



# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Madison Alumnae Chapter P.O. Box 2672, Madison, WI 53701 Scholarship Application 2020

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, non-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 over 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, and abroad.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a public service sorority that is committed to educational excellence. The Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. believes in the importance of fostering the potential and accomplishments of high achieving African American students. The scholarship program is designed to provide assistance to high school students who exemplify academic excellence, strong leadership and community service and demonstrate a promising scholastic future.

**The Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** will award a limited number of scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500 each, to graduating African American male and female high school seniors. **Each scholarship is a one-time non-renewable award.** Scholarships will be awarded in three categories:

1. **Academic:** Scholarships awarded in this category will be based primarily on the students' academic record, including GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and class rigor.
2. **Community Service:** Scholarships awarded in this category will be based primarily on the students' record of community service.
3. **Leadership:** Scholarships awarded in this category will be based primarily on the students' leadership roles in both school and community.

Book awards may be offered to applicants who are not one of our top scholarship award recipients. The book awards will not exceed \$1,000.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award scholarship(s) and book awards to Dane County high school seniors who and meet the following requirements:

- Live in the Dane County area
- Plan to enroll (verification must be provided) as a full-time student, at a post-secondary institution for the 2020-21 academic school year
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Demonstrated participation in extra-curricular school activities, community service, leadership involvement, and scholastic achievement.

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application (Handwritten Applications will be disqualified) forms must be **signed** and **postmarked** no later than **March 2, 2020**.
2. Because of the number of students applying for scholarships each year, the primary form of communication will be through e-mail. On your scholarship application, please list a current e-mail address for you and a parent. If your e-mail address changes, please notify us.
3. The completed application with supporting documents should be mailed to: **Scholarship Committee, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Madison Alumnae Chapter, P.O. Box 2672, Madison, WI. 53701.**
4. Scholarship and book stipend award letters will be presented on **Saturday, May XX**, to the students at the Links Scholarship Awards Ceremony. **Students or their parents must be present at the Scholarship Recipient Awards Breakfast in order to receive the scholarship or book stipend.**



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5. Scholarships will be awarded upon verification of enrollment from a college or university before **December 31st** of the scholarship award year. Verification entails an enrollment form completed by the institution with the registrar's signature and official seal of the institution. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the recipient and the college/university.
6. Unclaimed funds will be forfeited. Scholarship funds will be released once the student has provided their class schedule from their respective college or university to the Scholarship Committee.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PRIORITY DATES**

January 6, 2020	Application Materials Distributed to the Area High Schools, Churches and Community Organizations
March 2, 2020	Scholarship Applications Due. Must be postmarked by March 2, 2020
April 30, 2020	Scholarship Notification of awards
May 2020	Links Scholarship Awards Ceremony: Scholarships and Book Stipends Awarded

**The application deadline for the 2020-2021 scholarship application is March 2, 2020.**

**All application materials must be mailed to the following:**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**

**Madison Alumnae Chapter**

**P.O. Box 2672, Madison, WI. 53701**



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**APPLICANT PROFILE**

Applications must be typed. Applications will not be considered if they are handwritten.

**\*\*Children of Delta Sigma Theta members are ineligible to apply for this scholarship\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) (Middle)

Gender: Male Female Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month, year, date) \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (Please enclose current official transcript): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_



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**SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES (please select/check ONE):**

Scholarships will be awarded in three categories. Please read the description of each category carefully and select one (1) category. You may not select more than one (1) category for consideration. If more than one category is selected, your application will NOT receive consideration.

**Academic:** Scholarships awarded in this category will be based primarily on the students' academic including GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and class rigor.

**Community Service:** Scholarships awarded in this category will be based primarily on the students' record of community service.

**Leadership:** Scholarships awarded in this category will be based primarily on the students' leadership roles in both school and community.

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**ACTIVITIES, HONORS & AWARDS**

List all school activities (organizations and clubs) in which you have participated in high school. Please highlight any leadership positions held and check the grades participated.

Activity/Club	Office/Leadership Positions Held	Grade(s) Participated				Contact Person/Advisor (Name and Number)
		9	10	11	12	

List all community activities (church, civic, etc.) in which you have participated in high school. Please highlight any leadership positions held and check the grades participated.

