

Iota Phi Lambda  
Sorority, Inc.



# Gamma Chapter of Washington, DC

**2011 Helen Newberry-McDowell Academic Scholarship Application**

***APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 21, 2011***

***PRESENTATION OF AWARDEE: FEBRUARY 5, 2011***

***AWARD UP TO \$2,500***

Submit Applications to:  
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. --Gamma Chapter  
PO BOX 75985, Washington, DC 20013

Direct questions or comments to:  
[vmartin@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:vmartin@iota-gammadc.org)  
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# IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.

## Gamma Chapter of Washington, DC

### *2011 Helen Newberry-McDowell Academic Scholarship Award*

#### **MISSION:**

To provide financial assistance to recent high school graduates and college students enabling them to pursue academic studies in the areas of business, business administration, science or engineering at an accredited institution of higher learning within the United States of America.

#### **HISTORY:**

Helen Newberry-McDowell was the fourth of fourteen children, born in 1903 Abingdon, Virginia. She is a community activist and businesswoman, illustrated leadership, strength, loyalty and determination when it came to helping others, especially through providing academic scholarships. McDowell attended Morristown Industrial School, where her mother taught, and went on to Bennett College. Graduating in 1924, she attended Teacher's College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She then attended Howard University from 1928 to 1931, earning her M.A. in education.

McDowell began teaching in 1925, and after earning her M.A. went on to teach at Morgan State University in Baltimore. In the 1940s, McDowell bought six houses in Washington, D.C., and converted them into rooming houses for students. From 1949 to 1973, the Newberry House was home to many students from Howard University's School of Religion. McDowell also ran a wedding salon out of Newberry House. McDowell began teaching at Phelps Vocational High School in Washington, D.C., in 1950, and taught English there until her retirement in 1973. Today at the tender age of 105, Newberry-McDowell still boosts for academic advancement by providing scholarship and volunteering with her church.

As a longstanding member of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc, Gamma Chapter since the early 1940s, Mrs. Newberry McDowell's commitment to education, community service and excellence is memorialized through Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc.'s local chapter scholarship, Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship. Created in 2007 this scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students in the form of academic scholarships. Annual scholarships are provided to high school graduates or college students pursuing a career in business, business administration, science, or engineering. As it is seen, Mrs. Newberry McDowell is a devoted and active member of the business and professional women's organization, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. The sorority offers community programs, which focuses on educational, social and career development of students.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

The Washington, DC chapter (Gamma) of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. aims to award scholarship on an annual basis through its new Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship (HNMAS) to a worthy student enabling them to pursue or continue academic studies in the field of business, business administration, science, or engineering at an institution of higher learning of their choice located in the United States of America.

The HNMAS is a one-year award that provides a college scholarship up to \$2,500 for the academic year for students pursuing a degree at a four-year institution. The award will be distributed in two disbursements, fall and spring, during the academic year. Only **one** application per student is required to cover the academic year.

Upon receipt of enrollment verification and provided the student maintains the standards of academic progress as defined by the Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship Committee, the scholarship will be awarded and made payable to the recipient's educational institution.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Applicants must meet the following requirements to apply for the Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship. *You are eligible only if you meet ALL eligibility requirements.*

- High school female students in the District of Columbia and metropolitan area that are transitioning to college
- Pursuing a degree in Business, Business Administration, International Business
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
- Accepted to a post secondary, accredited institution
- Community service involvement within past 12-months with references of services
- Applied for **Federal Student Aid** ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

**APPLICATION PACKET CONTENT:****Official Academic Transcript**

Applicants must request an official academic transcript from their high school main office.

**Scholarship Application**

The Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship application is attached.

**Essay**

Applicants are required to submit a typed essay, minimum of 600 words.

**Community Involvement Verification**

Applicants must have completed at least 20 hours of active community service within the past 12 months.

Applicants must file and provide a copy of their 2011 – 2010 Student Aid Report (SAR). If you have not received your SAR, please call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at **1-800-433-3243** or visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Recommendation Letters**

Applicants must provide two recommendation letters that discusses the applicant's scholastic abilities, community involvement, and financial need. Recommendation letters must be from two of the following sources:

- Employer
- School officials (professor, principal, counselor, teacher, etc.)
- Religious Counselor (pastor, preacher, bishop, rabbi, etc.)
- Community Leader

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

The completed application packet must be postmarked by **Friday, January 21, 2011.**

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO:**

Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship Award  
c/o Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Chapter

PO BOX 75985, Washington, DC 20013

Please email any questions or comments to

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## PRESENTING THE WINNER

THE AWARDEE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE BELOW EVENT. THE AWARDEE(S) WILL RECEIVE TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS: FOR SELF AND ONE ADULT PARENT OR GUARDIAN. ALL OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE AWARDEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A TICKET IN SUPPORT OF RAISING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.



