



Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter

CREATING COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOTPRINTS
IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SINCE 1990

Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter
of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

2024 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 350,000 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.

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 \$2,000.00

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applicant must be an African American graduating high school senior (**Class of 2024**) who lives in or attends high school in Contra Costa County
2. The applicant must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
3. The applicant must enroll in a four-year college/university, beginning Fall 2024
4. The applicant must be a United States citizen
5. Children of Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. members are ineligible to receive scholarship awards.

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. The awarded recipients will be expected to attend our Scholarship Reception (or alternative event).
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 10, 2024. Proof of enrollment is specified as one of following:
 - a. **enrollment verification letter from the selected college/university (University Letterhead to include the student's name, student ID number, class year, and the approving official's name, title, signature, school seal, and submitted in a sealed envelope**
 - b. **enrollment verification from The National Student Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse Letterhead to include student's 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 10, 2024. Scholarship checks are only issued once a month. Due to Covid-19 restrictions it may take longer to process documents and to mail scholarship checks.
6. If the recipient does not attend a four-year college/university during Fall 2024 or does not provide the proper documentation by the December 1, 2024 deadline, the scholarship will be forfeited.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit a completed application form, letters 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 or emailed by April 15, 2024**.

Applications submitted, postmarked or emailed after April 15, 2024 will not be considered.

MUST SUBMIT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING to be considered:

1. Completed, typed application form
2. Essay (500 to 1,000 words, typed)
3. Official high school transcript may sent via US mail in a sealed envelope, or the registrar must email directly to CCACEdDevelopment@gmail.com. Transcripts emailed from students are **not** accepted.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation detailing your qualifications for the scholarship **and** community service involvement in a sealed envelope. We strongly encourage that one letter be from **WITHIN** the school district and one come from **OUTSIDE** the school district. 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

****Please be sure to thoroughly review all documents prior to submission!****

***Email completed packets to: CCACEdDevelopment@gmail.com OR**
(Official transcript must be emailed from school registrar's email address).

***Mail applications to:**

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



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APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2024

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(TYPEWRITTEN ANSWERS ONLY)

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name	First	Middle	Last
Gender:	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			
Students Cell Phone:	Parents Name & Cell Phone:		
E-Mail			
Birth Date			

ACADEMIC PROFILE:

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



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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES YOU HAVE APPLIED TO OR BEEN ACCEPTED:

1.
2.
3.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

(Please attach separate page to application, 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: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Length of Participation (provide dates): _____

Role/Position in Organization: _____

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(Add additional sheets, if necessary)



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ESSAY:

Please submit a 500 to 1,000-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 that 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. How do you define success? What are you doing now to prepare for success in your future?
4. Some students have a background, challenge, interest or talent that is so meaningful that their application would be incomplete without discussing it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

My signature guarantees that this essay is MY original work.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____