



Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter

CREATING COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOTPRINTS
IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SINCE 1990

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of

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

2020 Scholarship Award

Mission Statement

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, founded January 13, 1913, is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

Statement of Purpose

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding, more than 200,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust. More than 10,000 members typically attend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's biennial national conventions, and each of the seven regional conferences (held during years when there is no national convention) typically hosts thousands of members. At its recent 54th National Convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana a more than 11,000 registered members attended.

This scholarship is sponsored by the Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as a means of assisting deserving graduating high school students who want to continue their post-secondary education at a four-year college/university.



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Up to \$1,000.00

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applicant must be an African-American graduating high school senior from a high school in Contra Costa County in the **Class of 2020**
2. The applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
3. The applicant must plan to attend a four-year college/university, beginning Fall 2020
4. The applicant must be a United States citizen
5. Family members of the Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. are ineligible to apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. The Education and Scholarship Committee is comprised of members of the Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and will process and determine the eligibility of all scholarship applications.
2. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend our Scholarship Reception on Sunday, June 7, 2020.
3. All submitted material(s) will become the property of the Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
4. The scholarship award will be processed and issued upon receipt of proof of enrollment at a four-year college/university after September 16, 2020. Proof of enrollment is specified as **one** of following:
 - A. **enrollment verification letter from the selected college/university (University Letterhead to include student name, student Id number, class year, and the approving official name, title, signature, school seal, and submitted in an unopened envelope**
 - B. **enrollment verification from The National Student Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse Letterhead to include student name, class year, student ID number, and the approving official's name, signature, title of the Clearing House official)**
5. If selected, timely submission of all required documents will result in the Scholarship check being issued within 10 days after September 17, 2020. Scholarship checks are only issued once a month.
6. If the recipient does not attend a four-year college/university during Fall 2020, the scholarship will be forfeited.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit a completed application form, letter of recommendation, official transcript, essay, and valid photo ID to be considered for the scholarship. Eligible applicants will be evaluated based on scholastic performance, personal achievement, letters of recommendation, community involvement and personal essay. Scholarship winners will be selected from applications **postmarked by April 15, 2020**.

Applications postmarked after April 15, 2020 will not be considered.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Completed application form
2. Essay
3. Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation detailing your qualifications for the scholarship **and** community service involvement in a sealed envelope. Acceptable recommenders include:
 - a. Teacher
 - b. Guidance Counselor
 - c. School Staff member
 - d. Community Service Director
 - e. Employer
 - f. Clergy
 - g. Coach
5. Copy of a current student high school photo ID (preferred) or any current valid form of picture ID

SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
P.O. Box 21811
El Sobrante, CA 94820-1811
ATTN: Educational Development and Scholarship Committee



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APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete in black ink)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name	First	Middle	Last
Sex:	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	
U.S. Citizen:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone:			Cell Phone:
E-Mail			
Birth Date			

ACADEMIC PROFILE:

School name		
School address		
City, Zip Code		
Telephone		
Expected Graduation Date		
Current Cumulative GPA (unweighted)		



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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND/ALREADY ACCEPTED TO:

1.
2.
3.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

(Please attach separate page to application or your resume if more space is needed)

Name of Organization: _____

Length of Participation (provide dates): _____

Role/Position in Organization: _____

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AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

Please list below any honors or awards you have received (add an additional sheet, if needed)

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Name of Organization: _____

Length of Participation (provide dates): _____

Role/Position in Organization: _____

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Length of Participation (provide dates): _____

Role/Position in Organization: _____

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ESSAY:

Please submit a 500-1000 word essay (two-page maximum) on one of the following topics. All essays must be typed, double spaced, and use 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins. Please state the question you are responding to at the top of your first page.

1. What or who has been the biggest influence in your life and how has that person or event shaped your career/academic goals?
2. Describe the greatest challenge you have faced as a high school student and explain how you overcame that challenge.
3. What are your dreams for the future? When you look back on your life in twenty years, how would you know you were successful?
4. Some students have a background, challenge, interest or talent that is so meaningful that they believe their application would be incomplete without discussing it. If this sounds like you, please share your story.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____