



**Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**

**2023-2024
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

The Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated offers scholarships and awards to African American high school seniors who have excelled academically and plan to pursue a college degree.

IS YOUR MOTHER A MEMBER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY?

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

YES

NO

***If yes, you are not eligible to apply for the chapter's scholarships and awards. Please do not complete this scholarship application.**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL BE AWARDED
BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- Must be a resident of Howard County, MD.
- Must be an African American high school senior attending a Howard County Public High School.
- Completed scholarship application with photo (*no selfies*) submitted electronically.
- Official, **sealed** high school transcript.
- Cumulative **Weighted** Grade Point Average (GPA), **2.5 - 4.0+**.
- Completely answered essay on specified topic.
- Evidence of plans to pursue a college degree.
- Completed application, essay and supporting materials date/time-stamped by the deadline.

New* Application Deadline: **March 16th, 2024*

Email Completed Application to:

scholarship@columbiamddest.org

Official, **sealed high school transcript must be mailed to:**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2395
Columbia, MD 21045**



SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD TYPES

A. FUTURE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given as a tribute to one component of our Five-Point Programmatic Thrust, Education. It is also in recognition of Delta's membership, consisting of educated women. Qualifying students must plan to major in **Education** and have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in the community and their school.

B. DR. BETTY SHABAZZ SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given in honor of Dr. Betty Shabazz, a notable member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Dr. Betty Shabazz was an influential activist, civil rights leader who dedicated her life to championing women's and children's rights. As a registered nurse, Dr. Betty Shabazz went on to later earn her masters in public health and doctorate in education administration. In support of increasing diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), qualifying students must plan to major in a **STEM** field and have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in the community and their school.

C. GILDA LEWIS PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Gilda Lewis was a charter member and a past president of the Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter. The Chapter honors this educator who dedicated her life to public service. With a commitment to public service, qualifying students must have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in the community and their school, and plan to continue their post-secondary education.

D. CELONIA B. WALDEN PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given in honor of Celonia B. Walden, a charter member and past president of the Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter. Qualifying students must plan to major in any facet of **Expressive or Performing Arts** and have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in the community and their school.

E. BOOK MONEY AWARD

This award may be given to students who applied for one of the above listed scholarships and was not selected as a recipient, but whose achievements warrant recognition.



PART I – PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

Email: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Howard County High School: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (weighted): _____

Have you participated in any Delta sponsored activities? (Check all that apply)

Teen Lift (SAT Prep) Debutante Jr. Debutante Cotillion Escort Delta GEMS

Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy EMBODI Scholars Leadership

Identify the university(ies) or college(s) to which you have been accepted and/or plan to attend:



PART II – ESSAY

Check the scholarship(s) below for which you wish to be considered:

Future Educator Scholarship Dr. Betty Shabazz Scholarship Gilda Lewis Public Service Scholarship Celonia B. Walden Performing Arts Scholarship

On a separate sheet of paper, type a 200 - 250 word essay (double-spaced) for the scholarship(s) in which you are applying. See below for the specific essay topic.

A. FUTURE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

Thinking back over your academic career from K-12, recall your favorite teacher that made a special impression on you. Identify two characteristics that made you decide you wanted to become a future educator.

B. DR. BETTY SHABAZZ SCHOLARSHIP

Reflect and share 1-2 activities, programs, classes, or workshops that you participated in that have influenced/encouraged the presence of minorities in STEM. Of these experiences, which had the most impact on your desire to enter the STEM field?

C. GILDA LEWIS PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Give an example of a time when you took a stand against injustice and what was the impact of your action on yourself and the community?

D. CELONIA B. WALDEN PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Reflecting on your preferred art form, what artist or work of art has had the greatest influence on your decision to major in your field of study? This includes any medium of art, but not limited to, dance, music, still art, photography, acting, producing/directing.



PART III

A. Educational Plans and Professional Career Objectives

Describe your educational and professional career objectives.

B. Evidence of Service to School and Community

List school and community service activities in which you have participated during high school.

C. Evidence of Leadership Abilities

List organizations / activities where you have held a position of leadership.

Activity	Office Held	Dates

D. Academic Achievements

Please describe any academic awards, honors, and other distinctions (e.g., honor roll, other awards, scholarships, and honors, etc.) you have received.

PART IV – PHOTOGRAPH SUBMISSION

Please attach a recent photograph of yourself (head shot) to this application and include it in your application package. (Photographs will not be returned.)

NOTE: Parent or guardian signature required.

_____ Parent’s Signature & Date

PART V – SIGNATURE

I hereby acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is true and that it is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Applicant’s Signature & Date

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Application Package Checklist

Completed application packages must be submitted electronically, (date/time-stamped), or postmarked, on or before February 29, 2024, to be eligible and considered for a scholarship or an award.

Before sending your application package, please use the checklist below to ensure you have included everything required to make your application complete.

- 1. Completed application on **pages 3-6**, (including essay, answered questions, signatures, with dates)
- 2. Photograph (head shot) submitted with application
- 3. Official **sealed** transcript mailed & postmarked on or before 2/29/24
- 4. Parent or Guardian signature for photograph release

If you need additional information or have questions about the scholarship process email scholarship@columbiamddest.org.