



Red Torch Scholarship

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. proudly offers the Red Torch Scholarship to support graduating high school seniors from Baltimore City and Baltimore County as they further their education. This scholarship reflects our chapter's commitment to fostering academic excellence and supporting the next generation of leaders in Baltimore. This one-time scholarship of \$2,000 for the first year of higher education, is designed to alleviate financial burdens, empower students to achieve their dreams, and make a positive impact in their communities.

Scholarship Award

- Amount: \$2,000 per year (\$1,000 per semester).
- Duration: One year (two semesters)
- Distribution: Funds are disbursed directly to the educational institution.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior residing in Baltimore City or Baltimore County.
- Be an African American student reflecting the predominantly African American heritage of the sorority.
- Applicants must enroll in a four-year college, community college, or vocational school for the upcoming academic year as a full time student.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher is required.
- Consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need.
- Demonstrated commitment to community service and extracurricular activities is strongly encouraged.

Exception: Children and grandchildren of Baltimore Alumnae Chapter members are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Application Guidelines

- Submit the completed scholarship application form online via **BACDST.org**.
- Provide the following supporting materials:
 - Completed scholarship application form available on BACDST.org.
 - Official high school transcript showing GPA.





- One letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, or community leader; no family members). The letters must bear the organization's logo and **MUST BE ADDRESSED** to Baltimore Alumnae Chapter (BAC) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- A 500-750 word essay that explains how your college education will prepare you to positively impact your community.
- A copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report or other documentation of financial need.
- Attach a Headshot of yourself that will be retained by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter.
- Ensure all materials are uploaded by the deadline.

Application Rules

- Applicants must authorize the release of any and all information relative to this application process including high school and college transcripts/grade reports. Personal reference letters/statements, or other information from community resources.
- The Scholarship Committee may use portions of this information to highlight achievements of the scholarship recipients.
- Once enrolled in the institution of their choice, the scholarship recipient must forward a verification of enrollment to the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship awards cannot be processed without this document.
- Scholarship Awards will be dispensed in the fall (October) and spring (February) of the student's program year. Note: Disbursements can be modified based on the school schedule.
- Decisions of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Committee are final.

Scholarship Timeline

- Application Period: Opens **March 15** and closes **April 30, 2025**.
- Submission: All applications and supporting documents must be submitted online by 11:59 PM. on **April 30, 2025**.
- Interviews for finalists will take place during the week of **May 12, 2025**.
- Notifications: Recipients will be notified by **June 30, 2025**.
- Disbursement: Funds will be sent directly to the recipient's educational institution upon confirmation of enrollment.

Contact Information

For inquiries or assistance with the application process, please contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@bacdst.org.

