

HAWAI`I ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

2024 High School Scholarship Applications

The Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated offers four scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors-the Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Jones Memorial Scholarship, Penny Koger Scholarship for Excellence in Academics and Leadership Scholarship, Developing Excellence in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Scholarship and the Onipa`a: Native Hawaiian Scholarship. By submitting this application packet, students can apply for each award. **However, qualifying students will only be awarded 1 scholarship.** Award selection will be determined based on selection criteria outlined in this packet. If your application is accepted, and you have been chosen to proceed with the interview process, you will be notified via e-mail or through telephonic communication.

Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Jones Memorial Scholarship

LTC Carolyn L. Jones attended Benedict College and pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She also received her Master's in Computer Information Systems from Webster College. LTC Jones was commissioned in the United States Army on the 13th of December 1991 as a Second Lieutenant. She was awarded several decorations during her service and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) posthumously. LTC Jones began membership in Delta Sigma Theta in 1996 at Columbia Alumnae. The Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter is honored to offer the Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Jones Memorial Scholarship.



Penny Koger Scholarship for Excellence in Academics and Leadership

Penny Koger held a B.S. degree in Government and History from Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She was named the 1997 Volunteer of the Year by the Metro Spartanburg Boys and Girls Club in South Carolina and was a member of the Wofford Alumni Network. She was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army as a Signals officer and was honorably discharged. Penny began membership in Delta Sigma Theta in 1998 at Xi Iota City-Wide chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and was a Diamond Life member of the Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter until her passing on December 31, 2013.



Developing Excellence in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Scholarship

As the world around us continues to change, STEAM fields are becoming increasingly vital to the future of our society. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process. These are the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!

The Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (HACDST) wants to extend STEAM opportunity to our O`ahu youths. HACDST is pleased to recognize local high school graduates residing in Hawai`i who display academic excellence as well as a clear demonstration of leadership skills in serving the community. It is our goal to continue to diversify the future of education by cultivating the thirst for knowledge in these disciplines.



Onipa`a: Native Hawaiian Scholarship

The term 'Onipa`a was the motto of Queen Lili`u`okalani. Although her reign was cut short in 1893, she remains an enduring symbol of hope for Native Hawaiians. 'Onipa`a was part of the Queen's motto: "E'onipa`a i ka 'imi na'auao." This can be interpreted as: "Be steadfast in the seeking of knowledge".

In honor of the Native (Indigenous) people of Hawai`i, the Hawaii Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to offer the Onipa`a Scholarship for Native Hawaiian high school graduates residing on Oahu.



Dear High School Senior:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, Delta Sigma Theta currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- Political Awareness and Involvement

The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

The Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter is committed to implementing programs in the public interest, which promote cultural development, intellectual stimulation, and high moral standards among its members and the community at large. Various activities are conducted within the Hawai`i community under the umbrella of the Sorority's Five Point Programmatic Thrust. One such focus is educational development. Each year our chapter awards college scholarships up to the amount of \$4,000 to deserving high school seniors. We are excited and pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to graduating seniors residing on the island of Oahu!

How to Apply:

Review the selection criteria and return completed applications digitally at hawaiidst.com/scholarships or you may submit a paper application to the following address:

Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 30561
Honolulu, HI 96820

***** All completed applications and requirements must be postmarked no later than April 5, 2024.**

*****Incomplete and hand-delivered application packets WILL NOT be accepted.**

*****For questions or concerns email: hacdstscholarship@gmail.com**

• **Selection Criteria**

Applicants must:

1. Be a graduating senior living on the island of Oahu, with plans to further his or her education at a four-year accredited college or university for the upcoming academic school year.

***** For application to the LTC Carolyn L. Jones and Penny Koger award applicants must be of African American descent. *****

***** For application to the Onipa'a Native Hawaiian award applicants must be of Hawaiian descent and the senior must provide an official copy of his or her birth certificate that clearly identifies him/her as Native Hawaiian; and the parent(s) are of Native Hawaiian descent. *****

2. Submit an official transcript from the high school currently attending in a sealed envelope to substantiate his or her GPA. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted in the scholarship packet in the interim.

The Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Jones Memorial Scholarship is academically competitive and has a minimum GPA requirement of 3.3.

The Penny Koger Scholarship for Excellence in Academics and Leadership is leadership competitive and has a minimum GPA requirement of 3.3.

The Developing Excellence in STEAM Scholarship is academically competitive and has a minimum GPA requirement of 3.5.

The Onipa'a Native Hawaiian Scholarship has a minimum GPA requirement of 3.3.

3. Submit two letters of recommendation (LOR) from a high school counselor, teacher, or principal. At least one LOR must be from an official educator during the current academic school year. The Penny Koger Scholarship requires an additional letter of recommendation. See the checklist on page 5-6 for details. The Developing Excellence in STEAM Scholarship requires that one letter of recommendation be from a STEAM instructor or administrator.
4. Include a black and white or color photograph. Image must be clear and professional in appearance.
5. For the LTC Carolyn L Jones, Penny Koger, and Onipa'a Scholarships please submit an essay. See the checklist on page 5-6 for essay topics. The Developing Excellence in STEAM Scholarship requires a video submission. Please see page 6 for the instructions for video submission.

Disclaimer: To receive scholarship funds, you must provide a Proof of Enrollment letter from the gaining institution by October 31, 2024.

Scholarship Application Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure all required materials for the scholarship you *most qualify* for are included in your application packet. Students may apply for more than one opportunity.

