scholarship application. Please adhere to all detailed instructions contained within the application packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered.