

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
A Service Sorority
Dade County Alumnae Chapter



Application Deadline
February 3, 2010

2010
College Scholarship Application

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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 Black 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 one hundred plus membership continues to make important differences in the community at-large. Initiatives of our Chapter focus on our five point thrust and include a diverse range of projects such as: enrichment and enhancement of self-esteem building for youth, scholarships to further education, serving needs for the elderly, registering and transporting minorities to the polls to vote, and many other accomplishments that have proven viable to the progress of the Miami-Dade community.

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Scholarship Guidelines

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

- Two (2) one-time \$1,000 scholarships.
- One (1) four-year \$4,000 scholarship which will be awarded in consecutive annual increments of \$1,000 contingent upon the recipient maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of at least 1.7 on a 3.0 system and 2.7 on a 4.0 system.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, character, community service activities, extra-curricular activities and financial need. The following requirements must be completed for consideration for either scholarship.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

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 transcript submitted at the time of application AND on the final transcript (a final transcript will be requested).
3. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation with original signatures (letters may be from a school official, church or community leader).
4. Submit a 4x6 headshot photograph with applicant's full name on the back of the photo.
5. Submit a completed typed application postmarked by **Wednesday, February 3, 2010** to:

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

6. Provide proof of enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited college or university before the scholarship is awarded.
7. Utilize the scholarship within one year of the notification of award or it will be forfeited. (Please note: If extenuating circumstances occur, the Chapter must be contacted immediately, but no later than one year after the notification of award. The Chapter will make a final decision of award.)

Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be selected as finalists based on their academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, letters of reference and original essays. Finalists will be invited for a required interview with members of the Scholarship Committee. If selected for an interview, you will be notified of the exact date and time.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR AWARD STATUS.

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(Please attach a photo with your full name printed on the back)

The 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

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Cellular Number:	
Date of Birth:	Email Address:	
EDUCATION		
School:	Expected Graduation Date:	
Unweighted Grade Point Average:		
Weighted Grade Point Average:		
FAMILY INFORMATON		
Mother/Legal Guardian Name:		
Occupation:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Father/Legal Guardian Name:		

Occupation:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Number of siblings in your household:		
Number of siblings in college:		

Please answer the following questions:

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

2) How did you hear about this scholarship?

3) List your community activities (non-school), including offices held, et cetera.

**4) List extra-curricular school activities (athletics, clubs, et cetera)
Please do not abbreviate.**

5) List high school academic awards and honors.

6) List colleges/universities to which you have applied for admission.

7) Please state your career plans.

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a typed 200 – 250 word essay on the following question.

Why do you value a college education?

CERTIFICATION

(Important: Your signature is required below. Without your signature, 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 or marketing materials.

Name of Applicant (Please Print): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Please mail completed application, essay response, photograph, letters of recommendation and official high-school transcript to:

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Attention: Scholarship Committee Chair
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

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Application Checklist**

**CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANT USE ONLY DO NOT RETURN CHECKLIST
WITH APPLICATION**

- _____ 4 X 6 headshot Photograph enclosed
- _____ Application completed
- _____ Signed by applicant and parent/guardian, with original signatures
- _____ Three letters of recommendation
- _____ Official transcript, with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- _____ Essay completed (200 – 250 word typed)
- _____ Postmarked by Wednesday, February 3, 2010
- _____ Application is typed (**This application is an interactive document which allows you to type into the document and it can be retrieved from our website at www.dadecountyalumnaedst.com or you can email adgerfields@aol.com to request a copy.**)

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please contact:
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