



## Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

<b>How many scholarships are usually awarded?</b>	Between 145 and 160 is typical, depending on what scholarships release funds during the award year.
<b>How much is the average scholarship?</b>	Over the last nine years, the average scholarship has been about USD 1,200.
<b>How many people apply a year?</b>	Between 800 and 1,000 sisters begin an application each year.
<b>What are my chances of getting a scholarship?</b>	That depends on how many sisters finish their application in a given year. We have many scholarships earmarked for specific majors, chapters, and geographic locations.
<b>What's the smallest scholarship award amount?</b>	Our minimum award amount is \$500. But if your chapter has a smaller scholarship like this, we'd love to connect with you on how your chapter can fundraise to help grow your scholarship (and help it award more money!) for your chapter sisters.
<b>What's the difference between an endowed scholarship and a general scholarship?</b>	Endowed scholarships are established by donors who want to honor a sister or their chapter in a special way—endowments set aside money specifically for a particular population of Alpha Gams to benefit. General scholarships are awarded from the Foundation's annual fund, and all members are eligible to be considered.
<b>How long does the application take to complete?</b>	That depends. Depending on the number of activities, service opportunities and accolades you've received, the application can take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to complete. There are essay questions to complete, too, and the more effort you put into answering those questions will factor into the time spent applying.
<b>When is the deadline?</b>	Make sure to have your application submitted no later than March 1, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EASTERN TIME.
<b>What if I'm not on Eastern Time?</b>	We have so many sisters who are all over the world. We open the application with enough time for sisters worldwide to submit their materials before the deadline. Our best advice is to plan accordingly to ensure you can comfortably meet the March 1 deadline.
<b>How can I use a scholarship?</b>	Per IRS regulations, Foundation Scholarships (including endowed scholarships) can only be used for tuition, textbooks, course materials and supplies, and any university fees associated with your education.
<b>How can I NOT use a scholarship?</b>	Because of IRS regulations, Foundation Scholarships cannot be used for Room and Board, travel expenses, chapter or Fraternity dues, or any other non-academic expenses you may have while enrolled.
<b>Who can apply?</b>	All Alpha Gam sisters in Good Standing with the Fraternity, meaning your membership has not been terminated or suspended, whether voluntarily or not. Members in Good Standing can apply if they will

be considered full-time junior, senior or graduate students in the upcoming academic year. That means you can apply as a sophomore because, if awarded, you won't receive the funds until you're a junior.

**When am I allowed to use the scholarship?**

Scholarship funds can be used for the upcoming academic year. Scholarship award checks are usually mailed out in July or so, meaning they get applied to the 2023-24 academic term beginning in the fall.

**Can I use my scholarship to help pay for housing, meal plans or chapter/Fraternity dues?**

Unfortunately, no. IRS regulations prohibit the use of Foundation Scholarships for anything but academic purposes.

**Are there scholarships specifically for my chapter?**

[Take a look!](#) A list of chapters with scholarship endowments with the Foundation is available on our website. If your chapter is interested in starting an endowment, email us at [foundation@alphagamdeltafoundation.org](mailto:foundation@alphagamdeltafoundation.org).

**Are there scholarships specifically for my major?**

There are! From social work to art history, from actuarial sciences to creative writing and everywhere in between. We have scholarships for a lot of different majors. If you're interested in starting an endowment for a major, we don't cover, email us at [foundation@alphagamdeltafoundation.org](mailto:foundation@alphagamdeltafoundation.org).

**What if I'm graduating this coming December? Can I still apply for a scholarship?**

Absolutely! As long as you're considered full-time for the upcoming fall academic term, your full scholarship can be used. If you're continuing to graduate school, the Foundation has scholarships specifically for graduate students. Please consider applying for a Foundation scholarship!

**Can a scholarship be split between two semesters, or can it only be used for Fall?**

It can. A letter accompanying each scholarship check notes the academic year in which the scholarship can be used. How you divide your scholarship is up to you and your bursar's office. Make sure our scholarship is applied to your account before any financial aid packets, so you're not borrowing more money than you need.

**When are recipients notified that they got a scholarship?**

Each applicant is notified via email if they received a scholarship sometime around early- to mid-June. If you don't hear anything from us by July, check your spam/junk email folders and reach out to [scholarships@alphagamdeltafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@alphagamdeltafoundation.org).

