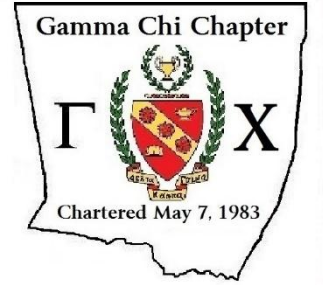




Gamma Chi Newsletter

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
North Carolina State Organization
Region III, Warren County



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Good Friends! Good Work! Good Times! October/November/December 2025
Gamma Chi Forever Strong!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Gamma Chi Sisters!

It is hard to believe that we all have enjoyed the entire autumn season and all of its celebrations and activities since our last gathering. What wonderful fall weather we have had this year. Time is passing so quickly and soon we will be celebrating the Christmas and New Year holidays. Can anyone tell me how to slow the passage of time? It is truly "flying by."

I would like to take a moment to thank the Warrenton group for providing a wonderful September meeting. I know that some of you listened closely to our guest, Sharon Frazier, and are taking advantage of the opportunities (\$\$\$) from the NC DKG Educational Foundation.

At our NC DKG Executive Board meeting in Asheboro this September, increasing membership was still one of the main topics of discussion. A challenge was issued from International to increase the membership in each state by 100 new members by May 2029, our centennial year. Let's try to do our part. Nominate a worthy educator to join our chapter.

Our spring convention is in New Bern on April 17-19. Newbern is a wonderful town full of history and beautiful waterfront scenery. I have heard some of our new members saying they would like to know more about NC DKG. This is your opportunity and for all, it is a time of fun, learning, celebration, and making new friends from across our state. Please join us. You will not regret it!

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MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, December 4, 2025
Wise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1840 US Highway 1 N, Norlina, NC 27563
5:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Gathering
6:15 p.m. Dinner & Special Christmas Music
7:00 p.m. Nice Santa Christmas Gift Exchange
7:15 Program: **NC DKG President Janie Webb**
7:30 p.m. Business Meeting
Cost: \$15.00 (exact change or make check payable to Wise Baptist Church; Memo line should read DKG Meal)
Meal Cut-Off Date: **Thursday, November 20th**
To reserve a meal, please respond to your Evite as soon as possible and no later than November 20th!
(Note: you do not have to purchase dinner to attend the meeting. That is your choice.)
(Norlina Group members will need to bring or send items for the raffle.)

BRING TO THE MEETING:

- ☞ Nice Santa present (no more than \$10.00—see page 2)
- ☞ Children's book(s)—see page 2; distributed by Santa at the Warren County Santa House, Courthouse Square
- ☞ Money to buy \$1 raffle tickets (proceeds aid local libraries and NC DKG Educational Foundation)
- ☞ Scholarship Fund contribution; if unable to attend, make check payable to Gamma Chi and send it to Debra Clayton, 573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, Norlina, NC 27563 (form is at the end of the newsletter and on our [website](#)—print as many as needed)
- ☞ World Fellowship contribution (\$3 recommended)

AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form

Print and use as many forms as necessary for the honorarium(s) and/or memorial(s) you wish to make.

Member Prospect Cards

May be turned in at any meeting.

Gamma Chi Chapter Scholarship Application

For our members attending graduate school or National Board.
Due to Scholarship Chair [Betsy Clark](#) by January 19, 2026.

Gamma Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid Application

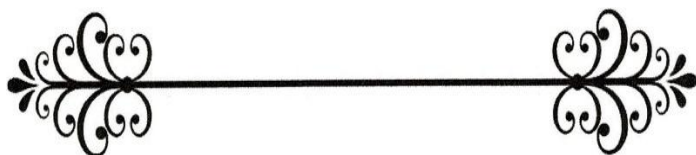
Please encourage a female who is graduating high school, an enrolled college student, or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools desiring or working toward a degree in education to apply; also due to [Betsy Clark](#) by January 19, 2026.

(President's Message - continued from Page 1)

Our meeting on December 4th promises to be wonderful as usual. I cannot wait to introduce you to our state president, Janie Webb, who will be attending. We are planning to have a gift exchange (*no dirty Santa*) and wonderful Christmas music. I am sure Nancy will have all the details in our newsletter. Wear something festive. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Wise.

