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There are several International scholarships and grants available to members and non-members to help them achieve their academic goals which has been a major focus of the Society since its inception in 1929. It is important for everyone to know there are up to 30 international scholarships for which members may apply. The specific application details will be clearly explained to help members begin planning to request assistance with expenses of graduate degree programs. Members will also learn about the Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Award, the Educational Project Award, and World Fellowship Grants. [93 words]

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Purpose Five reads “To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators,” and Purpose Six reads “To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.” From the 30 international scholarships to the professional development awards, educational project awards, and grants-in-aid, there are dozens of opportunities for assistance with the cost of graduate education and meaningful professional development available to our members. [83 words]

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DKG offers up to thirty (30) annual scholarships for graduate study. We have listed them here for your reference. Awards are either $6,000 for graduate degrees beyond the bachelor’s degree or $10,000 for doctoral degrees. Notice that the first scholarship is named in honor of our founder and first president Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. Also, the fifth scholarship is named in honor of our Tennessee State Organization founder Maycie Katherine Southall. Dr. Southall served as the first state President from 1935 until 1938 and then as National President from 1938 until 1940. At that time, state organizations were named by Greek letters in the order they were founded; therefore, Texas was Alpha State, and Tennessee was Xi State (14th state organization). At the International Convention in Austin, Texas, in 2018, the Society voted to use geographic names for clarity. Note that the Society offers two (2) biennial international scholarships at the #30 spot: in even-numbered years, the Hazel Johnson Memorial Scholarship and in odd-numbered years, the Mary Katherine Shoup Scholarship. If you are pursuing graduate work, please make plans to apply by the deadline. [184 words]

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Basic Requirements for an International Scholarship are that the applicant is required to …

1. be an active member of the Society for a minimum of three (3) years if pursuing doctoral studies, and be an active member of the Society for a minimum of one (1) year at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies;

2. have completed a bachelor’s degree or equivalent;

3. as of the application due date of February 1, be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree;

4. provide evidence of active participation and demonstrated leadership in the Society;

5. provide evidence of excellence in scholarship;

6. provide evidence of service to the community; and

7. be a first-time recipient of an international scholarship. [134 words]

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Members awarded international scholarships must agree to the following **terms and conditions**: 1. Candidates will be notified of the decision of the International Scholarship Committee on or before April 30th. A successful candidate must inform the International Scholarship Committee in writing of her acceptance or rejection of this award by the deadline noted in the letter. 2. The committee regards the acceptance of a scholarship by the recipient as agreeing …

~ to participate in the activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International;

~ to seek and respond to opportunities to make presentations based on her research at Delta Kappa Gamma meetings, workshops, and conventions;

~ to pursue the course of study and research as specified in her application;

~ to acknowledge the support of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in a doctoral dissertation;

~ to submit a copy of the dissertation inside cover page with the appropriate faculty signatures, plus a copy of the inside cover giving the name of the author, the title of the dissertation, the particular degree earned, and the date it was conferred. This will be passed to the staff person compiling Recognition of Members Who Have Earned Doctorates for the next International Convention;

~ to write an article/essay/provide excerpts for the *Bulletin*, if possible.

Scholarship winners will not receive their entire awards immediately. Payment to recipients will be made in two installments: one half of the award will be paid on July 30, and the remaining half will be paid after January 1 upon receipt of a progress report/transcript of the first semester’s work.[254 words]

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There are seven sections to the application, so members pursuing international scholarships should start work on the requirements at least two months before the February 1st deadline. Recommendations must be requested, written, and emailed to Society Headquarters; original transcripts must be sent from all institutions; documentation of current enrollment must be provided; and verification of current program status must be completed by university advisors. A point-value has been assigned to each section, so plan to devote adequate time to the Impact Statement since it is worth 35 points. Since email correspondence will be the method of communication, make sure to use either a university email address or an appropriate personal email address. Good luck! [114 words]

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A bequest to DKG from the estate of Lucile Cornetet, a long-time educator in Ohio, was the basis for the establishment of the Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Fund. Cornetet Individual Awards which are given November 1st and May 1st fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses, and workshops plus other degree programs. The Cornetet Seminar Award is granted to sponsor professional development seminars. Regions, areas, and state organizations may apply for this award to assist in providing development opportunities for educators in their locale. The deadline is November 1. Educational Project awards may be applied for to support and encourage innovation. The deadline is March 1st each year. Any project leader may apply. Applicants need not be members of DKG. A total of $50,000.00 was funded to new and renewal projects in February 2020. [136 words]

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The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948. In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. During the 1958–1960 biennium, the present program began to take shape. An agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States. In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee, formerly part of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. In 1974, state organization and chapter committees became part of the Constitution. The Institute of International Education recognized the World Fellowship Program with an award in 1978 that is displayed at Delta Kappa Gamma Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas. [154 words]

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Current grant recipients are from 20 different countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. These students are pursuing degrees at six Canadian and 19 U.S. colleges and universities. Quynh Nguyen, a student from Vietnam, is working on a Masters of Fine Arts degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Having received an initial grant of $4,000, she was approved for an $800 extension for the 2020-21 academic year. It is exciting to know that our dues are helping so many international women seeking degrees and that one is studying right here in Tennessee. Born in 1988 in Saigon, Quynh is a contemporary Vietnamese artist and an interior designer. She graduated from the Fine Arts Association of Ho Chi Minh city in 2007 and the University of Architecture of Ho Chi Minh City in 2012. In 2018, Quynh was granted a Fulbright Scholarship from the U.S. Government and is now pursuing an MFA in Studio Art at the University of Tennessee School of Art. Her painting displayed here titled “The Twin” is an example of her talent. [195 words]

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We now know that DKG International Scholarships and Grants support the academic and professional development goals of both members and non-members. Generous donations from DKG chapters, members, and friends make these scholarships and project grants possible. Complete the five-question activity for module ten: “International Scholarships and Grants” and submit to DKG.member.edu@gmail.com for credit. [51 words]