



Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter

CREATING COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOTPRINTS
IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SINCE 1990

Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter

of

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

2017-2018 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 ten thousand 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 53rd National Convention held in the Las Vegas, Nevada 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: \$1000.00

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 2018**
2. The applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
3. The applicant must plan to attend a four-year college/university, beginning fall 2018
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. The awarded recipients will be expected to attend our Scholarship Reception.
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, 2018. 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 ten days after September 17, 2018. Scholarship checks are only issued once a month.
6. If the recipient does not attend a four-year college/university during fall 2018, 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, letter of recommendation, community involvement and personal essay. Scholarship winners will be selected from applications **postmarked by April 1, 2018**.

Applications received after April 1, 2018 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 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 1, 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please type in black ink)

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			
Home Phone:			Cell Phone:
E-Mail			
Birth Date			

ACADEMIC PROFILE:

School name		
School address		
City, Zip		
Telephone		
Current grade and Expected Date of Graduation		
Current Cumulative GPA		



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POTENTIAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITES:

Name of Organization: _____

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, formatted, using double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

1. What or Who has been the biggest influence in your life and how has that 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, what would it take for you to consider your life successful?

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____