In sisterhood,


Sheila Robertson



OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR DECEMBER



NC DKG President Jane "Janie" Webb, a member of Alpha Zeta (Region VIII), has been active in DKG since 2012, holding leadership roles within her chapter including secretary, vice president, and president. She served as Region VIII Director for NC DKG and was elected NC DKG Second Vice President, overseeing regional directors. She was appointed as First Vice-President and notably presided over the 2024 Convention Birthday Brunch. Her involvement with NC DKG encompasses coordinating the convention workshop schedule, training new chapter leaders, and providing support for the 2025 NC DKG Leadership Development Seminar.

Janie has spent 35 years in education. She served in the roles of Assistant Director of EC Programs and EC Programs Specialist for 12.5 years. She retired from Union County Public Schools after serving three years as the Director of Exceptional Children's Programs. During her 22.5-years in the classroom, Janie taught kindergarten and worked as a cross-categorical self-contained teacher for grades 2-5. Her exemplary contributions to education have earned her numerous accolades, including recognition as the North Carolina Special Olympics Coordinator of the Year. Additionally, as a Brownie/Cub Scout troop leader, Janie was honored as the Learning for Life Teacher of the Year.

Her theme for the biennium and the message addressing it are simple: Leading with GRIT . . . Grace, Responsibility, Integrity, and Tenacity. Please be present to welcome Janie to our meeting.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTS

Members with October, November or December birthdays who attend the meeting will be recognized and will receive a present. ***Don't miss your birthday meeting!!!***



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.

NICE SANTA CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE



Who's up for some fun!!!? Each attendee is asked to bring a gift valued at no more than \$10.00. Please wrap your gift attractively, but don't put your name on it. We may even have a surprise visit from someone special to get our Christmas season off to an exceptional start. You won't want to miss this fun-filled event. Let's start the Christmas giving early!



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN'S BOOK(S)



Last Christmas we donated books that were distributed by Santa at the Warren County Santa House, Courthouse Square. More books were needed than what we collected at our December meeting. We have been collecting books at each meeting and this will be the last opportunity for you to bring some books this year.

Not only do we need pre-school books, but we also need books for older children. The books do not need to be Christmas books, and books for any age through about fifth grade are perfect!

Please remember to bring a book(s) to our December meeting. A good source of books is Ollie's in Henderson. Also, bringing books can increase your score as you work towards your Member Excellence award for this year. To view the Member Excellence award form, click [here](#).

Thank you in advance.

GAMMA CHI MEMBER AWARDED \$1,000.00



The Board of the NC DKG Educational Foundation has awarded Diane Colin the Maxine and Don McCall Endowment Grant for Gifted Education or Fine Arts for \$1,000.00. The title of her grant proposal was ***Hear Me Strum!*** The grant will be used to purchase twelve guitars for the new guitar program at Littleton Academy.

After surveying the rising 6th through 9th graders last spring, the overwhelming majority of students wanted to learn how to play guitar. In listing the purpose and rationale for the grant, Diane shared research on hands-on-learning through music education and how it supports all other subjects and skills. Social engagement is extremely high as students can learn basic strumming, picking, and notation and carry that with them wherever they go, literally, as a guitar is easily transported, and figuratively, as they won't forget how to play if they keep up with it. Many people play for themselves, offering joy and solace, while others "jam" in groups or take off professionally. There are

many future opportunities for scholarships if they choose to pursue music in college. Learning to play a guitar adds to the many wonderful learning opportunities at Littleton Academy that provide for a well-rounded student, one of Littleton Academy's many goals for their students.

As a music teacher, Diane provides many opportunities for her students' growth. Diane stated, "I love my students and they know they can trust me to learn and have fun!" Gamma Chi is very fortunate to have such a talented member!

GAMMA CHI MEMBER'S ENTRY ACCEPTED INTO THE FALL DKG GALLERY OF FINE ARTS



The Arts & Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has accepted Nancy Tunstall's entry of *Beautiful Alaska* into the Fall 2025 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters.

The new Fall 2025 Gallery will be available for viewing online in mid-November. Her work will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which it will be

archived for two years.