Gamma Chapter of Washington, DC

*Presents its*

***United in Prayer and in Achievement***  
**First Annual Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship**  
**Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, February 5, 2011

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church  
701 Oglethorpe Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20011

Adults: \$47.50 ~ High School Students: \$22.50 ~ Youth (13 & Under) \$19.31

Tickets available: [www.iota-gammadc.org/events.html](http://www.iota-gammadc.org/events.html)

*(Listed prices do not include online service fee)*

Keynote speaker:

**Kendra Norman-Bellamy**

*National Bestselling Christian Fiction Author & Owner of KNB Publications, LLC*

[www.kendranormanbellamy.com](http://www.kendranormanbellamy.com)

For more information or scholarship applications contact:  
Vonetta Martin, Chairperson ~ [vmartin@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:vmartin@iota-gammadc.org) ~ (301) 741-8523

**IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC**  
**WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER (GAMMA)**  
**2011 HELEN NEWBERRY MC DOWELL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Postmark Deadline: January 21, 2011**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Female

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary e-mail\* \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Carefully type or print your complete e-mail address, as we will be communicating with you via e-mail.**

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

**High School Information** (*High School students transitioning to college only*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fall 2011: College Information** (*High School students - provide information on the school you have been accepted*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Expected degree BA/S MA/S Doctorate

Desired career professional field of interest \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNSHIPS / EMPLOYMENT:**

List any internships and employment since **January 1, 2009** beginning with the most recent. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Company Name Position(s) Held From To Hours per  
(mm/yy) (mm/yy) Week

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Do you work during the academic year? Yes No If yes, how many hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

List all honors and awards that you have received since **January 1, 2009** beginning with the most recent. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Honors and Awards Date Received (mm/yy)

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Please list and describe your leadership involvement over the past 4 years. Attach an additional page if necessary.

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**CAREER GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Career Goals:** Briefly state your career goals in 25 words or less.

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**Recommendation Letters:** Applicants must provide two recommendation letters that discusses the applicant's scholastic abilities, community involvement, and financial need. Recommendation letters must be from two of the following sources:

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**ESSAY:**

Write an essay on one of the following topics. The essay should be at least 600 words. Type your essay on a separate page and include it with your application.

- **Business:** Discuss the importance of and the distinction between being an entrepreneur versus a small business owner in America.
- **Societal Issue:** MySpace and Facebook are social networking sites where individuals create profiles and link to others (“friends”) within the system. Discuss the positive and negative aspects of having a website to meet and network with other people for purposes of advancing an individual’s business venture.
- **Political Awareness:** Re-election is upon the United States in two years. Since, Nov 4, 2008 when President Barack Obama was elected as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, breaking through the presidential color barrier, he has many challenges to overcome as a leader. Pick one of his major challenges from over the past year and half (i.e. passing of the health care bill, advancing education in America, or dealing with irresponsible corporations). Discuss the type of resolution you would offer to him if you worked in his cabinet.
- **Community Service:** People perform community service for a variety of reasons. Discuss the importance of volunteering and why you volunteer in the community.

**APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE INFORMATION:**

- I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
  - I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions.
  - I understand that application materials become the property of HNMAS and will not be returned.
  - I hereby authorize HNMAS to share or publish my GPA and application for the purpose of evaluation, recruitment, public relations, possible employment, or any other related activity.
  - I understand that I must notify HNMAS of any change in my enrollment status. I also understand that a change in full-time status will result in the cancellation of any award.
- Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

Mail your application package by the **Friday, January 21, 2011**, postmark deadline to:  
**Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship Award**  
**c/o Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. (Gamma)**  
PO BOX 75985, Washington, DC 20013

Enclose all of the following items in your application package. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please **do not** staple documents.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Application** – all pages type-written, fully completed, legible and **signed**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Transcript(s)** – all school transcript(s) must be sent from the institution and contain their raised seal.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Essay** – a type-written, double-spaced essay (see above for details)

