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There are eight Tennessee State Organization scholarships plus several Xi State Vision Foundation grants to assist with the cost of graduate education and professional development to our members. Through our dues, contributions, fundraising, and enthusiastic encouragement of those who are trying to improve their abilities through additional education, we see a world of opportunity opening up for those who take advantage of our scholarships and grants and in turn increase their service to their students, communities, and fellow educators. [79 words]

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Hundreds of students from pre-school through post-graduate programs have been the beneficiaries of the advanced education that Tennessee State Organization members have experienced with the financial assistance of our scholarship program. With the help of every member for the past 75 years, exemplary educators have become skilled administrators, compassionate mentors, best-selling authors, and vital community leaders. Since 1945, more than 400 Tennessee State Organization members have been awarded nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in scholarship money. Sisters have received assistance with the costs of work toward advanced degrees that have enriched their lives personally, academically, and professionally.

From the humble beginnings of a $75 scholarship awarded to Louise Oakley who would become the eighth state president to the $3,000 scholarship awarded to Bethany Billingsley who received the most recent Mary Hall Scholarship in 2021, our state organization now budgets $17,000 annually to recognize outstanding women educators. Annual member dues and donations (not endowments) fund our state scholarships. [158 words]

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**Tennessee State Organization Scholarships** available to be awarded include:

**a. The Lois Jones Special** (Stipend of **$3000**) for pursuing a doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.).

**b. Isabel Wheeler** (Stipend of **$3000**) for pursuing a doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., J.D.).

**c. Maycie K. Southall** (Stipend of **$3000**) for study beyond the Master’s Degree.

**d. Mary Hall** (Stipend of **$3000**) for study beyond the Bachelor’s Degree.

**e. Evangeline Hartsook** (Stipend of **$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor’s Degree.

**f. Lottye McCall** (Stipend of **$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor’s Degree.

**g. Louise Oakley** (Stipend of **$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor’s Degree.

**h. Eleanor Osteen** (Stipend of **$1250**) for study beyond the Bachelor’s Degree.

**\*Not all scholarships will be awarded each year; decisions to award or not will be made based on availability of funding and/or the number of qualified applicants**

Eligibility:

Applicants must be members of a Tennessee State chapter for at least **three** calendar years.

Service to Delta Kappa Gamma is an important criterion in the selection of a recipient.

Applications should be electronically submitted on/before the deadline (February 1st of the year awarded) **Incomplete or late applications will not be eligible for consideration.**

Former recipients of a major scholarship ($3,000) may not reapply. [202 words]

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**Tennessee State Organization Application Packet Requirements** are as follows:

Electronically submit one complete application packet to Donna Campbell, Scholarship Chair at **campbelld1013@gmail.com.**

1. the completed application form;

2. an original photograph (applicant only) suitable for publication;

3. a written account (use template provided) of your proposed program plans with **documentation of current enrollment** (This account should include institution, major, degree, beginning date, anticipated completion date, a brief description of courses completed, and the professional goals to be accomplished through this program. Current enrollment can be documented through a screenshot or a copy of the applicant’s graduate school registration page showing name and present course enrollment);

4. a written account (use template provided) of your **service to Delta Kappa Gamma** (This should include offices and committee appointments at the chapter, state, and international levels; attendance at Delta Kappa Gamma conferences and conventions; participation in training sessions and legislative and/or leadership seminars; and other services rendered to Delta Kappa Gamma. Please include dates of service or participation.); and

5. the following **signed** letters of recommendation, which must be in letter form:

the current **president** of your chapter (or other officer if you are the president),

a direct supervisor/administrator of your **professional** work, and

a university or college professor familiar with your **graduate level** work.

6. Request **one** copy of each transcript of the applicant’s undergraduate and graduate records to be sent by the college or university directly to the Tennessee State Scholarship Chair at **campbelld1013@gmail.com**. Include transcripts for all institutions you list on the application. Transcripts **MUST** arrive to the Tennessee State Scholarship Chair on or before February 1. Late submissions will result in applications NOT being considered.

Due Date: All applications must be completed and **electronically submitted ON or BEFORE February 1st**. [291 words]

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The Xi State Vision Foundation was approved by the state organization’s Executive Board in 2002 and dispersed the first Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Development Award and project grants in 2004. The Foundation’s purpose is to provide funds for members to

* conduct educational research;
* develop special projects related to the improvement of education;
* publish the results of research and projects.

The Board consists of four elected members serving staggered four-year terms plus the state treasurer, current state organization president, and immediate past state organization president. The most recent recipient of the Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Development Award used the funds to attend the Ron Clark Academy Experience in Atlanta. Grants ranged from “Don’t Be A Dummy, Prepare Today” to purchase a manikin, automated external defibrillator and reference guides to teach Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation to middle and high school students to “IXL – I’m Excited about Learning” to subscribe to the IXL program for college-bound students to provide target practice in English for ACT and state achievement tests. Applications are available on the state website under the Vision Foundation tab on the homepage and should be electronically submitted by December 31st each year. Specific guidelines are also provided to help applicants prepare thorough and complete requests for funding. [215 words]

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The Vision Foundation qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so all donations are tax deductible. Liz Whorley Bradley was a member of the Beta Epsilon Chapter and served as state president from 1981 to 1983. The Professional Development Award named in her honor comes from her generous financial gift after she moved to Texas. The chapter president of a Visionary Chapter wears the Vision Foundation pin during her two-year term. Nancy Davis of Gamma Mu chapter serves as the Foundation Chair for the 2021-23 biennium. Donations are always welcome, and the contribution form may be downloaded from the Vision Foundation webpage and mailed to our state Treasurer, Dr. Dianne Anderson. [117 words]

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So what have we learned about our Tennessee State Organization Scholarships and Grants? We now know there are eight state scholarships as well as Xi State Vision Foundation project grants and a professional development award available to members. Complete the five-question activity for module 11: “Tennessee State Organization Scholarships and Grants” and submit to DKG.member.edu@gmail.com for credit.