



# Delta Gamma

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## Delta Gamma Foundation Merit-Based Graduate Fellowships FAQ

**Q. I am not an initiated member of Delta Gamma Fraternity. Am I eligible to apply?**

A. No. The Delta Gamma Foundation Merit-Based Graduate Fellowship program is only for initiated members of Delta Gamma Fraternity who are in good standing with the Fraternity.

**Q. I am pursuing an additional bachelor's degree. Am I eligible to apply?**

A. No. Graduate fellowships are designated for members who are pursuing master- or doctoral-level degrees.

**Q. I have been away from higher education for a while and am returning to pursue a master's or doctoral degree. Am I eligible to apply?**

A. Yes. If you are in good standing with Delta Gamma Fraternity and are current with your alumnae per capita dues, you are eligible to apply.

**Q. I am pursuing my master's or doctoral degree at an institution outside of North America. Am I eligible to apply?**

A. Yes.

**Q. What is the typical amount awarded per fellowship?**

A. Fellowship amounts range from \$2,500 - \$5,000.

**Q. How many graduate fellowships are awarded per cycle?**

A. This is a highly competitive program. Typically, fewer than 20 graduate fellowships are awarded per cycle. The Delta Gamma Foundation is working hard to continue to grow this program, as we recognize there is a great need.

**Q. Where are funds mailed?**

A. If awarded, fellowship funds are mailed directly to the institution's office of financial aid to be applied directly to the student account.

**Q. What is the timeline for the application process?**

A. Applications open annually in December and close at midnight on April 1. Applicants can expect to hear back from the Delta Gamma Foundation in mid-to-late July.

**Q. I haven't been accepted to a graduate program yet. Can I still apply for a graduate fellowship?**

A. Yes. If you are awarded a graduate fellowship, the Delta Gamma Foundation will reach



out to you via email to collect your acceptance letter and address of the financial aid office where the funds will be mailed.

**Q. I am a graduating senior but notice I must pay my alumnae per capita dues to apply for a graduate fellowship. What should I do?**

A. If you are a graduating senior and still an undergraduate member of Delta Gamma Fraternity, you may not pay your alumnae per capita dues until you graduate. Therefore, please upload a document in this portion of the application stating you are a graduating senior and will pay your alumnae per capita dues after graduation.

**Q. Is there a service or project component for earning a graduate fellowship?**

A. No. Funds are awarded to applicants with high application scores, which are determined by chapter, campus, and community involvement, as well as written responses to two essays.

**Q. How are applications completed?**

A. Applications are completed electronically using [SmarterSelect](#). The link to applications can be found on the [Delta Gamma Foundation website](#).

**Q. Are there any documents I will need to upload to the application?**

A. Yes. You will need proof of your alumnae per capita dues payment, your professional resume, a resume detailing your Delta Gamma involvement, your acceptance letter and academic unofficial transcripts.

**Q. Is there an essay component to the application?**

A. Yes. Two essays are required as part of the application process. Essay prompts change annually.

**Q. Who reviews my application?**

A. Delta Gamma alumnae who volunteer to serve on the Delta Gamma Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship Committee. Three separate volunteers review and score each essay using a common rubric.

**Q. How does application scoring work?**

A. As mentioned above, three separate volunteers review and score each essay. SmarterSelect autoscores all other portions of the application. The average of the three essay scores (per essay) are then added to the SmarterSelect autoscores to create a final application score.

**Q. How can I find out what fellowships are available this cycle?**

A. Please email assistant director: programs and impact, Mariah Bockbrader, at [Mariah.Bockbrader@deltagamma.org](mailto:Mariah.Bockbrader@deltagamma.org).

**Q. Who can I reach out to with questions not answered by this FAQ?**

A. Please reach out to either:

- Mariah Bockbrader, assistant director: programs and impact, at [Mariah.Bockbrader@deltagamma.org](mailto:Mariah.Bockbrader@deltagamma.org)
- Foundation Director: Scholarships and Fellowships at [ScholarshipFellowship@deltagamma.org](mailto:ScholarshipFellowship@deltagamma.org)

