



## 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2024**

The Baltimore County Alumnae Chapter (BCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award a limited number of scholarships to academically meritorious students based upon available public service funds. Scholarship awards may range from Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) per academic year.

This application may be used for **either** of the following two (2) scholarships.

**L.E.A.D. Scholarship**: The BCAC **Leadership & Educational Achievement Development (L.E.A.D.) Scholarship** was established to supplement expenses incurred while a student attends a HBCU and may be awarded to an eligible applicant for up to five (5) consecutive academic years.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- A. Complete and submit the BCAC Scholarship Application in its entirety
- B. Acceptance into a four-year historically black college or university (HBCU)
- C. 2024 high school graduate
- D. Reside or attend a school in Baltimore County, Maryland
- E. Have and maintain a 2.75/4.0 GPA or its equivalent
- F. Maintain criteria for scholarship renewal:
  - i. Minimum cumulative 2.75/4.0 GPA or its equivalent
  - ii. Proof of a full-time course load during each semester
  - iii. Proof of registration for the next semester at a HBCU

**Memorial Scholarship**: The BCAC **Memorial Scholarship** was established to commemorate the lives of BCAC members who made significant contributions to the community. This scholarship is intended to help supplement one (1) year of expenses incurred while a registered student attends a college or university.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- A. Complete and submit the BCAC Scholarship Application in its entirety
- B. Acceptance into an accredited four-year college or university for one academic year
- C. 2024 high school graduate
- D. Reside or attend a school in Baltimore County

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Complete **on-line** scholarship application along with the following items:
  - Upload complete high school transcript.
  - Upload SAT and/or ACT scores are **optional**. If scores are provided bonus points may be applicable.
  - Letter(s) of acceptance from an accredited four-year college or university. (If applying for the L.E.A.D. scholarship, the acceptance letter must be from a HBCU).
  - Three (3) letters of recommendation **on official letterhead with signature** from the list of persons, **excluding relatives**, identified on the application form who have personally interacted with the applicant (e.g., through supervision, instruction, and/or coaching) and can attest to the applicant's character and/or abilities. Letters of recommendations must be uploaded to be considered for a scholarship.
  - Typed essay (500 -750 words) on one of the topics provided on the application form.
  - Include applicant's full name at the top of supplemental documents.
- Retain a copy of application materials for your records.

**SELECTION & NOTICE OF AWARD RECIPIENTS**: Selections will be based on the applicant's overall academic progress, extracurricular activities, leadership skills, and participation in community activities. BCAC will notify applicants of the results of the selection process in writing.

**REVOCATION OF AWARD**: BCAC reserves the right to revoke any scholarship award at any time if the applicant falsifies information or fails to meet or maintain academic standards.