Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund
Information and Instructions

University of Maryland alumni who are members of the nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations affiliated with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), often referred to as “The Divine Nine”, are dedicated to supporting their undergraduate members in attaining their educational goals. The Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund was established to provide emergency financial assistance for tuition and books to undergraduate students who experience unexpected need due to demonstrated financial circumstances or extraordinary hardship.

Who is eligible to apply for assistance?

University of Maryland, College Park students who:

- Are members organizations NPHC organizations that are recognized by the Department of Fraternity and Sorority life; and,
- Are pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland, College Park; and,
- Have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 at the time of application; and,
- Have exhausted all other available financial assistance resources and cannot meet total need while utilizing those resources.

What criteria will be considered for awarding Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance funds?

- Unmet financial need due to financial circumstances or extraordinary hardship
- Compelling, thoughtful, genuine, and thorough community service proposals
- Expected graduation date
- Prior awards from the Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund

Awards will be made on a rolling basis as funds are available. All information about applicants is kept confidential by the selection committee.

Applications are available at D9Scholarship.umd.edu. For questions or additional information, you may contact Ed Kenny, Assistant Director for Grants and Scholarships at edkenny@umd.edu or 301-405-0322.

Application Submission Instructions:

- Complete and sign the application; incomplete applications will not be considered
- Prepare the typed essay and proposal on separate sheets of paper
- Mail, email, or hand deliver the application, typed essay questions, and all required supporting documents to:
  Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund
  8400 Baltimore Ave, Suite 200
  College Park, MD 20742
  edkenny@umd.edu
Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance Fund Application

**Personal:**

First name: ____________     Last name: _______________ UID: ____________________________

Street address: __________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________________   State: ____________________   Zip: _____________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: _________________________________________    Date of birth: Month _____   Day _____ Year ______

Divine Nine Organization: ___________________________  Date of initiation: ____________________________

**Education:**

Academic major(s) or course(s) of study: __________________________  Academic College: ____________________________

Degree sought: ________________________________

Current GPA at UM: ____________ Credit Hours completed as of previous semester: ____________

Hours Enrolled for current semester: ____________ Expected date of graduation: ____________

Current or anticipated academic status at the University of Maryland, College Park

- [ ] Freshman  [ ] Sophomore  [ ] Junior  [ ] Senior
**Essay Questions:**

*Please use 8 1/2 “ x 11” white paper, double-spaced, for each response:*

1. Explain your *specific* financial need, available financial resources, and the financial circumstances or extraordinary hardships supporting your application for Divine Nine Emergency Tuition Assistance.

2. Prepare a proposal for a *new* community service project or program to be considered for implementation by the UMD National Pan-Hellenic Council. Your proposal will be submitted to NPHC anonymously. *Awardees will not* be expected to implement the proposal; however proposals must include the following:
   - Identify the “community” to be served, including address and contact person, if any;
   - Description of the “community’s” immediate and long term needs;
   - Detailed description of plan for meeting the “community’s” needs, including proposed locations and identity of essential resources, individuals and/or groups;
   - Estimated budget; and,
   - Estimated time commitment.

**Required Application Documents:**

- [ ] Completed, signed application
- [ ] Typed essay questions

**Certification:**

I certify that all information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification and if found untrue will result in disqualification from consideration. I further understand that my proposed community service project/program will be submitted to the UMD National Pan-Hellenic Council for consideration and that my anonymity will be maintained unless I authorize disclosure.

Applicant Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis as funds are available. All supporting material may be mailed, emailed, or hand delivered to:**

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