\_\_\_\_\_ **2 Recommendation Letters** – in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written on the seal

\_\_\_\_\_ **Financial Information Documentation** – all pages of your 2011-2012 Student Aid Report (SAR)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Form of Identification** – a government-issued photo ID with signature, such as a driver's license, passport, or state ID.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT VERIFICATION FORM:**

Applicants must have completed at least 20 hours of active community service within the past 12 months. Active community service includes: serving food to the homeless through soup kitchen or shelter, tutoring students, picking up litter and recycling, coordinating a community food/shelter drive, etc. Please have your manager or supervisor complete and sign this form.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe the service project/duties:**

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**Total Service Hours Performed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor's Name Signature of Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor's Title Today's Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011 HELEN NEWBERRY MC DOWELL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **General Questions:**

#### **What is the mailing address of HNMAS?**

2011 Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship Award  
c/o Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.  
Vonetta B. Martin, Gamma Chapter  
PO BOX 75985,  
Washington, DC 20013  
Email us at: [scholarship@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:scholarship@iota-gammadc.org)  
Direct email of coordinator: [vmartin@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:vmartin@iota-gammadc.org)

**Where does the funding for the HNMAS come from?** Funding comes from a variety of sources. The majority of our funds come from individual giving.

#### **Can you make the scholarship be payable to me?**

No. The scholarship is made payable to the recipient's college or university only.

#### **Who sponsors and manages the Helen Newberry McDowell Academic Scholarship (HNMAS)?**

The Washington, DC chapter (Gamma) of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated sponsors this academic scholarship. Gamma chapter was chartered on April 28, 1931 as the 3rd chapter in the body of Iota. The small group of members were proud to be a part of the only forum in which Black women would be inspired, stimulated and supported in their efforts to develop in their respective business vocations.

Gamma's membership covers the entire Washington, DC metropolitan area - including members who live in northern Virginia, southern Maryland, and the District of Columbia. We pride ourselves on our diverse roster of both young and seasoned members, college students as well as developing professionals and retirees.

### **Eligibility:**

- High school females from the District of Columbia and surrounding metropolitan area.
- Students with a B grade point average (3.0 and up) or an honor student.

### **Application Materials:**

#### **I did not receive a copy of my Student Aid Report (SAR), how do I obtain my report?**

You should have received an email with a link to your online SAR.

- Copy the full URL link from the e-mail FAFSA sent you
- Paste it into the address or location line of your Web browser and hit enter
- Make sure you copy and paste the entire link; this may appear as multiple lines in your email.
- Print a summary of your SAR to include with your application

### Additional Help:

If you have questions or problems regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at **1-800-433-3243**.

### **When is the application deadline?**

The application deadline is Friday, January 21, 2011.

### **Scholarship Process and Selection**

#### **How are students selected?**

Successful candidates are selected on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, community service, and leadership.

#### **What happens if my application is not complete?**

It's important to remember that if your application is not complete, you will not be considered for the scholarship. Many bright students miss out on opportunities because they submit incomplete applications. We suggest following up with school officials and making sure that your transcript(s) have been sent on time. Make sure all instructions are followed carefully. Have a teacher, counselor, parent, or some other mentor look over your application to make sure all requirements are met and all documentation is submitted.

#### **What are HNMAS scholarships for?**

Students advancing their education in fields of business administration.

**Does HNMAS offer scholarships for K-12?** No. This scholarship is for high school female students accepted to college.

**Does HNMAS provide scholarships for summer school?** No. All our awards are for the academic year in which you applied.

**What does the scholarship pay for?** Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and other academic related supplies.

#### **What happens after I've sent my application?**

**Will I be notified if I don't receive an award?** Yes. Regret letters are sent out after the selection process.

#### **Are scholarships renewable?**

This scholarship is a one-year award. We do, however, encourage you to apply to HNMAS each year as last year's awardees are given a slight scoring advantage over other applicants.

#### **How much can I expect to receive if I get a scholarship?**

You can expect to receive a scholarship up to \$2,500 for a 4-year college or university, per semester and depending on the financial standing of the organization. The scholarship payment may be extended into the next academic semester depending on the present circumstances of the chapter.

#### **What if I still have a question after reading the above frequently asked questions?**

Before contacting HNMAS, please make sure you have reviewed all of the above questions. If you still have a question after reviewing the FAQs, please email us at [scholarship@iota-gammadc.org](mailto:scholarship@iota-gammadc.org).