Nancy's entry is under the category Visual Arts, subcategory Photography. The judging criteria rubric focuses on the theme, composition, and technique of the entries.

The *Beautiful Alaska* photo was taken while visiting Alaska and cruising through Petersburg Borough. It was magnificent!

After the pictures are posted, they may viewed by clicking <https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/photography/>.

The next submission window will begin on January 15, 2026, through February 15, 2026. Submission procedures and judging rubrics may be found by clicking [here](#) (you must be logged into the DKG website to view this page). There are many categories and subcategories. Start preparing your entry now!

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Treasurer



At the September meeting, \$98.00 was collected from the meeting raffle; this will be used to help our local libraries and the NC DKG Educational Foundation. Other monies received were \$115.00 for the afghan raffle, \$115.00 for the New Teacher Bag Project, and \$15.50 for a key pin. Also, meal costs of \$435.00 were collected since the caterer had already received payment.

Please remember that December is our usual time for honorariums and memorials for our Scholarship Fund. You will need to complete the Contribution Form found on page 8 and bring it with you, along with your check or cash. Also, Contribution Forms will be available at the meeting. You can mail it to me if you are unable to attend the meeting. Please do not send cash through the mail. Thank you!

At the December meeting when paying by check, please write separate checks with the correct amount for the meal, Gamma Chi Scholarship Fund, etc. It will make the bookkeeping so much easier!



COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Committee Chair



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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

The November/December issue of [DKG NEWS](#) is now available online for members. The lead article of the November/December 2025 issue of *DKG News* deals with shaping the future of DKG governance with a major revision of the Society's governing documents, the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*. A preliminary draft will appear in the March/April edition of the 2026 *DKG NEWS*. Also available in this edition is a calendar listing opportunities to participate in upcoming virtual events. Information is provided about the upcoming 2026 International Convention to be held in Aurora, Colorado.

Please check out the updated Gamma Chi website by clicking <http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>. View the home page and look under the calendar to see who is having a birthday. Also, important DKG events are listed in the calendar for the entire year. The updated Gamma Chi Yearbook has been posted. Because of the personal information, the picture directory is not posted. Anyone not receiving her copy by email should request a copy from [Nancy Tunstall](#).

Our committee would like to encourage everyone, especially committee chairs, to submit news and/or articles to [Nancy Tunstall](#), editor, for publication in the next *Gamma Chi Newsletter*. The submission deadline for the next newsletter will be **February 6**.

HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

by Debra Clayton, Hospitality and Social Affairs Committee Chair



Meal costs are to be paid at each meeting upon arrival. Members who are unable to attend after responding "yes" to their evite must inform Communications & Marketing Chair [Nancy Tunstall](#) by the cut-off date of **Thursday, November 20th**. When this is not done, members will be expected to pay for the meal. Please send your payment by an attending member or have a friend pay for your meal (she could get you a carry-out meal if so desired). **The money is needed the night of the meeting so the caterer can be paid in full.** Also, you are welcome to bring prospective members as guests, but you will be responsible for paying for their meals. Thank you in advance.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair



Please take time to look at the **Dates to Remember** on page 5 to see the deadlines for various scholarships and grants. Also, if you know of a colleague or someone who is pursuing a degree in education, please tell her about our grant-in-aid for non-members. This includes non-certified employees of Warren County Schools who may wish to begin an

education degree program. Our application forms can be found on our website by clicking [here](#) or at the end of this newsletter. Our committee will be meeting soon after the January 18 deadline to review applications for our Gamma Chi Scholarship(s) and Gamma Chi Grant(s)-in-Aid. At the December meeting, I will be glad to take any applications that you have finished.

At our December meeting, please remember to bring a contribution for our Scholarship Fund (could be an honorarium or memorial). Also, please see Danylu Hundley and pick up your afghan raffle tickets if you have not already done so. By being members of Delta Kappa Gamma, we are charged with carrying out Purpose 5: *To endow awards to aid members in pursuing personal and professional growth and to provide grants to non-member educators.* Reminder: you can earn points on your Member Excellence form by contributing to our Scholarship Fund and/or applying for a scholarship.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

by Loree Harris, World Fellowship Representative

World Fellowship provides monetary awards to women from around the world to study in the United States and Canada. Impressive numbers tell the story. Since 1960 1,055 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,739,250.