**Are there resources to help me?**

The Foundation's scholarships website has a [PDF application guide](#) with a ton of great information about how to apply, what we recommend you have to fill out your application, and some troubleshooting resources.

**Where do I apply?**

The Foundation's scholarships webpage has a link to the application. The link is also all-over social media. We also emailed all collegiate members of Alpha Gam announcing the scholarship opening, so check your email!

**If I qualify for multiple Foundation Scholarships, do I have to complete multiple applications?**

No. Each submitted application is reviewed and considered for every scholarship for which it may be eligible. One application will ensure you're considered for all of them, in addition to a Foundation general scholarship.

**How do you determine which scholarship I get?**

Per Foundation policy, the highest scoring applicants are eligible to receive the most money for which they're eligible. That means that if you're eligible for a \$750 scholarship specific to your major, and there are Foundation general scholarships still available, you'll receive the \$1,000 general scholarship first, and the \$750 scholarship can be awarded to another eligible applicant.

**I've already completed my degree; can I use a Foundation scholarship to pay for my student loans?**

No. Scholarship recipients can only use their funds for the upcoming academic year. You can't use a Foundation scholarship if you're already done with school and not enrolled full-time for the upcoming academic term.

**I received a scholarship from the Foundation previously. Can I apply again?**

Absolutely! The applicant pool and the scholarships awarded change yearly, so please consider applying again. Receiving a scholarship previously does not automatically mean you get a scholarship again this year.

**I'm currently applying to graduate school, but I won't know if I'll be accepted until after the Foundation's scholarship application is due. Can I still apply?**

You can! Say you're completing your scholarship application and still waiting to hear from a private school and a public institution. When you get to the finances or university section, complete the application as if you are planning to attend the more expensive institution. That will ensure you're not underestimating your expenses for the upcoming year.

**Can I use a scholarship toward my study abroad program?**

Each study abroad program is different. If you're curious about your specific program, I'd recommend reaching out to the Foundation directly to ensure you're getting the best answer for your unique situation.

**Is there a minimum GPA requirement for scholarship applicants?**

There is not. But that doesn't mean you should take a break when it comes to classes. Make sure your fall term finished strong so your cumulative GPA is as high as it can be for your application. Cumulative GPA is a factor that's scored, so make your application as strong as possible with a great GPA.

**Do I have to complete my application in one sitting?**

No. SmarterSelect will let you save and return to your application as often as you need. Until the deadline, of course.

**Do I need to submit a transcript with my application?**

You do! Make sure to send a transcript to [scholarships@alphagammadeltafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@alphagammadeltafoundation.org) before the deadline. Unofficial transcripts are accepted, but they must be university-produced. We cannot accept screenshots of any kind.

**How can I be sure I submitted my application?**

Great question! When you submit a scholarship application, you'll get a confirmation email from the SmarterSelect system with an ID number. That confirmation email is the best way to confirm you submitted your application.

<p><b>Can I update my application after I have submitted it?</b></p> <p><b>Help! I'm experiencing technical issues while working on my application. What do I do?</b></p>	<p>No. So you must take your time to plan and proofread your application before submitting it.</p> <p>First, don't panic. It'll be okay. If it's something going on with your computer, we can't help you. We recommend reaching out to your campus IT department. If something with the SmarterSelect website is not working, reach out directly to SmarterSelect first. If it's something SmarterSelect can't fix, then contact the Foundation.</p>
<p><b>Are references required with an application?</b></p>	<p>No, references are not required as part of your scholarship application.</p>
<p><b>What information should I have with me when I work on my application?</b></p>	<p>Great question. Preparing ahead is essential, so you're putting your best foot forward when you submit your application. We recommend having your LinkedIn profile (or something that includes all your chapter, campus, volunteer and work activities), your transcript noting your cumulative GPA, your Fall grades, and a copy of your FAFSA or a monthly budget you use during the school year.</p>
<p><b>I need to gather more information for my application. Will the Foundation accept late materials?</b></p>	<p>No. We cannot accept late materials or postmarks. There's plenty of time to submit all your materials before the deadline, so plan to meet the March 1 due date.</p>