# DELTA ZETA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Who is eligible to receive a Delta Zeta Foundation scholarship?

- Scholarships are available to initiated members, in good standing, of Delta Zeta. We currently offer undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

Is there a minimum GPA requirement?

- Yes, unless otherwise noted, there is a 3.0 minimum overall GPA requirement.

Will all applicants receive an award?

- Due to limited funding, we are unable to award a scholarship to every deserving applicant. We always have more applicants than funding available, so the scholarship process is competitive. Each year brings a different pool of candidates and qualifications, so we encourage applicants to apply for scholarships each year they are in school.

Can I use this scholarship for room and board or my Delta Zeta membership dues?

- Scholarships can only be used for tuition, books and fees. As a 501 (c)(3) foundation, scholarships cannot be used for dues or room and board.

Are scholarships need-based?

- Delta Zeta Foundation scholarships are merit-based. We do take into account financial need, so be sure to provide accurate information in that section of the application.

Who will decide if I receive a scholarship?

- All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the appropriate scholarship committee, (undergraduate or graduate), made up of alumnae volunteers from around the globe. The committees will submit their recommendations to the Foundation Board of Trustees for final approval.

What are the award amounts?

- Undergraduate scholarships range from $750 to $15,000, and graduate scholarship awards range from $2,000 to $25,000.

How many scholarships can I receive?

- Applicants are eligible to apply for and be awarded a scholarship each year they are in either undergraduate or graduate school.

Does my Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson (ECS) grant disqualify me from receiving a scholarship?

- No, your ECS grant does not disqualify you from receiving a scholarship.

## TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

How do I know which scholarship to apply for?

- Applicants will be considered for all undergraduate or graduate scholarships for which they qualify. The committee reviewing the applications will determine which scholarship best fits the applicant based on their field of study and information provided.

I am a senior – which application should I use?

- If you are a senior, graduating in the spring of 2027 and plan to attend graduate school in the fall of 2027, you should apply for a graduate scholarship as a continuing student.

Can I apply for a graduate scholarship if I do not know what school I'm going to attend?

- Yes, you can apply for a scholarship while you are waiting on graduate school acceptance. On the application, list the possible schools you will attend. Once you have received word and made your decision, please let the Delta Zeta Foundation know as soon as possible so we can update your application.

## DEADLINES AND LATE MATERIALS

When is my application due?

- Scholarship applications are due February 15, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. All accompanying documents (transcripts, recommendations, etc.) are also due on February 15, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

Will my scholarship application be considered if my references do not submit their recommendations by the application deadline?

- Applications missing complete recommendations will not be considered. As the applicant, you are responsible for verifying that your references have submitted complete recommendation forms.

Will the Delta Zeta Foundation accept late materials?

- The Delta Zeta Foundation will not accept late submissions or materials for any reason. These include, but are not limited to: letters of recommendation, transcripts, or the application.

What happens if my computer crashes while I'm working on my application.

- We strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible as this application does require thoughtful responses as well as personal recommendations and transcripts. Because this application is open and available for several months, we will not accept late submissions even in the event of a technology glitch. To protect your application from being lost, continue to save all your responses as you complete the online form. The application only saves information saved by the applicant, so save often.

## USING SMARTERSELECT

What is SmarterSelect?

- SmarterSelect is the application we use for our scholarship process. You will be able to access the application from MyDeltaZeta, our new member portal.

How do I access MyDeltaZeta?

- For information on accessing your MyDeltaZeta account, please visit deltazeta.org/mydeltazeta-faq/. If you have any issues, please email webmaster@deltazeta.org.

I've logged in to MyDeltaZeta. Where can I find the grant application?

- Once you've logged in, you will scroll down and click Scholarships and Grants. From there you can select either the Undergraduate or Graduate Scholarship button, which will automatically launch the application.

Do I need to complete my application in one session?

- No, you do not need to complete your grant application in one session. You can save the application as you go and come back at a later date to add more information or finish your application. To protect your application from being lost, continue to save all your responses as you complete the online form. The application only saves information saved by the applicant, so save often.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Do I need to submit transcripts?

- Yes, you will need to submit transcripts for your application to be completed.

Can I mail a physical copy of my transcript?

- Yes, if you would prefer to mail an official transcript for your application, they can be mailed to:

  Delta Zeta Foundation
  Attn: Lisa Askins
  202 E Church St.
  Oxford, OH 45056

Do I have to submit an official transcript?

- Both official and unofficial transcripts are accepted. If you are submitting an unofficial transcript, please be sure we are able to see your full name, overall GPA, current GPA, total credit hours and current credit hours.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

How do I submit my recommendations?

- Recommendations will be collected and submitted through SmarterSelect. While filling out your application, you will input your recommender's name and email address. They will then receive an email prompting them to complete your recommendation form. Recommendations will only be accepted if submitted via SmarterSelect.

How do I know if my references have submitted their recommendation?

- After each of your references submits a complete recommendation form, you will receive an email from SmarterSelect confirming their submission. You can also view the status of your reference's recommendation form at the top of each Reference section noted in the application.

My reference says he/she has submitted the recommendation form, but I have not received a confirmation email. What should I do?

- Please ask the reference to confirm they clicked SUBMIT on the form. They will need to answer a few questions, so it's possible they did everything except clicking the button to SUBMIT. Once they successfully submit your reference, there will be an on-screen confirmation message, and you will receive an automated email.

My scholarship application is complete, but I'm still waiting for my recommendation. What should I do?

- Submit your application now. Once your recommendation is received, your application will be finalized automatically. In the meantime, remind your recommender to submit their letter.

I'm applying for an Undergraduate scholarship. Do I need recommendations?

- Yes, you are required to submit a letter of recommendation. Recommendations can be from your College Chapter Director (CCD), Regional Collegiate Director (RCD) or Advisory Board Member. Professors, employers or other professional references are also appropriate.

I'm applying for a Graduate scholarship. Do I need recommendations?

- Yes, two recommendations are required for the Graduate scholarship application. If you are an undergraduate who will be starting graduate school next year, one reference can be from your College Chapter Director (CCD), Regional Collegiate Director (RCD), Advisory Board Member or another alumna. Professors, employers or other professional references are also appropriate

## AWARD STATUS NOTIFICATION

When will scholarship applicants receive notification of scholarship decisions?

- All applicants will be notified of the scholarship decisions in June.

How will I know if I receive a scholarship?

- All applicants will be notified via email if they have been selected to receive a scholarship or not. If you do receive a scholarship, this email will have instructions on how to receive your scholarship check.

If I receive a scholarship, when will I receive the award?

- If selected for a scholarship, verification of enrollment from the college/university must be submitted to the Foundation by October 1. Once verification is received, the scholarship check will be processed and sent to the recipient. If verification is not received by October 1, the scholarship will be forfeited.

I have decided to wait a year before continuing my education – can I put the scholarship I was granted on hold?

- Scholarships cannot be deferred for any reason. Should you not be able to enroll in the Fall semester, please notify the Foundation immediately. You are encouraged to re-apply for a scholarship for the next academic year.