

The Deloris Carter Hampton Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 2001 by George M. Hampton, Jr. the son of Deloris Carter Hampton, to support LGBTQ women of color who have a demonstrated history of activism and/or leadership in the LGBTQ community and are pursuing degrees in dance, education, or women's health.

About the Creation of this Scholarship:

Deloris Carter was born in 1934 in Auburn, Alabama. Her family owned a grocery store and a restaurant right across the street from Tuskegee Institute—both of which were popular with students from the college and very well known in town. Deloris attended Tuskegee Institute where she majored in physical education and dance. As a young student, she fulfilled her dream of becoming a dancer by dancing for Martha Graham.

After graduating from Tuskegee Institute, she followed in her mother's footsteps and became a teacher, getting her first job in Huntsville, Alabama. She later moved to upstate New York where she taught and danced, and was first introduced to her husband, Captain George Hampton. Their son, George, was born while they were stationed in Germany and their daughter, Sydni, was born five years later while they were stationed in Korea. They eventually settled in Prince William County, Virginia.

Deloris was a caring wife, mother, friend, and teacher. She was dedicated to children and teaching, and spent 27 years as a physical education instructor before retiring in 1996 from the public schools in Prince William County, Virginia. Deloris was an activist in her community, in the State of Virginia and in civil rights.

In Prince William County, she was a member of the Service Authority, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Committee of 100, the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and a founding member of Women in Community Action (WICA). She was active in the National, Virginia and Prince William County Education Associations, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Fairfax County Retired Educators Association as immediate past President, in the Virginia Education Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, in Carrouseles, Inc., and in Celebrate Children. She was a hard working member of her church, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

After Deloris' sudden death, her son George was determined to pass on her unconditional love and established the Deloris Carter Hampton Scholarship in September 2001.

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