DKG is impacting education worldwide through World Fellowship. For more information about the World Fellowship Fund and the application process, you can click on the [Brochures/Flyers page](#).

Gamma Chi Sisters can be a part of this. Please give generously at our December meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send your suggested minimum of a \$3 contribution to Debra Clayton at 573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd, Norlina, NC 27563. Our chapter goal is \$100.00, but we can do better than that. Thank you in advance for your contribution and for continuing this story! In an attempt to better acquaint you with World Fellowship, please read the following article.

DKGIEF:

WORLD FELLOWSHIP



Contributions to World Fellowship, one of the nine funds managed by the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF), change lives.

A World Fellowship recipient from Ukraine said that DKG support for women gives her a sense of empowerment because DKG members have encouraged her with their words and financial support. "I've been very touched by this endless support, and I honestly feel like they are helping me to mentally survive these dark times away from home."

A World Fellowship recipient from Kazakhstan said, "I hope to return to my country and apply my knowledge to make the lives of kids with special needs better. I am grateful to DKG for this life-changing opportunity."

The amounts and numbers of World Fellowship awards depend on contributions to the fund. Your donation helps other women become future leaders around the world. Your gift to the World Fellowship Fund through DKGIEF supports the dreams of countless women and impacts countless others.

(Taken from the [DKGSI Blog](#), May 5, 2022.)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Sara Council, Nominations Committee Chair



The Nominations Committee's goals are to seek the best leadership and to encourage the nomination of outstanding leaders. To do this, we need your help. Please visit our website to find our 2026-2028 Recommendation Form for Nominations at:

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/forms.html>

and then click on it. The elected offices are president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Their duties are listed on this form.

Please consider placing your name in nomination for one of these positions. This is a great opportunity for you to build your leadership skills in the safe, supportive environment of the Society. We are working on a slate of officers to present to the membership for a vote at our March meeting. Please make our task easy by volunteering for a position. Thank you in advance.

COULD YOU USE \$500 OR \$1,000?



The Board of the NC DKG Educational Foundation continues to work diligently to fulfill its purpose of supporting learning and literacy projects and the professional development of NC educators. The deadline for the next round of Foundation grants is **January 31, 2026**. For more information about these grants and an application, click [here](#).

Educational Foundation grant opportunities for learning and/or literacy projects and for continuing education are now available. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded.

(Just as a side note, we have had members in the past to receive these grants. Also, applying for one of these grants earns our chapter points on our ROSE Award. Please let Nancy Tunstall know.)

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DKG SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship applications are available beginning July 1 for members pursuing advanced degrees and are due by February 1, 2026. Begin planning

now since applications call for transcripts, letters of recommendation, status of program documentation, and the completed application form.

As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advanced degrees. Check the [DKG website](#) for more information.

MYSTERY MEMBER

by Nancy Tunstall, Editor



Here is the hint for this newsletter's mystery member *As the oldest of three children, she learned about work ethic and responsibility for younger siblings at a young age. She began her career as a teacher in Warren County, but later made the difficult decision to leave the classroom to pursue other callings and try to make a larger impact. Then she followed free-lance work at elementary, community college, and university settings. She retired as a state consultant with the NC Department of Public Instruction. Throughout her career she has made many contributions to the quality of life through education, research, publications, and service. Who is she?*

The name of our mystery member will be revealed at the meeting. Please complete your biographical sketch for an opportunity to be our Mystery Member. Contact [Nancy Tunstall](#) for information about completing your biographical sketch.

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

2025-2027 NC DKG THEME

***Leading with GRIT
Grace Responsibility Integrity Tenacity***

2024-2026 GAMMA CHI THEME

***Good Friends! Good Work! Good Times!
Gamma Chi Forever Strong!***

DKG VISION STATEMENT

***Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide***

NC DKG VISION (VIEW) STATEMENT

***Voices of Influence Empowering
North Carolina Women Educators***

Check them out often!

