



2025-2026 DORISENE WALLACE-HILL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award scholarships to four incoming African American freshmen at a four-year, accredited college or university.

The award criteria are based on a combination of a **2.75** or above cumulative grade point average, school and community activities, leadership, and character.

The scholarship has a maximum of **\$1,250.00** per semester and is awarded for one academic year.

The scholarship recipients are requested to report their first semester grades to the Chapter President. The conferring of the second semester award is contingent upon the student receiving a **2.5** grade point average or above during the first semester.

The Scholarship Application Preparation Packet is available via our website to assist with the completion of the Application Packet.

To receive an electronic copy of the Dorisene Wallace-Hill Scholarship Application, please visit <https://caacdeltas.org/caac-dorisene-wallace-hill-scholarship/>.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 1, 2025



DORISENE WALLACE-HILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD INFORMATION

- 1) The applicant shall be an African American graduating senior from a **PUBLIC** high school in one of the following counties: **Conway, Faulkner, Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline, or White.**
- 2) The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of **2.75** (on a 4.0 scale) **or above.**
- 3) The applicant must declare his/her intent to enroll at a 4-year, accredited college or university during the 2025-2026 academic year and **include a copy of the acceptance letter on official letterhead with applicant's name included or a copy of an email from the institution.**
- 4) The applicant must complete the Dorisene Wallace-Hill Scholarship Application in its entirety and include all required attachments to be considered.
- 5) The applicant must submit a **sealed closed** official transcript from his/her high school, which shows the **cumulative** grade point average.
- 6) The applicant must submit **two signed and sealed closed letters** of recommendation; one from a teacher or counselor and one from a community service leader. The letters of recommendation must address the student's character, scholastic achievement and/or improvement, honor societies and/or academic clubs to which you belong, well as all community service activities both related and not related to professional goals. **Both letters must be submitted on an official school and/or organization letterhead.**
- 7) The applicant must submit a photograph, which will be included in all submissions provided to printed publications.
- 8) The recipient and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) will be asked to give written consent giving the chapter permission to provide their names and photos to local newspapers recognizing the award.
- 9) When awarded, the scholarship award will be made payable to the institution after submitting proof of enrollment (a letter from the admissions office with the college or university's official seal) to the chapter. The maximum amount of the award is **\$1,250.00** per semester. The second semester award is contingent upon receiving a **2.5 or above** grade point average during the first semester.
- 10) **Application must be typed and will NOT be considered if it is handwritten.**

11) **Failure to adhere to all guidelines disqualifies an applicant.**

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box 55411
Little Rock, Arkansas 72215

APPLICATION DEADLINE (postmarked): March 1, 2025



DORISENE WALLACE-HILL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – SUGGESTED TIMELINE

JANUARY 15-31, 2025

- Thoroughly read through the entire application packet. If you have questions, ask an adult for help. *(refer to the checklist for items needed to turn in)*
- Designate a **folder** to collect all scholarship documents that you will need during the application process.
- Ask a high school teacher or counselor **and** a community service leader to write you a letter of recommendation. **You will need 2 letters.** Give them a deadline to return the letter to you. The letters of recommendation must address the student's character, scholastic achievement and/or improvement, honor societies and/or academic clubs to which you belong, well as all community service activities both related and not related to professional goals. **Must be on a official school and/or organization letterhead.**
- If you have not applied for school, you need to apply. If you have not received a letter of acceptance from a college or university yet, make contact with the college/university that you plan to attend. *(Acceptable forms of documentation include a letter of acceptance or an email welcoming you to the school as a student)*
- Begin brainstorming ideas for the essay question. Using those brainstormed ideas, begin writing/typing the rough draft of your essay. Place the rough draft a **folder**.
- Find someone with a good language arts background (English teacher, relative, church member, or another adult) to edit your essay for you.

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- Select an **appropriate picture** to submit with the application. Place it in the **folder**.
- If you have it, place the **college/university acceptance letter** in the folder.
- Begin brainstorming honors/awards, community service, church activities, and work experience for the biographical questions section. If you have more than space allows, select the **best responses** for each category.
- Request a **sealed transcript** from the school counselor or registrar. Make sure that it contains your first semester grades. Place the transcript in the **folder**.

- Follow up with references from a high school teacher or counselor **and** a community service leader.
- Finish writing/typing and revising the rough draft of your essay.
- Submit your **essay** to an editor for feedback.

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- Make corrections to the essay and **re-submit** to the editor.
- Follow up with the school counselor or registrar to get an official transcript. Place the **sealed transcript** in the **folder**. Make sure that it contains first semester grades.
- **Type** the scholarship application. Be sure to note any leadership positions.
- Review/edit the scholarship application for correctness. Print and place in the folder.
- Get any remaining **reference letter(s)** from a high school teacher or counselor **and** a community service leader. **Make sure its on a official school and/or organization letterhead.** Place letter(s) in the folder.

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- Make corrections to your essay when you receive it back from the editor. Print and place it in the **folder**.
- Review the *Scholarship Checklist*. Place documents in a mailing envelope as you check them off the list.
- Make sure that **you signed & dated** the application.
- Make sure that a **parent/guardian signed & dated** the application.
- **Mail the scholarship application packet on/before March 1, 2025.**

The winner will be contacted April 2025.

GOOD LUCK!



2025-2026 DORISENE WALLACE-HILL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All information must be typed out completely on the application form. The application and all required attachments must be postmarked by **March 1, 2025**.

APPLICANT DATA

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: () _____

Birthday (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Sex: Female Male

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Telephone: () _____ Email Address: _____

SCHOOL DATA

Applicant must include an official high school transcript of grades and complete the following section. If the ACT score is not included on the official transcript, you must provide proof of your ACT score. A printout from the official ACT student account is acceptable documentation.

School Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ / 4.0 Scale ACT Score: _____

BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION *(Please include information from 9th – 12th grade indicating each year you participated and any positions held (e.g. president, secretary etc.). If you have more selections than the category allows, list those that best represent you.)*

List your honors and awards

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List your community service experience

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| 1. | 4. |
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List your church activities

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
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List your extracurricular activities, involvement, and all leadership positions held

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
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Job/work experience (previous and/or current jobs held)

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| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |

Where do you plan to attend college?

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| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |

What is your intended major and/or minor? Why have you chosen this major and/or minor?

Why do you want to go to college?

What are your plans after completing your college education?

PERSONAL ESSAY

Compose an essay of at least 500 words addressing the following question:

In your opinion, what are the three most important issues affecting African-Americans today, and how do they affect your future?

The essay must be typed. Please attach additional pages to complete the essay.

The completed application must be postmarked and mailed to the address indicated below by March 1, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered for this scholarship award. **Applicant signature is required.**

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

With this signature, I affirm that the information provided by me in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that any information determined to be incorrect or untruthful can influence the status of my application and may disqualify me from the Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. scholarship process. **Parent or Guardian signature is required.**

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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