



Service for Sight Grant Application Information

The Delta Gamma Foundation fosters lifetime enrichment for members, promotes Service for Sight and partners with Delta Gamma Fraternity to ensure the future of our sisterhood. Our dedicated members and friends make this mission possible through philanthropy, service and generous gifts to the Foundation which support our three key areas of support: Individual Member Support, Training and Programming, and Service for Sight.

Delta Gamma Foundation Service for Sight Program Philanthropic Mission

The Delta Gamma Foundation Service for Sight grant program strives to meet the needs of persons who are blind or visually impaired by:

- Encouraging programs that support education and research involving sight preservation
- Fostering prevention and early intervention in problems affecting sight
- Enhancing the quality of life for persons who are visually impaired
- Promoting vision-related public awareness programs

Service for Sight Grant Application Procedure

Application: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/84126-Delta-Gamma-Foundation>

The Foundation is sensitive to levels of experience in writing grant applications; expertise is not essential. However, adherence to the grant guidelines and providing adequate information is crucial. Grant requests are reviewed by the Service for Sight Committee which then makes recommendations to the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees for approval. In 2022, nearly \$400,000 was awarded to organizations that applied for grants, with an average grant amount of \$6,349.

Grant recipients are asked to participate in an evaluation process during the grant period, submit reports periodically, and produce financial records of grant expenditures. It is unlikely that programs not completed in one year's funding will be considered. The Delta Gamma Foundation prioritizes programs that benefit/impact the greatest number of persons possible.

The Delta Gamma Foundation does not fund:

- Political activities of any kind, including lobbying
- General operating expenses or salaries, save for expenses related to a specific program
- Programs that promote religious activities
- Programs that are completed before grant is awarded



- Programs that are local in scope
- Programs inconsistent with federal, state or local nondiscrimination ordinances regarding equal employment opportunity

An update on Service for Sight: Joining Forces grants for 2023 and beyond

Previously, organizations submitting grant applications for programs/projects solely supporting or giving back to servicemen and women who have experienced visual impairments, eye trauma, or vision loss would be considered for our Service for Sight: Joining Forces grants. However, for the 2023 cycle and beyond, we are merging the Joining Forces fund with the Service for Sight fund. Joining Forces is no longer its own separate fund. Instead, if awarded, organizations submitting grant applications for programs/projects supporting servicemen and women who have experienced visual impairments, eye trauma, or vision loss will receive funds from the Service for Sight fund.

Service for Sight Grant Criteria

1. Grant applicant must be a 501(c)(3) or comparable.
2. Grant applicant must be based in a country where Delta Gamma collegiate/alumnae groups exist (U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom) and funds awarded must remain in those countries.
3. Mission of organization/purpose of the program described in the grant request must be compatible with that of the Delta Gamma Foundation's Service for Sight Grant Program mission. Programs that directly impact blind and visually impaired individuals are given preference.
4. Organization and program must be national in scope or organization must be a Delta Gamma affiliated school.
5. Grant application must include most recent financial statement as well as disclosure of mission of organization.
6. The organization should state in the grant application how it would recognize the contribution of the Delta Gamma Foundation to the program.
7. If grant applicant has received funds from the Delta Gamma Foundation in the recent past, they should supply the Foundation with a report on the program's outcome and the distribution of Foundation funds.
8. Program for which grant is requested must be fully planned and described within application.
9. Grant proposal must state the timeline of how all funds would be used within one year of the date the funds are received.
10. A budget must be submitted detailing the exact use of funds should they be granted. Funds are not to be used for salaries of employees or for overhead expenses.