GAMMA CHI WEBSITE:

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-gammachi/>

NC DKG WEBSITE:

<http://www.ncdkg.org/>

DKG WEBSITE:

<http://www.dkg.org/>

**Please submit events, celebrations,
recognitions and news to:**

Editor/Webmaster: [Nancy Tunstall](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER—DKG INTERNATIONAL

December 1	Deadline to submit application for DKG Ignite
December 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Collegial Exchange</i>
2026	
Jan. 15-Feb. 15	Submission period to submit your artistic works to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts
February 1	Deadline for scholarship applications to DKG International; \$6,000 for master's, \$10,000 for doctor's
March 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
March 1	DKGIEF project applications due
March 8-11	National Legislative Seminar (NLS), Old Town Alexandria, Virginia
May 1	Deadline for DKGIEF Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards (other deadline: November 1)
May 11	DKG's Founders Day (DKG will be 97!)
May 15	New chapter officers report due
May 15	Deadline to submit to the <i>Bulletin: Journal</i>
June 30 - July 4	DKG International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado
2028	
July 4-8	DKG International Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

DATES TO REMEMBER—NC DKG

December 15	Chapter directory due to regional director
2026	
January 31	NC DKG Educational Foundation Grants application due
February 1	Chapter president annual report due
February 1	NC DKG Scholarship application due
February 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>
March 1	ROSE, Golden Key, Rising Star, Beginning Teacher and Communications Excellence forms due
March 21	Spotlight on Talent, Edgecombe CC
April 17-19	NC DKG Convention, New Bern, North Carolina (Region III host)
May 1	Deadline to submit to the <i>NC DKG News</i>

DATES TO REMEMBER—GAMMA CHI

December 4	2nd Gamma Chi Meeting , Wise Baptist Church, Wise (Norlina Group hostesses)
2026	
January 19	Deadline for scholarship applications to Gamma Chi; also, deadline for grant-in-aid applications to Gamma Chi
February 6	Deadline to submit to the <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i>
March 5	3rd Gamma Chi Meeting , Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton (Littleton Group hostesses)
April 17	Deadline to submit to the <i>Gamma Chi Newsletter</i>
May 7	Gamma Chi's Founders Day (we'll be 43!)
May 14	4th Gamma Chi Meeting , St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway (St. Paul's Group hostesses)
May 14	Dues due to Debra Clayton (\$85 Active, \$45 Reserve)

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

The Gamma Chi Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, hosted by the Warrenton Group, met at Warrenton Church of God Fellowship Hall on September 4, 2025. Members socialized and took care of various financial responsibilities prior to the tasty meal. Hilda Cordell and her team catered a dinner of tossed salad, fried chicken, pulled pork, green beans, rice pilaf, rolls, cheesecake, pineapple cake, and iced tea. Members gave her an appreciative round of applause for the delicious dinner.

Following dinner President Sheila Robertson introduced guest speaker Sharon Frazier who currently serves as chair of the NC DKG Educational Foundation Board. Frazier spoke enthusiastically about the growth of the foundation since its incorporation in 2014. She discussed different opportunities to apply for funds to support professional or personal growth, to enhance classroom activities, or to provide external or experiential learning for students. Not only can DKG members apply, but other educators may also apply. There are two application deadlines each year – September 30 and January 31. Information about these grants may be found on the NCDKGEF website at www.ncdkgef.org. Frazier encouraged members to support the foundation and to apply for all available grants by stated deadlines. After the remarks concluded, President Robertson presented Chair Sharon Frazier with a card stating that a donation will be made to the NC DKG Educational Foundation in her honor, a red rose, and a Gamma Chi tote bag in appreciation of her visit.

President Robertson called the meeting to order. Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall stated that the 30 members present constituted a quorum. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer Debra Clayton reported a checking account balance of \$3,812.15 and a savings account balance of \$4,942.44. The report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary Gail Coleman read a note of thanks from the Blankenship family for the card of sympathy sent during the loss of their family member, Lucy Menefee.

President Robertson recognized July, August, and September birthdays with a gift of a natural pink quartz stone heart to place in your pocket or purse to help charge your energy. She also announced that the Mystery Member is Danylu Hundley. President Robertson also recognized member Sara Council on her selection to serve on the NC DKG Educational Law and Policy Committee. Sara's selection was inadvertently omitted in the newsletter article about three other members serving on state committees.

