

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization



**The Road to
Scholarship.....
Let TSO Pay YOU!**

Committee

- List of committee members and areas
- Helpful Hints
- UT Endowment Scholarships

State Scholarship

- Guidelines/Applications for all scholarships
- 2023-2024 Award Winners
- Scholarship Quick Guide
- Helpful Hints for Completing an Application

Working on an Advanced Degree? 3, 6, 9 Hrs.

For **campus-based** University

- **Apply and register**
- **Create your plan of action**
- **Determine your needs across time**
- **Check the Guidelines**
- **Apply for the appropriate scholarship**

For an **on-line** degree from an on-line University

- Apply and register
- Possibly participate in a Cohort
- Explore a condensed degree plan or additional certification
- Include necessary documents

Doctoral Scholarship

- Minimum of 3 years DKG membership prior to June 1 of current year
- Up to \$7,500
- Register in at least 9 hours course work or dissertation for two (2) semesters to receive the entire amount.
- Must have completed a minimum of **18 hours** towards the doctorate by the first summer term of the year of application

- Unofficial transcript documenting completion of course work

How can I gain the most funding toward my doctoral degree?

We can help!

We have a plan!

Plan to gain as much funding as possible for a doctoral degree

- When first beginning, apply for a **6 or 9** hour scholarship
- This will help fund your program while you are gaining the required criteria (**18 hours**)
- Do this for two (**2**) years
- Lay out one (**1**) year– required of all scholarships! If you meet the criteria, apply for **International**.
- Next, apply for the **state doctoral** scholarship (if you have the 18 hours)
- This can be applied to **coursework** and/or **dissertation**
- Do this for two (**2**) years
- Still have work to do, apply for an International \$10,000 Scholarship.



Did you know you can do regular classes or on-line courses at University of Texas or any of the University of Texas System Schools using special funds begun by our Founders in 1930?

- Austin
Arlington
- Tyler
San Antonio
- El Paso
Rio Grande Valley
- Permian Basin
(Edinburg Campus)
- Dallas
Permian Basin



Mini Grants- Spring & Fall

- Provides up to \$750.00 for TSO members - minimum of 5 years membership by June 1 of current year
- **Actively teaching** or **currently employed** in an education position
- Professional conference or workshop for example
- Conducting research activities on a topic of professional interest
- **How does this benefit DKG?**
- How will you **“give back?”** (Idea: present a chapter or state workshop)
- Expected to be an **active member** and remain one!

Life-long Learning Scholarship

- Up to \$1,000 for:
 - organized
 - continuing
 - adult education opportunities

Must be a member for ten (10) years or more

Active in your chapter and **beyond** (State and International)

Must Be:



- Activities that are structured formal programs

Examples:

- Road Scholar
- Go Ahead Tours
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin for adults 50+
- On-line learning– for example for technology

This is not for a vacation. There is also an obligation to do something with the knowledge you've gained once you return.

Must Be:



- Travel opportunities that include structured class in some area; for example: photography, genealogy, science, writing, etc.
- Community college extended classes
- Research conferences
- Workshops

DKG sponsored events will not be funded. For example, ASTEF Travel, International Conventions, etc. Exception: DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders (fee)

Maetha Weatherby Educational Travel

- Must be a member for ten (10) years prior to June 1
- Provides up to \$1,500 which must be matched by applicant
- To support educational travel related to current field of educational work assignment
- Travel must have an educational purpose where learning acquired will be incorporated into the applicant's educational setting and used to enhance curriculum

Helpful Hints!

- READ the guidelines carefully
- Gather all necessary documentation
- Initiation? Induction? Join date = when your treasurer enters the member in the system
- Be specific in your goals, purpose, and justification
- Be specific in your request for a letter of recommendation about what is expected
- Write clearly and concisely
- Be CLEAR about the budget (registration fee, transportation/airfare costs, meals, rental car, other specific expenditures)
- Educational vs. personal travel requests – how will you give back to DKG?
- Proofread your application
- Submit all documents by deadline (check guidelines for specific deadlines)

Goals and Plans



The committee wants to see your goals and plans on how you will use the scholarship after completion of your program.

- This should be in your personal and/or professional life.
- Most importantly, in your **DKG life**! How WILL you give back? What WILL you do? What level of the Society WILL you focus on? Consider beyond the Chapter level.
- Be specific and use “I will” statements.

Involvement in DKG now and plans for the future

- Think back to our Founders in 1930. Each one contributed each meeting to be able to establish and give scholarships to women.
- They brought coins to each meeting and looked forward to being able to give the first scholarship.
- Scholarship has continued to be a huge part of DKG.
- Therefore, we want members who are ACTIVE and WILL REMAIN ACTIVE after they complete their program.
- **ACTIVE**: attends chapter meetings, holds a leadership role in chapter or beyond, participates beyond the chapter level, attends workshops and state conventions, presents programs at all levels, performs in the state chorus, attends STAR, actively participates in ASTEF, what else?

Letters of Recommendation

- Letter from Chapter President
- Letter from Supervisor
- Letter from someone who can speak to your character
- Guidelines tell you how many letters per scholarship/grant

Letter of Recommendation

Just how important is it?

Many of the scholarships require three letters of recommendation. The rest require two. All require a letter from your Chapter President.

Each letter can receive up to 4 points. Multiply this by 3 or 2 letters and the score can count as much as 8 to 12 total points.

Some applications include very weak letters and have actually kept people from receiving the award!

Be proactive in this process because it matters!

TIPS:

When you are able, select a strong writer

Someone who knows you well and can talk of your character

Consider giving them ideas they may want to include

Explain the importance of their letter and the impact it has on you to be awarded the scholarship

Important Deadlines

- November 1: Fall Mini-Grant
- March 1:
 - Spring Mini-Grant
 - 3, 6, 9 hr. Academic
 - Doctoral
 - Life Long Learning
 - Weatherby

Submit online to:

tsoscholarshipdkg@gmail.com

All documents in one email





ASTEF Donations

- When you want to contribute to scholarship funds, you must “designate” your donation for scholarships on the ASTEF donation form
- Every month is a possible time to give a donation for scholarships
- If you’ve been a recipient, it is important to give back, so someone else can be awarded a scholarship
- This is the ultimate “paying it forward”!
- You may have received a scholarship because someone else made a donation.

Have questions or need help?



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Finally,

APPLY, APPLY, APPLY.....

LET TSO PAY YOU!

