



Delta Public Service Foundation of Denton County

The Delta Public Service Foundation of Denton County (DPSF) is a non-profit organization which supports charitable and educational programs of the local community. DPSF creates possibilities and improves the lives of students and their families by awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors and presenting grants to community organizations.

Bernice Griffin Memorial Scholarship & Marilyn Hunt-Williams Community Service Scholarship Applications

The following eligibility requirements must be met:

- Applicant must have a GPA of **3.0** or above.
- Scholarships are based on academic merit, community service and/or leadership.
- Applicant must be a graduating senior from a **Denton City or Denton County** area high school.
- Minority students are encouraged to apply.

Letter of Recommendation should be provided from either of the following:

- A teacher or school official (written on official letterhead), OR a community leader.

Scholarship Application Packet Requirements:

Applicants are required to submit:

- ___ Application form
- ___ Letter of recommendation
- ___ Small photo
- ___ Short essay
- ___ Official transcript (**signed by Registrar**)
- ___ List of community service hours completed within the last year (**Marilyn Hunt-Williams only**)
- ___ Attendance Verification Record (**VOE -Verification of Enrollment will not be accepted**)

Note: To be considered for the scholarship, please scan/email **completed packet** in its entirety to:
[**dpsfdc06@gmail.com**](mailto:dpsfdc06@gmail.com)

Scholarship Awards:

All recipients are required to attend the DPSF Awards Day Program in the spring. The date, location and time TBA. The recipients will also be recognized at their High School Senior Awards Program.

Deadline- Friday, March 21, 2025.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Watts

Dorothy Watts, Chair
Board of Directors
Delta Public Service Foundation of Denton County
Phone: 940-387-7832



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“Totaling Our Resources Changing Humankind”

Delta Public Service Foundation Of Denton County

Bernice Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Marilyn Hunt-Williams Community Service Scholarship

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Scholarships are based on academic merit, community service, personal growth and strength
- Applicant must be a graduating senior at a high school in Denton City or Denton County area high school.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Applicant must submit a completed application by **March 21, 2025.**
- Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, or community leader.
- Applicant must submit verification of attendance records. (VOE -Verification of Enrollment will **not** be accepted).
- Applicant must submit an official high school transcript. (***signed and dated by Registrar.***)
- Applicant must submit an essay according to application requirements.
- Applicant must include a list of community service hours completed within the last year (***Marilyn Hunt-Williams only.***)

Late applications will not be considered.

Please email/ scan completed application packet by March 21, 2025

TO:

dpsfdc06@gmail.com

(Please submit in pdf only)



Delta Public Service Foundation Scholarship Application

Check appropriate box(s):

☐ **Bernice Griffin Memorial Scholarship**

☐ **Marilyn Hunt-Williams Community Service Scholarship**

Name: _____
Last First MI M/F Ethnicity

Permanent Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Contact # _____ Email _____

Preferred method of communication: Email _____ Text _____ Cell _____

High School _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

SAT TEST Score _____ **Date Take/Scheduled** _____

ACT TEST Score _____ **Date Take/ Scheduled** _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home _____ Cell # _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Bernice Griffin Memorial Scholarship Essay Response Question:

(800 words minimum).

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. (1) How did it affect you? (2) What did you learn from the experience?

After reading the addendum of Bernice Griffin, why should you be awarded this scholarship?

Addendum

Until her death in May 2011, Mrs. Bernice Griffin was a faithful, dedicated, committed and functioning member of Morse Street Baptist Church, Denton, TX. Mrs. Griffin had to overcome many obstacles just to attend church—an amputee with reoccurring health and mobility issues. Despite the obstacles, she was faithful in her work, in her home and in her church. Mrs. Griffin also completed her bachelor’s degree after raising five children to adulthood. She continued to serve as a role model for her family, coworkers, and community. Bernice Griffin was the wife of Mr. McKinley Griffin (deceased 2016) for more than 62 years and raised five daughters. Mrs. Griffin was a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and a member of Denton County Alumnae Chapter where she devoted her service to the educational, spiritual and social development of all who were blessed to cross her path.

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Marilyn Hunt Williams Community Service Scholarship

Essay Question: (800 words minimum)

- *Why does community service matter?*
- *How do you plan to support your community in the future?*
- *What relationships have you developed during your service involvement?*

After reading the addendum of Marilyn Hunt Williams, why should you be awarded this scholarship?

Addendum

Marilyn Hunt Williams was a beloved retired educator who left behind a legacy of service. At the time of her death in August 2014, Marilyn Williams served on the Delta Public Service Foundation Board of Directors and was a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. Mrs. Williams was an active member of Antioch Christian Fellowship in Corinth, TX where she served faithfully in several ministries including but not limited to Antioch ARMS (Community Outreach Food Ministry), and the Lifepoint Home Group Ministry. She also served in her community, coordinating the Life Learning Education classes at the Salvation Army. Marilyn Williams mentored young girls in the local school district. The fact that Marilyn Hunt Williams was a quadriplegic, bound to a wheelchair for over 38 years, set no limits on her service to others.