

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

A Service Sorority

Hammond (LA) Area Alumnae Chapter



2019-2020
College Scholarship
Application

Completed Applications should be sent to:

Hammond (LA) Area Alumnae Chapter
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3014
Hammond, LA 70404

**Application Postmarked by
Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

For questions or additional information, contact:

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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; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

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The Hammond (LA) Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was born through the efforts and dedication of six civic-minded, altruistic Delta Sorors who were pledged to community service. They envisioned establishing a chapter in this rural area of Louisiana that would carry out the dreams and visions of our twenty-two founders. Since its inception, our chapter has actively and consistently carried out our programs with concerns, not only for its own membership, but also for the general welfare of all.

Scholarship Information

A one-time award in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to a graduating, African-American female senior from Hammond High Magnet School and Ponchatoula High School. Applicants must enroll in an accredited college, university, or technical college in pursuit of a degree within one year of high school graduation. Applications for the 2019-2020 scholarship cycle must be **postmarked or emailed no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. Upon review of the applications, qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an electronic interview. This interview is mandatory in order to proceed in the application process.

Requirements

1. Graduating African-American female applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale in order to qualify for a scholarship award. Applicants are required to submit a high school transcript in a sealed envelope from her school counselor.
2. Applicants must attend Hammond High Magnet School or Ponchatoula High School.
3. Applicants are required to submit two (2) recommendation forms electronically or in sealed envelopes **postmarked or emailed no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. One must be from a teacher or school administrator, and the other can be from a community leader, pastor, mentor, etc. who can attest to the applicant's leadership abilities, character, community involvement, academic promise, etc. References may NOT be related to the applicant.
4. Qualified applicants are required to participate in a panel interview. Business attire is required.
5. Parent/Guardian is required to sign a Scholarship Funds Disbursement Disclaimer.
6. Applicants are required to submit a typed essay.

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Student Profile:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone (if different from above) _____

Academic Profile:

High School Name _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____

Highest ACT and/or SAT Score Earned: _____

List all scholarships applied for and awarded and all financial resources that are available to assist you with your college education (Attach a separate page if necessary): _____

Please include your official high school transcript in a sealed envelope with application.

Employment:

Are you currently employed? YES NO

If yes, Employer Name _____

Position: _____

Date of hire: _____ Average hours worked per week: _____

Length of Time Employed: _____

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Leadership/Community Service Profile:

List any activities (i.e. clubs, church, organizations, sports, etc.) in which you have been involved and any leadership roles held. Include dates of involvement. You may attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.

Organization/Activity	Leadership Role/Office Held	Dates of Involvement

Special Honors or Recognition (e.g., academic, church, community, sports, etc.)

Post-Secondary Goals

Please list in order of preference the top four colleges/universities to which you have applied or plan to apply.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

What course of study do you plan to pursue? _____

References – List two below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

***** Please have your references complete the enclosed recommendation form. Each recommendation form should be placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the applicant to be included as part of the application package.***

All information provided in this application packet is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Directions for Essay: *Please submit a typed minimal 1000-word essay response to one of the following questions. The format of the essay should be: double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margin on all sides, and applicant's full name typed in the upper right-hand corner of each page. A cover sheet is required. Please check off which question you will answer.*

Essay 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** - 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 program or programs would you like to see Delta Sigma Theta implement in your community to better address the academic needs of the community-at-large and why? What is your desired outcome?

_____ **INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVMENT**- Through international projects, Delta women have been able to broaden their knowledge and understanding of nations other than 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** - Deltas 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 nation's 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 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 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 communities through political awareness and involvement?

The essay is an important part of the selection process. In reviewing the essays, the committee will consider the following criteria in scoring the essays:

- Creativity and adherence to essay guidelines
- Correct grammar and punctuation
- Originality and quality of ideas presented
- Use of research materials to support ideas and assumptions

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____ acknowledge and understand that the scholarship award received by a winner is a one-time award.

I understand that:

1. Qualified applicants must attend the panel interview.
2. Awards are to be used for educational purposes only.
3. Funds will not be distributed until winners return the official Student Enrollment Verification Form from the college/university.
4. Enrollment must occur within one year of your high school graduation date.

I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that my daughter may receive. By signing this disclaimer, I am also acknowledging that I understand the application requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Completed Application Checklist

Before sealing your application packet, please make sure that all items listed below are included by checking off each box:

- Completed and signed scholarship application (signed by applicant and parent/guardian)
- Typed essay
- Two recommendation forms (Use forms provided in this packet.)
- High school transcript in a sealed envelope from your counselor
- Disclaimer for Scholarship Funds Disbursement — signed by parent/guardian

Packets missing any of the above items will be incomplete and will not be considered for an award. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have included all necessary documents.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____