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**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 2025 DCNPHC-FDMHA High School Scholarship Application. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from a District of Columbia public or charter high school who will enroll in an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of 2025. 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 Friday, June 7, 2025. The scholarship awardee will be notified by June 14, 2025, of their selection to receive a scholarship. One first-place scholarship for \$5,000 will be awarded to one student. Three second-place scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to multiple students. 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.

**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 2024 - 2025 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

Please choose one of the three essay options. Prepare a 500-word essay response. Be sure that your essay is typed in 11 or 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?

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.

**Deadline:**

**Option 1:** If sent by mail, the application must be postmarked by Friday, June 4th, 2025 and sent to the following address:

National Pan-Hellenic Council of Washington, DC  
Attention: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 2252  
Washington, DC 20013-2252

**Option 2:** If sending an electronic application, the submission must be emailed by June 7th, 2025, using the following email address: [dcnphcscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:dcnphcscholarships@gmail.com).  
Subject Line: Scholarship Committee

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applications received or postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted. Should you have questions regarding the application, don't hesitate to contact the Scholarship Committee at [dcnphcscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:dcnphcscholarships@gmail.com).

## Scholarship Application

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Active Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cellular)

Anticipated High School Graduation Date/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Colleges Applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Extracurricular Activities (i.e. Employment, Internships, Etc.):

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Honors/Awards/Recognitions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

I certify that the information submitted in this application is accurate. I have not plagiarized, nor given false statements in this application. I also understand that if selected for this award, I will be required to be present for the DCNPHC-FDMHA Scholarship and Award Reception Saturday, June 21st, 2025, from 3-5 pm. I will also be required to submit proof of enrollment from my educational institution prior to scholarship funds being disbursed to the institution.

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Signature	Date