Recording Secretary Evelyn Hall reported on the July 26 meeting of the Executive Board and Planning Committee. Actions taken were the approval of meeting dates and programs, approval of the proposed budgets for checking and savings, and approval of current projects at the same level of funding. The next Executive Board meeting will be held 30 minutes before the start of the December meeting.

Afghan Committee Chair Danylu Hundley joyously reported that \$108 has already been turned in for the afghan raffle.

Awards Committee Chair Dr. Sylvia Alston presented the annual awards as follows. Milestone pins and certificates were awarded to Brenda Holloman (45 years); Dr. Sylvia Alston (40 years); Brenda Fuller (40 years); Sallye Duncan (15 years); Diane Colin (10 years); and Kathy Stewart (5 years). Receiving pins and certificates for Perfect Attendance were Dr. Sylvia Alston, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sara Council, Robin Edwards, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Danylu Hundley, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Nancy Tunstall, and Patricia Williamson. Recognitions with pins and certificates for Member Excellence went to Dr. Sylvia Alston, Melanie Burnette, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Sara Council, Evelyn Hall, Loree Harris, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, and Nancy Tunstall. The Awards Committee selected Evelyn Hall to receive the Golden Key Award and Sara Council to receive the Rising Star Award. A motion was made to choose these two to be our submitted nominees for the state awards of the same name to be presented at the 2026 NC DKG Convention next spring. The motion was enthusiastically approved. Photographs of all honorees present were taken. Dr. Alston encouraged members to fill out the Member Excellence checklist, beginning now for an award next fall. As an incentive, all members who have perfect attendance for our four meetings will be eligible for a drawing for a free meal at the September 2026 meeting. Diane Colin is the lucky winner of a free meal at this meeting.

Beginning Teacher Support Chair Norma Retzlaff commended members on all the items brought for new teachers in Warren County. The committee will prepare new teacher bags for distribution during National Education Week November 17-21. Dates are being finalized for members to come together and prepare the goodie bags. Members will be contacted when the date is set.

Chapter Rules Chair Norma Retzlaff made a motion that amendments to Article III Membership A. New Member eliminating the requirement of voting on new members as stated in the newsletter be approved. The motion passed.

Communications and Marketing Chair Nancy Tunstall reminded members that an updated yearbook and picture directory have been distributed by email to all members. She also encouraged members to save these documents for future reference.

Membership Committee Chair Dr. Sylvia Alston commented on the importance of completion of member biographical profiles and to seek worthy candidates to consider for membership. Due to a recently passed rules amendment

in Article III, if a member nominates a candidate for membership, she will be accepted without the need for voting after attending orientation. She will officially become a member when membership dues are paid. Heather Sharp was nominated and will attend an orientation. Dr. Alston also presented a motion that the chapter accept the resignations of Paula Aycock, Lisa Bender, Shannon Fuller, Pattie Rodwell, and Michele Stallings. The motion passed.

Finance Committee Chair Nancy Tunstall presented budgets for 2025-2026. The membership approved the proposed budgets.

Scholarship Committee Chair Betsy Clark reported that three undergraduate grant-in-aid recipients plan to reapply for funds in the upcoming grant cycle. She also encouraged members pursuing studies and actively-enrolled to apply for scholarships.

President Robertson asked for reports on reserve members and it was shared that Mary Austell recently underwent knee surgery.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

President Robertson adjourned the meeting.

Rachel Smith and Warrenton group members conducted the raffle and distributed numerous gift bags to lucky ticket holders.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Hall, Recording Secretary

Active Members Present: Kirby Alston, Dr. Sylvia Alston, Ginny Bernard, Diana Bobbitt, Crystal Brantley, Katrinka Brewer, Melanie Burnette, Earlene Clanton, Betsy Clark, Debra Clayton, Elaine Coleman, Gail Coleman, Diane Colin, Aimee Anderson Cooper, Sara Council, Robin Edwards, Evelyn Hall, Linda Hall, Loree Harris, Mary Catherine Harris, Brenda Holloman, Danylu Hundley, Katy Jones, Norma Retzlaff, Sheila Robertson, Chris Skinner, Rachel Smith, Nancy Tunstall, and Patricia Williamson

