

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

LOUDOUN COUNTY

ALUMNAE CHAPTER

2020

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



APPLICATION

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since 1913, more than 200,000 predominately African-American college educated women have joined this sisterhood. 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 Programmatic Thrust:

- △ Economic Development
- △ Educational Development
- △ Political Awareness and Involvement
- △ Physical and Mental Health
- △ International Awareness and Involvement

The Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award scholarships to chosen African-American female students who demonstrate a high degree of scholarship, leadership, and community service.

The applicant must be a resident of Loudoun County, Virginia and a graduating high school senior with a cumulative 3.0 or higher, grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Please note, daughter's of members of the Loudoun County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. are not eligible to apply for chapter scholarships and awards.

Applications not completed in accordance with the application requirements will be deemed ineligible. This includes handwritten applications. The completed application, to include essay, photo, recommendations, transcripts and application declaration, must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 7, 2020** and mailed to:

Attention: Scholarship Committee
Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
PMB 132, 42020 Village Center Plaza,
Suite 120
Stone Ridge, VA 20105



General Information

Applicant Name	
Parent/Legal Guardian's Name	
Permanent Address	
Home Telephone	Cell Phone
Email	
High School	Overall GPA (Must Be 3.0 Or Higher On A 4.0 Scale)
US Citizen	
Yes	No

College/University Aspirations

Intended field of study	
Please list the top four (4) colleges/universities you have applied to and asterisk those to which you have been accepted.	



△ Consideration Preference

Please indicate which award(s) you would like to be considered. You may select more than one.

Linda Griffin Leadership Award (\$5,000)

This award is given in honor of Linda Griffin, a charter member and inaugural president of the Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter. In honor of her many accomplishments and lifelong dedication to public service, the Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter offers this scholarship to deserving African American female students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in their communities and schools. Recipients of this award must enroll in an accredited two-year (including technical school, junior college, or community college) or four-year institution in the fall after their senior year in high school; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, a demonstrated financial need and a strong record of community service.

Seleah Wyche Joyner STEM Award (\$3,000)

The award is given in memory of our deceased sorority member, Seleah Wyche-Joyner. Its purpose is to support and acknowledge African American female students pursuing education and careers in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related fields. Recipients of this award must enroll in an accredited two-year (including technical school, junior college, or community college) or four-year institution in the fall after their senior year in high school; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, a demonstrated financial need and a strong record of community service.

General Scholarship Award (\$2,000)

This award is given to students who have provided service to the school and the community through involvement in organizations, volunteer groups, or other activities. Students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

△ Financial Needs

What can you briefly share with us about your financial need(s)?

△ Activities, Honors, & Employment

List your involvement in academic, extracurricular, and service activities (school, community and employment) for the past 3 ½ years. List any paid employment for the past 3 ½ years. Include special awards received for academic, philanthropic, athletic and/ or other achievements. If you require additional space, please add an additional sheet.



School					
Club / Organization / Sport	Leadership Position(s) Held	Grades			
		9	10	11	12
		9	10	11	12
		9	10	11	12
		9	10	11	12

Community					
Club / Organization / Church / Sport	Leadership Position(s) Held	Grades			
		9	10	11	12
		9	10	11	12
		9	10	11	12
		9	10	11	12

Honors/Awards				
Recipient of	Grades			
	9	10	11	12
	9	10	11	12
	9	10	11	12
	9	10	11	12

Employment			
Employer	Address	Position	Dates of Employment



Essay

Instructions: Typed essay submissions must be 500 to 550 words, doubled-spaced, one-inch margin, using 12-point Times New Roman font, and attached to this application packet.

Should African Americans with financial wealth
(such as professional athletes, celebrities or others)
use their platform to influence social justice in our society?

Why or why not? Provide an example.

Official Transcript

Please include an **official** transcript. Submit the transcript in a sealed envelope with the signature of the school official across the envelope seal. Photocopies will not be accepted. The school counselor or career center specialist can assist you with this requirement. (This transcript must include grades from your senior year fall semester 2019 with the raised seal of the school. Applications without an official transcript will not be considered.)

Photo

Please attach a recent **wallet-size** photo to the first page of this application. Photos will be used at future Award/Scholarship events and various communications, therefore no watermarks or proofs. By signing this application, you are authorizing the Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated to use this photo.

Confidentiality Statement

This application will be kept confidential. All materials submitted become the property of Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated.



Application Declaration

We hereby declare that the information provided in this application is correct and complete. We understand that omission or falsification of information will result in the rejection of this application and disqualification for the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Friday, February 7, 2020, to:

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Scholarship Application Reference Letter Instructions

Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application in separately sealed envelopes with the author's signature across the seal. The letters **must** be on official letterhead and may be from a teacher, employer, a community service supervisor, school counselor, principal, or vice principal. Do not submit a recommendation from anyone who is a friend or related to you by blood or marriage (i.e., aunt, uncle, cousin, husband of an aunt, wife of an uncle, etc.)

Please have the two references provide a typed and signed letter of recommendation. The letter should be addressed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter and include the following:

- ☒ Name and address of reference
- ☒ Relationship to applicant (what capacity do you know the applicant)
- ☒ How long reference has known applicant
- ☒ Information regarding why applicant should receive the scholarship award
- ☒ Any known leadership abilities/capabilities

The letter should be placed in a sealed envelope before returning to the applicant. Failure to include all required information listed above will result in an incomplete packet and result in the applicant receiving a lower score or making the application incomplete, thereby ineligible.

Scholarship Application Criteria

Use this checklist to ensure that your application packet is complete. Handwritten or incomplete application packets will not be considered.

General Information

Extracurricular, Employment, Community Service, Honors & Awards

500 - 550 Word Typed Essay

Two Letters of Recommendations

Official Transcript (Fall 2019)

Photograph (wallet size)

Applicant Declaration

If checklist criteria are not met, the application will not be considered for a scholarship.

Please note: Interviews will be conducted for scholarship applicant finalist.