



## Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

Unstoppable Upsilon Gamma Chapter

University of Washington

October 26, 2016

Dear Distinguished Women,

Congratulations on your new academic journey at the University of Washington! You are about to embark on what will probably become the most important and memorable years of your life, and we commend you on your decision to attend such a prestigious university. Going to college means new, exciting possibilities, but at the same time there are a lot of unknowns and the transition can be challenging. Such a large university can be difficult to navigate and at times it can be difficult to find a sense of community. A great way to create this sense of community and start building your network at the University of Washington is by joining student organizations, especially Greek organizations.

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. is the largest and fastest growing Latina-based multicultural sorority in the nation with well over 5,000 sisters representing 117 different nationalities. As sisters, we emphasize excellence in Academics, Community Service, Cultural Awareness, Morals and Ethics, and Social Interaction. We seek to provide sisters with a second family, not only on their individual campuses, but across the nation as well. The Upsilon Gamma Chapter at the University of Washington strives to provide our sisters with the much-needed support to succeed in our scholastic careers and we take great pride in the success of our members.

Please find the attached application for our yearly **scholarship**, the *Woman of Distinction Scholarship*. As members of Sigma Lambda Gamma, we take great satisfaction in our commitment to the community and place significant emphasis on the value of community service and education. This award is given to one incoming underrepresented minority freshman woman each year that best embodies both academic excellence and sincere dedication to their community, as demonstrated by their service. We encourage all those interested and eligible to apply.

If you have any questions regarding the sorority or the scholarship application, please do not hesitate to contact our Scholarship Chair, Kenia Diaz at [diaz4@uw.edu](mailto:diaz4@uw.edu). Once again, congratulations on your achievements thus far at the University of Washington and we look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Kenia Diaz



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***Woman of Distinction Scholarship***  
Scholarship Deadline: Monday, January 20, 2017

**Scholarship Requirements**

The *Woman of Distinction Scholarship* is an annual scholarship awarded on a one-time basis to an incoming freshman woman that demonstrates a strong connection to community service and academic excellence, two key principles of Sigma Lambda Gamma. The award amount is \$500 to be used for tuition purposes and/or books. To qualify for the award, the applicant must be entering the University of Washington as a freshman for the 2016-2017 academic year. Each applicant will be evaluated based on both their academic success and their established commitment to community service. The award will be announced and presented to the individual during Spring Quarter 2017.

**General Instructions**

The following must be included in the application:

1. Complete application form
2. An unofficial University of Washington transcript
3. Personal essay (2 page maximum, double spaced)
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or community leader that can account for the applicant's outstanding commitment to their community (*not parents, family members or peers*). The letter must either be sent separately by the recommender or be sealed with their signature across the seal.

The completed applications must be received by January 20, 2017. Please send all of the materials to:

Scholarship Committee  
Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.  
3931 Brooklyn Ave NE  
Seattle, WA 98105

**Questions?**

Email: Kenia Diaz at [diaz4@uw.edu](mailto:diaz4@uw.edu) or Zulen Pantoja [zpantoja@uw.edu](mailto:zpantoja@uw.edu)



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## *Woman of Distinction Scholarship*

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/Race \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Intended field of study in college or area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Academic honors received:

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List of community service involvement:

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### Personal Essay

Please write one two page maximum essay, addressing three out of the five following questions.

- What are your long-term career and/or educational goals?
- Describe a recent academic challenge you have faced and how you have overcome it.
- Why do you feel community service is important? What lessons and skills have you learned from your community involvement?
- Give us details on a specific project you participated in and your role within the project.
- How do you hope to maintain your involvement in your community in the future? How will you contribute to the community as an undergraduate student and beyond?

### SIGNATURE

By signing below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge that the information provided as part of this application is complete and true. I also acknowledge that the Scholarship Committee may contact my recommender to verify any of the information provided.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_