

National Pan-Hellenic Council of Washington, DC

In collaboration with the

Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association

Scholarship Application Guidelines

The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Washington, DC (DCNPHC), in collaboration with the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association (FDMHA), is pleased to announce the 2026 DCNPHC-FDMHA High School Scholarship Application. The scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors from a District of Columbia public or charter high school who will enroll in an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of 2026. The institution may include a college, university, trade school, or other educational establishment beyond high school.

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote the legacy of Frederick Douglass. After 200 years, Mr. Douglass's words still have meaning and impact in current social justice and political arenas. Mr. Douglass is one of the most important figures in the abolitionist movement and a highly respected 19th-century statesman. His rise from slavery to becoming a counselor and friend to President Abraham Lincoln continues to inspire generations. Our essay contest is designed to inspire you to help us keep the legacy of Frederick Douglass relevant and thriving.

The application is due by **Saturday, April 4, 2026**. The scholarship awardee will be notified by **April 18th, 2026**, of their selection to receive a scholarship. The scholarship committee will award **a minimum of two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000**. Proof of enrollment for the fall semester is required prior to award disbursement. The scholarship will be sent to the university on behalf of the student. Successful applicants will be required to attend the DCNPHC Scholarship and Community Award Reception on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at the University of the District of Columbia Community College: Lamond Riggs Campus.

Scholarship Eligibility

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of the District of Columbia
- Be on course to graduate from an accredited District of Columbia public or charter high school at the end of the 2025 - 2026 academic school year
- Have an official transcript with proof of community service hours

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. A completed written or electronic application form
2. A completed essay
3. A current, official copy of your high school transcript
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation (recommendations can be obtained from a current or former teacher, guidance counselor, principal, pastor, employer, coach, or extracurricular activities director)

Please choose one of the three essay options. Prepare a 500-word essay response. Be sure that your essay is typed in 12-point font size, legible font, and double spaced.

Essay #1: How did one of the Historically Black Fraternities or Sororities in the Divine Nine shape your decision to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) or other institution of higher learning?

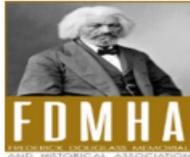
Essay #2: How did the life of Frederick Douglass inspire your educational and career goals? How may these decisions support your community in the same way Frederick Douglass influenced African Americans nationwide?

Essay #3: Frederick Douglass advocated for political change by publishing, speaking, and protesting for the rights of African Americans. In this modern age, what effective ways do you propose that the National PanHellenic Council of Washington, DC, support the causes of the African American community?

Submission Date: Saturday, April 4, 2026

Scholarship applications must be emailed by Saturday, April 4, 2026, to following email address: dcnphscholarships@gmail.com. Subject Line: Scholarship Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Should you have questions regarding the application, don't hesitate to contact the Scholarship Committee at dcnphscholarships@gmail.com.



National Pan-Hellenic Council of Washington, DC
In collaboration with the
Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association
Scholarship Application

Student's Full Legal Name			
Date of Birth			
Mailing Address			
City, State, Zip Code			
Email Address			
Phone Number			
Name of High School			
School Address			
Anticipated High School Graduation Date/Year		Grade Point Average	

List of Colleges Applied To

School Activities/Extracurriculars

Community Activities

Honors and Awards

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I certify that the information submitted in this application is accurate. I have not plagiarized nor provided any false statements in this application. I understand that if selected for this award, I will be required to attend the DCNPHC Scholarship and Award Reception on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. I also acknowledge that I will be required to submit proof of enrollment from my educational institution before scholarship funds can be disbursed to the institution.

Signature

Date