Active Members Absent: Teresa Abbott, Brooke Callahan, Jill Coleman, Sallye Duncan, Laura Kearney, Renee Mizelle, Jenny O'Meara, and Kathy Stewart

Honorary Member Present: Josephine Myrick

Guests Present: Sharon Frazier and Heather Sharp



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
GAMMA CHI CHAPTER

Scholarship & Grant-in-Aid Contribution Form

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Lovingly given by:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Please make check payable to **Gamma Chi - DKG**
and give or mail to:

Debra Clayton, Treasurer
573 Ridgeway-Warrenton Rd
Norlina, NC 27563



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

1. A \$1,000 award will be given for use towards tuition or books. The check will be mailed directly to the institution that the recipient will be attending.
2. Applicant **must be** a female who is graduating high school, an enrolled college student, or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools desiring or working toward a degree in education.
3. Application deadline is **Monday, January 19, 2026**.
4. This grant-in-aid is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a degree in education, but *recipient must re-apply each year*.
5. Applicant must be a resident of Warren or Vance Counties or a non-certified employee of Warren County Schools.
6. Application should be mailed or e-mailed to:
Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair
129 Vaughan Gin Rd
Macon, NC 27551-8987
252-586-4585 (h) or 252-204-1820 (c)
clarbetsy32@gmail.com
7. To receive the award, the recipient **must provide** her student ID# and address of financial aid office of the institution she is attending no later than **April 21, 2026** to Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Chair, at nancytunstall@gmail.com.
8. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 14, 2026** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication in local newspapers and on the Gamma Chi website. She and one person accompanying her, preferably her mother, will be treated to a celebratory dinner.
9. After receiving your award, we request that you update us on your progress at the end of your school year.

APPLICATION:

1. Personal Data:

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Status (check one):

____ Graduating High School Student

____ College Student

____ Other (describe) _____

If you are a graduating high school student, check academic standing in class:

- ____Upper quarter ____Second Quarter ____Third Quarter ____Fourth Quarter
2. Complete a typed response on a separate paper. In a well-organized paragraph or essay, relate details that have led you to pursue a career in education. Include personal experiences, people who have been influential in your making of this decision, your specific goals as you pursue your studies and career path, and any other details that express your determination to become an educator.
 3. How will this \$1,000 be beneficial in your pursuit of a degree in education?

4. List activities.
 - a. Professional
 - b. Community

5. List honors.
 - a. Professional
 - b. Community

6. Include your fall transcript.

7. List two references (one must be an educator):

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

GAMMA CHI CHAPTER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INFORMATION:

1. A \$1,000 award will be given for use towards tuition/books or National Board Certification. The check will be mailed directly to the institution with which the recipient is pursuing an advanced degree or credential.
2. Applicant **must be** a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter pursuing a graduate degree in the field of education or working on National Board Certification.
3. Application deadline is **Monday, January 19, 2026**.
4. This scholarship is renewable each year that the recipient is actively pursuing a graduate degree in education or working on National Board Certification, but *recipient must re-apply each year*.
5. Application should be turned in, mailed or e-mailed to:
Betsy Clark, Scholarship Chair
129 Vaughan Gin Rd
Macon, NC 27551-8987
252-586-4585 (h) or 252-204-1820 (c)
clarbetsy32@gmail.com
6. To receive the award, the recipient **must provide** no later than **April 21, 2026** her student ID# and address of the financial aid office of the institution she is attending to Nancy Tunstall, Communications & Marketing Chair, nancytunstall@gmail.com, or information on payment for National Board Certification to Debra Clayton, Treasurer, at msdebrac@gmail.com.
7. A recipient **is expected to attend** the Gamma Chi meeting on **May 14, 2026** to receive her award and have her picture taken for publication.

APPLICATION:

3. Personal Data:
Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____
4. Why do you want to pursue a graduate degree or obtain National Board Certification (use a separate paper, if necessary)?

3. How will this \$1,000 scholarship be beneficial to you?

8. List activities.

a. Professional

b. Community

9. List honors.

a. Professional

b. Community

10. List two references (one reference must be an educator):

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

DKG Prospect Card

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Employer _____

Position _____

Phone _____

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