- A completed application form (pages 7-10 or online form)
- A parent/guardian's signature (page 10)
- Your signature at the end of the application (page 10)
- Media Release and Photography (page 10)
- An official, signed high school transcript in a sealed envelope
- Professional Photo
- Required number of recommendation letters.

Lieutenant Colonel Carolyn L. Jones Memorial Scholarship

- Two letters of recommendation from a high school counselor, teacher, or principal.
Recommendation letters from family members will not be accepted. It is suggested that you ask the people who are writing your recommendations to comment upon (1) the length of time they have known you; (2) your personal qualities, character, leadership abilities, and/or any special attributes; and (3) why they believe you have the perseverance to succeed at the college/university level. All letters must be on letterhead to be accepted.
- A 2-page essay addressing one of the topics below. If you are submitting for multiple scholarships, you will need to write separate essays for each scholarship. Essays must be typed, size 12 TimesNew Roman font, double-spaced, and have one-inch margins.**
- Choose 1 of 3**
 - How will completing your college degree affect your impact on the world versus not completing your degree?
 - What will be your major plan of study and why?
 - Who has influenced you the most and why?

Penny Koger Scholarship for Excellence in Academics and Leadership

- Two letters of recommendation from a high school counselor, teacher, or principal.
- An additional letter of recommendation from an individual who can address your leadership (i.e. minister, organizational sponsor, volunteer coordinator, employer).
- A 2-page essay addressing one of the topics below. If you are submitting for multiple scholarships, you will need to write separate essays for each scholarship. Essays must be typed, size 12 TimesNew Roman font, double-spaced, and have one-inch margins.**
 - Define leadership. Explain how the following quote reflects the profile of leadership and dedication to the community. Detail how leadership experience and commitment to education align to ideals reflected in the following quote.

“We have to take care of the community because if we don’t, it’s not going to be here. I also want to send a message to naysayers who believe because you’re of a certain age you’re not capable of leading. It’s not the age of the person, it’s the knowledge and understanding that person has received.” ~ Penny Koger

Developing Excellence in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Scholarship

Use technology to discuss any STEAM topic that you are passionate about.

THINK: Who, What, Where, When and Why

Describe your STEAM. Be explicit. What is it about? Why is it important to the viewer? Who/what does it address? Describe the impact on the future of STEAM initiatives. How will you use the impact to advance your own community in Hawai'i?

Create a video, in lieu of an essay, to demonstrate your interest in STEAM. Present your topic of interest using multimedia/technology tools and display examples of your STEAM discipline(s) of choice. Maximum length is 5 minutes.

Onipa'a: Native Hawaiian Scholarship

In order to compete for the Onipa'a Scholarship, the applicant must meet and complete the following requirements:

- Be of Hawaiian descent, a graduating senior living on the island of Oahu, with plans to further his or her education at a four-year accredited college or university as a full-time student matriculating towards a baccalaureate degree during the upcoming academic school year.
- The senior must provide an official copy of his or her birth certificate that clearly identifies him or her as Native Hawaiian; and the parent(s) are of Native Hawaiian descent.
- Have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.3 to be eligible for consideration. An official transcript from the school in a sealed envelope must substantiate the GPA.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from a high school counselor and/or high school teacher.
- Include a black and white or color wallet-sized photograph.
- Submit a 2-page essay addressing one of the topics below. If you are submitting for multiple scholarships, you will need to write separate essays for each scholarship. Essays must be typed, size 12 TimesNew Roman font, double-spaced, and have one-inch margins.**
 - Describe what the term 'Onipa'a mean to you and how this motto of Queen Lili'u'okalani has impacted you.

Scholarship Application Form

Please type or print in black.

Section I: Personal Information

Full Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone E-mail _____ Birth date _____

Gender _____

Section II: School Information

High School _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College you plan to attend _____ Anticipated Major _____

How did you hear about the scholarship? _____

Section III: (To be completed by High School Guidance Counselor)

Current GPA _____

Class Rank/Total number of students _____

ACT Score (Composite) or SAT Score _____

School Seal

Counselor Signature

Date

Section IV: College Information

This page documents your financial need. Please provide as much information as possible.

Colleges Applied To City and State Acceptance _____

Estimated College Expenses, 2024-2025 (for top 3 schools of choice)

Name of School _____

Tuition and Fees _____

Housing _____

Books and Supplies _____

Other Living Expenses
(i.e. food, clothing, etc.) _____

Transportation _____

Total _____

Section V: Extra Curricular Activities

List all extra-curricular school activities participated in during the last four years, 9th– 12th grades. You may also, include any work experience you have received. For each activity or job, indicate offices and positions held. Please use additional space if needed.

Extra-curricular school activities Participation Grade(s) Office / Position held (if applicable)

Section VI: Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities

List community, church, or volunteer activities in which you are involved. Include any office/position and honors/awards received. Please use additional space if needed.

Activity Community, Church, Year(s) of Participation Office/Position Held & or Volunteer Activity (mm/dd/yr)
Honors/Awards (if applicable)

Section VII: Signatures & Media Release and Photography Form

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and current. I understand this application packet will be kept confidential, and all materials submitted become the final property of the Hawai`i Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Applicant's Parent or Guardian Date

Media Release and Photography Form I understand that in order to apply for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. scholarships I may be photographed and therefore, a release must be completed in order to complete this application.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Applicant's Parent or Guardian Date