



Dear Students, Colleagues, and Community Representatives:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is an organization of college educated women committed to public service. Founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University, there are over 350,000 members in more than 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, the United Arab Emirates, West Africa, and the Republic of Korea.

The Union County Alumnae Chapter (UCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered on January 28, 2011. Each year, UCAC provides scholarships. The Rosa L. Poston and Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving young African-American women who are graduating high school seniors and who will pursue post-secondary education at an accredited four-year college/university. The scholarship commemorates the achievements of two members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Union County Alumnae Chapter, who have made major contribution to the children and families in Union County.

Rosa L Poston is a retired educator who spent over forty years teaching in both Monroe City and Union County Public Schools. She was one of the first African-American teachers to integrate the Monroe City Schools.

Jeanette B. Sherrod (1930-2017) retired after 29 years with North Carolina's Agricultural Extension Service as a County Extension Agent. She spent her career educating homemakers and forming 4-H clubs throughout the county. She was an influential member of the Quality Hill Community and received many awards for her dedication and commitment in serving our community. In 2009, she received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the highest awards given to a citizen of North Carolina by the Governor.

### **Eligibility/Criteria**

To be considered for the Rosa L. Poston and Jeannette B. Sherrod Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following:

1. An African American women residing in Union County graduating from a Union County Public High School in the spring of 2024. **Applications from private and charter schools will not be accepted.**
2. A senior scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2024.
3. Submit an acceptance letter from an accredited four year college or university with the application.
4. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 G.P.A on a 4.0 scale.
5. Must enroll as a full-time student at an accredited four year college or university in the fall of 2024.
6. Submit the completed scholarship application package postmarked or electronically submitted by **April 15, 2024**

***Note: The children and siblings of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Union County Alumnae Chapter members are not eligible for this scholarship.***

## Application Procedures

The application packet must include:

- a. A completed and signed Scholarship Application Form;
- b. Two (2) letters of recommendation from different sources (one from a teacher or school official and the second from an adult in the community (i.e., employer, minister, etc.)  
***Note: Relatives cannot submit recommendation letters.***
  - i. The letter of recommendation should include, but not be limited to, the length of time reference has known the applicant and in what capacity, applicant's strengths and weaknesses, leadership potential, and why the reference believes the applicant deserves the scholarship.
  - ii. The letters of recommendation must be the original copy, signed by the writer and placed in a sealed envelope (***photo copies and faxes are not acceptable***);
- c. A sealed official transcript (can be emailed or sent via postal mail from the school);
- d. A typed minimum 200-word essay, not to exceed 250 words, stating why the applicant is applying for the scholarship, her qualifications, educational and career goals and why the applicant chose the career she intends to pursue. Responses must be prepared in Times New Roman 12pt font and double spaced; and
- e. A copy of at least 1 College Acceptance Letter from a 4-year accredited college

To download an application, go to [www.unioncountydust.org](http://www.unioncountydust.org) and click on the scholarship link.

Completed applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted to the Scholarship Committee [scholarship@unioncountydust.org](mailto:scholarship@unioncountydust.org) by **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Mailing Address: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Union County Alumnae Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box 2095  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

## Interviews

If chosen as a finalist, applicant must attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Union County Alumnae Chapter. Finalists will be notified of the interview date and time.

Scholarships are a onetime award and will be paid after the recipient submits official proof of enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university.



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **PERSONAL & EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant Name:		
Address:		
Email Address:		
Telephone #:		
Parents/Guardians:		
High School Name:		
High School Address:		
Class Rank (as of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester 12th grade)		
Unweighted Grade Point Average:		
College Preference (1)		
College Preference (2)		
Anticipated Major or Field of Study:		
First Generation to Attend College:	Yes	No

---

**LIST CURRENT AND PAST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS (Attach additional sheet if needed)**

Activities	Honors
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

**LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS (Non-School Affiliated Activities including work experience)**

Activities	Honors
1.	1,
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4,

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (Please do not include community service performed as part of membership requirements in other organizations – i.e. National Honor Society service hours.)**

Organization	Contact Person	Telephone #	# Hours
Name	Name	#	#
Name	Name	#	#
Name	Name	#	#

Is your essay attached?      Yes                      No

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that false statements in this application may disqualify me from consideration of this scholarship. I also understand that all information submitted will become property of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and Union County Alumnae Chapter and will be kept confidential.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

### **BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR APPLICATION, DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING?**

*Missing required information or documents may result in your application being rejected.*

<b>1.</b> Are you a Resident of Union County and Attend a School within UCPS District	Yes	No
<b>2.</b> Completed and Signed Application Form	Yes	No
<b>3.</b> Typed Essay - New Times Roman, 12-14 pt. font, double spaced	Yes	No
<b>4.</b> Two (2) letters of Recommendations from: (1) your school and (2) the Community	<u>Included in Packet</u>  Yes                      No  <u>Names of the Recommenders</u> 1. _____ 2. _____	<u>Mailed</u>  Yes                      No
<b>5.</b> Sealed Official HS Transcript	<u>Included in Packet</u>  Yes                      No	<u>Mailed</u>  Yes                      No
<b>6.</b> College Acceptance Letter from a 4 Year Accredited College	Yes	No
<b>7.</b> Postmark Deadline: On or before <b><u>April 15, 2024</u></b>	Yes	No



## **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS WHEN SUBMITTING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONS**

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Letters of recommendation may be sent directly to UCAC post office box address.

Mailing Address: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Union County Alumnae Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box 2095  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

### **SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

You may request your school mail your official transcript directly to our post office box address listed below or email an official electronic transcript to [scholarship@unioncountydst.org](mailto:scholarship@unioncountydst.org)

Mailing Address: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Union County Alumnae Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box 2095  
Indian Trail, NC 28079

**All documents from third parties must be postmarked by April 15, 2024**

**Please Note:** You are responsible to ensure third parties submit the required documents by the deadline date.