

**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER**

A Public Service Sorority

Celebrating 100 years of Service

1913-2013



2013

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

Application Deadline:

Friday, March 8, 2013

***Must be postmarked by March 8, 2013**

For more information contact:
Cheryl Adger Fields, Scholarship Chairperson
305.336.4248 — adgerfields@aol.com

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES:

The following requirements must be completed to be considered for all scholarships.

1. Be a female of African American descent graduating from a Miami-Dade County High School.
2. Have a GPA of at least 3.0 on the **OFFICIAL** transcript submitted at the time of application. The **OFFICIAL** transcript must include the registrar's seal and signature. Credit Histories will NOT be accepted.
3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation with original signatures (letters may be from a school official, church or community leader).
4. Submit a 4 x6 photograph (**HEADSHOT ONLY**) that is clear and could be used for publication, with your full name (lightly printed) on the back.
5. Certification Form signed by applicant and parent/guardian, with original signatures.
6. Submit a completed, typed application postmarked by Friday, **March 8, 2013** to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Dade County Alumnae Chapter
Attn: Scholarship Committee Chair
P.O. Box 52-1806
Miami, Florida 33152-1806

7. Provide proof of enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited college or university before the scholarship is awarded.
8. Utilize the scholarship within one year of the notification of award or it will be forfeited. (Please note: If extenuating circumstances occur, the Dade County Alumnae Chapter must be contacted in writing immediately, but no later than one year after the notification of award. The Chapter will make the final decision regarding all awards.)
9. ONE completed Essay (200 – 250 words typed).

2013 SCHOLARSHIPS

Dade County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is offering **Six (6)** scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP APPLICANT FROM ALL APPLICATIONS/ESSAYS BELOW.

- **One (1)** four-year **\$8,000** scholarship which will be awarded in consecutive annual increments of **\$2,000** contingent upon the recipient maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of at least 1.7 on a 3.0 scale and 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.
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SPECIFIC ESSAYS REQUIRED — SEE ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

- **Five (5)** one-year **\$1,000** scholarships linked to our Five Point Thrust
 - 1) **\$1,000** - Economic Development
 - 2) **\$1,000** - Educational Development** — **AVAILABLE FOR DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - DELTA GEMS MEMBERS ONLY!**
 - 3) **\$1,000** - International Awareness and Involvement
 - 4) **\$1,000** - Physical and Mental Health
 - 5) **\$1,000** - Political Awareness and Involvement

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. – GRAND CHAPTER

The Delta Profile

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a national, private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately African American college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of:

Economic Development

Educational Development

International Awareness and Involvement

Physical and Mental Health

Political Awareness and Involvement

The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

Dade County Alumnae Chapter

In Miami, eighteen visionary members chartered Dade County Alumnae Chapter in 1981 with a commitment to make significant achievements in the Miami-Dade community. To date, our 260 plus membership continues to make important differences in the community at-large. Initiatives of our Chapter focus on our five point thrust and includes a diverse range of projects such as: enrichment and enhancement of self-esteem building for youth, scholarships to further education, Haiti relief, Thanksgiving drives, voter awareness and registration, financial workshops and many other accomplishments that have proven viable to the progress of the Miami-Dade community.

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Please attach a 4 x6 photograph (**HEADSHOT ONLY**) that is clear and could be used for publication, with your full name (lightly printed) on the back. This application is an interactive document that can be retrieved from our website at www.dadecountyalumnaedst.com or you can email adgerfields@aol.com to request a copy. **The application MUST be typed.** If you experience any problems, please contact adgerfields@aol.com

APPLICATION INFORMATION		
NAME:		
HOME ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
HOME PHONE:	CELLULAR PHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	DATE OF BIRTH:	
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - DELTA GEMS?		

EDUCATION INFORMATION	
HIGH SCHOOL:	
YEARS ATTENDED:	EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:
UNWEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE:	WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

FAMILY INFORMATION		
MOTHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME:		
OCCUPATION:		
HOME ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

FAMILY INFORMATION (continued)

FATHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME:

OCCUPATION:

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

FINANCIAL STATUS

Please provide below your family's adjusted gross income from the most recent year's tax return:

 \$0 - \$39,999 \$40,000-\$79,000 \$80,000 and above

Please provide below the total number of dependent children (ages 23 and below) this income supports:

 1-3 children 4-8 children 9 or more children**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

How did you hear about this scholarship?

List all scholarships and/or financial aid for which you have applied and/or received.

Please state your career plans.

List high school academic awards and honors.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

List your community activities (non-school), including offices held. Please do not abbreviate.

List extra-curricular school activities (athletics, clubs, or other activities), including offices held. Please do not abbreviate.

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS – SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

You **MUST** select one of the following Scholarships to apply for, **CHECK ONLY ONE** and complete Essay for that Scholarship. *****EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AVAILABLE FOR DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - DELTA GEMS MEMBERS ONLY!** Please do not check Educational Development, unless you are a member of Dade County Alumnae Chapter - Delta GEMS. Your application will be disqualified.

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a typed 200 – 250 word essay response to one of the following questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – The Sorority continuously records and disseminates information to chapters in reference to supporting minority owned programs or businesses, seminars and workshops on procurement and entrepreneurship, Adopt-a-Black-Business in support of local black businesses and information on business financing and management. An important component is emphasis on personal financial planning and management of assets.

ESSAY QUESTION: What steps would you take to remain debt free and financially responsible throughout your college experience?

*****EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – AVAILABLE FOR DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - DELTA GEMS – MEMBERS ONLY!** Delta Chapters conduct programs/projects designed to address the need for excellence in education. On national and local levels, these programs range from tutorial services to the awarding of scholarships and grants.

ESSAY QUESTION: What component of the Delta GEMS program helped prepare you most for your future collegiate endeavors?

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVMENT- Through international projects, Delta women have been able to broaden their knowledge and understanding of nations other than that of their own, to increase interest in international affairs and to aid in developing a greater appreciation for people of different backgrounds and cultures.

ESSAY QUESTION: What examples of world events have impacted your life and given you a greater appreciation of people from different cultures?

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH – Delta’s working in prevention and wellness translates into health education programs, health fairs and provision of health care services for those in need. Delta also supports medical research that examines illnesses that victimize specific segments of the nations’ population, particularly African-Americans.

ESSAY QUESTION: How can one’s physical and mental health play a role in their academic success?

POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT -The Founders participation in the Suffrage March for Women to Vote in March 1913 signaled the first act of political awareness and involvement. Public policy awareness in African-American communities continues to guide activities of the Social Action Commission. The sorority’s “need to know” and the accountability of elected officials has been the basis for public service programs in this area of political awareness and involvement. The focus has been on those issues that greatly impact the African-American community. Through social action, the members of the Sorority and their respective communities gain greater appreciation of their potential for influence in their communities.

ESSAY QUESTION: How can African American women impact their community through political awareness and involvement?

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CERTIFICATION:

IMPORTANT: Applicant and Parent/Legal Guardian signatures are required below. Without these signatures, your application is incomplete and will not be processed.

I certify that the INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, AND THAT ALL STATEMENTS AND ESSAYS ARE MY OWN WORK. Further, I understand that a scholarship award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Dade County Alumnae Chapter may be denied or revoked if any information contained herein is found to be inaccurate. Should I receive a scholarship award, I hereby give permission to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Dade County Alumnae Chapter to utilize my name, photo and scholarship award in any publicity marketing materials.

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NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT):
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:
DATE:
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:
DATE:

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