



# Scholarship Application Guide

2023-24 (2024-25 Academic Year)



At the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, we believe when we invest in our members' academic goals, we energize their efforts to live with Purpose and impact their communities and the world.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the Foundation can support our members and help prepare them for tomorrow by annually awarding academic scholarships to collegiate and alumnae members.

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# Key Dates

Application Opens

January 1, 2024

Application Due

Wed., March 6, 2024, 11:59 p.m. ET

Preliminary Selection

Early-Mid June

Notification



“Seeing and hearing about emergencies happening all over the world, especially in my home city, led to my desire to want to be a part of the solution. I couldn’t grasp how someone could see [these stories] and not want to be at the epicenter of healing.”

*Itza Valdez*

*Kappa Gamma-Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi*

## Questions?

- For Technical Questions (including questions related to system access, navigation, document uploads, etc.), please email [SmarterSelect](#).
- For Program Questions (including questions related to eligibility, application requirements, key dates and deadlines), please email the [Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation](#) or call them at (317) 663-4242.

# Application Requirements & Selection

Members completing all requirements outlined in this Application Guide and the application are considered for scholarships awarded during the 2024-25 academic year. Only one application is required. Applicants are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

Each applicant submitting a scholarship application is responsible for reading, understanding and adhering to the following instructions. Failure to meet all requirements and follow all instructions may result in ineligibility. Only fully completed applications (including transcripts) are evaluated.

The scholarship application and instructions in the most up-to-date and accurate format are available on the [Foundation's website](#).

## Eligibility

Initiated collegiate and alumnae members of Alpha Gamma Delta in Good Standing with the Fraternity are eligible to apply.

Scholarship applicants must be classified as an undergraduate junior or senior, or a graduate student, beginning with the fall 2024 term and enrolled in a full-time academic program as recognized by the degree conferring institution during the fall 2024 academic term. This means you are eligible to apply for a Foundation Scholarship during your sophomore year, as the scholarship award is applied to the following academic year.

A copy of the applicant's transcript, including fall 2023 grades, must be received by the Foundation office by Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Unofficial transcripts produced by the degree-conferring institution via print or email are accepted. Postmarks and/or screenshots of any kind are not accepted. Electronic transcripts should be emailed to: [scholarships@alphagammadeltafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@alphagammadeltafoundation.org). Please contact the Foundation office with any issues sending your transcript.

## Evaluation & Selection

In addition to the eligibility and scholarship usage parameters, application evaluation criteria are not limited to:

- Quality of activities, including chapter, campus, community and volunteer
- Strength of cumulative GPA
- Demonstrated financial need for need-based scholarships
- Demonstrated effort in the narrative response

The highest-scoring applicants are awarded the largest available scholarship for which they are eligible. The Foundation has both general scholarships, as provided by Annual Fund contributions, and endowed scholarships. Many endowed scholarships have specific requirements dictated by the donor, such as chapter of initiation, geographical location and areas of study. Qualified applicants are matched accordingly.

## Scholarship Uses

Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the university. Recipients must provide correct mailing information to the Foundation upon selection.

Scholarships must be used during the 2024-25 academic year. Unused scholarship funding must be returned to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation and cannot be held for future use. If applicable, a scholarship may be used in its entirety within one academic term.

## Application Tips

### Read Instructions

Please review this Application Guide and what is required in the application carefully. Failure to follow instructions may result in ineligibility.

### Plan Ahead

Create your account in SmarterSelect. Preview the application carefully, reviewing the requirements and questions in advance. Helpful information to have when you apply includes:

- Your cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall 2023 term
- A list of Alpha Gamma Delta, campus and community activities in which you were or are involved, including starting and ending dates
- A copy of your FAFSA, if completed
- Your most current resume or LinkedIn profile, if available

## Test the Online Application System

Become comfortable using the SmarterSelect application system in advance of the deadline. The SmarterSelect system is very busy in early March, so we recommend completing your application in advance of this date. The SmarterSelect system allows you to submit your application upon completion of all required questions.

### Proofread

You are responsible for proofreading your application for accuracy prior to submitting your application. You may not make changes to your submitted application.

## Meet All Deadlines

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation does not accept late materials for any reason, including problems with your computer or the SmarterSelect system. Please be advised USPS and other mail carriers may be experiencing delays in providing services; be sure to adjust your timing accordingly. A complete application includes:

- The application
- Receipt of your transcript by the Foundation office, including fall 2023 grades

# Notification Process

On or around the preliminary selection notification date, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation notifies every applicant via email whether she was selected as a preliminary scholarship recipient. The notification is sent to the email address listed on your application.

Applicants who do not receive a notification email by June 30, 2024, should check their spam email and then contact the Foundation Office via email or by calling 317.663.4242 regarding their selection status.

In the event a preliminary scholarship recipient is unable to accept an award or fails to submit an award acceptance packet by the deadline, an alternate recipient is selected. Alternate recipients are notified via email after the Acceptance Packet deadline has passed.

***If you are not selected as a scholarship recipient, please consider applying again next year. Each year, the applicant pool and list of available scholarships varies.***

# Recipient Requirements

Complete information about acceptance requirements and deadlines is provided in the preliminary selection notification email.

Recipients are required to complete the award acceptance packet. As a condition of application, applicants agree the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation will not communicate with third parties, including parents and advisors, regarding application or award status. Preliminary recipients are required to submit an acceptance packet, including, but not limited to:

- Thank you note addressed to the donor listed in your preliminary selection notification email
- Photograph and video for use in Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and Foundation publications
- Completed Scholarship Acceptance packet including university mailing information for check distribution

Preliminary scholarship recipients who are unable to accept or use their awards for any reason should notify the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation immediately to ensure all scholarship funding can be awarded to deserving sisters.

Failure to submit all required information by the award acceptance deadline may result in forfeiture of the award and selection of an alternate recipient. There are no exceptions to the deadline, so plan appropriately.

***Please allow at least six weeks for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation to process and mail your scholarship check following receipt of your acceptance packet.***

On the cover: 2023-24 Award Year Recipients

From left to right: Maddie Duschek, Zeta Gamma-Gannon University; Amy Ammond, Delta Kappa-University of Alberta; Shekinah Crawford, Alpha Iota-Baldwin Wallace University