Organization/Activity	Office/Leadership Positions Held	Grade(s) Participated				Contact Person (Name and Number)
		9	10	11	12	



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List all honors and awards received (e.g., academic, church, community, sports) in which you have participated in high school. Please highlight any leadership positions held and check the grades participated.

Organization	Honors/Awards	Grade(s)				Contact Person/Advisor (Name and Number)
		Award Received				
		9	10	11	12	

In order of preference, please list the names and addresses of the schools to which you have applied or will be attending for the period in which this financial assistance is requested. Please use additional paper if necessary.

College/University	City/State	Application Status		
		Pending	Accepted	Rejected

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT**

List any work experience over the past three years.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment



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**PERSONAL ESSAY**

**Applicants are required to submit a typed essay in response to one (1) the following questions:**

1. Describe an event or person who has changed or significantly impacted your life. Explain the change or impact that the event or person has had on you.
2. What social issues/challenges do you and your generation face today? Discuss your ideas for dealing with these issues/challenges

Essay Requirements:

- Typewritten (no handwritten essays will be accepted)
- Maximum of 500 words, single-spaced
- Times New Roman or Arial (font), 12-point font
- One-sided only
- Applicant name typed in the upper right-hand corner of each page

In reviewing the essays, the judges will consider correct use of grammar and punctuation, quality of ideas and organization of thoughts.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

All applicants are required to submit a total of two (2) letters of recommendation: 1). Scholarship Recommendation Category letter; AND 2). Character Recommendation letter, as referenced below. The letters of recommendation should be typed and submitted in a sealed envelope with the reference's signature across the sealed portion.

**Letter #1: Scholarship Category Letter**

- If you have selected to be considered for an **Academic Scholarship**, this letter must be from a Core Academic Teacher (Math, Science, Language Arts/English, Social Studies/History).
- If you have selected to be considered for a **Community Service Scholarship**, this letter should be written by someone who has supervised your involvement in a community service project referenced on your application and is not an immediate relative.
- If you have selected to be considered for a **Leadership Scholarship**, this letter should be written by someone who can attest to the leadership positions and achievements referenced in your application (e.g., teacher, school counselor, coach, etc.) and is not an immediate relative.

**Letter #2: Character Recommendation**

- This letter should be from a Minister, Civic Leader, or Professional Person.

**Letter Requirements**

Your letters for both categories should include the following:

- Name, position and organization/school of reference (on official company/school letterhead)
- Context in which the person providing the recommendation knows the applicant
- Length of time the person providing the recommendation has known the applicant
- Explanation of the applicant's involvement in the organization
- Information regarding why the applicant should receive the scholarship award
- Address letter to the scholarship committee (e.g. Dear Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Scholarship Committee)



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**CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION (Applicant & Parent/Guardian)**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate and that all statements and the enclosed essay are my own work. A scholarship award from Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. may be denied or revoked if any information contained herein is found to be inaccurate. Should I receive an award, I hereby give Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. permission to utilize my name, photographs and award amount in publicity and/or marketing materials.

By completing this application, I am acknowledging that the final decision of scholarship recipients will be decided by the Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and no other entity. The Madison Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is not responsible for any late or misdirected applications or other materials if they are not received by March 1, 2020. All submission are subject to final verification, including but not limited to, the current official high school transcript (s), letters of recommendations, and community/volunteer service information.

I, acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winners will only be disbursed in a lump sum payment directly to the university/college identified by the scholarship recipient. *NOTE: The Enrollment Verification Form must be dated and notarized with the institution's official seal.*

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*APPLICATION DEADLINE: (Only completed applications will be considered)**

**Applications must be signed and postmarked no later than MARCH 2, 2020.**

**RETURN TO: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**

**Madison, Alumnae Chapter, Scholarship Committee**

**P.O. Box 2672, Madison, WI. 53701**

*All information is subject to VERIFICATION.*

*Scholarship Recipients will be notified by April 30, 2020.*

**If there are any questions or concerns, please e-mail us at [madisondstscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:madisondstscholarship@gmail.com)**



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**SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION**

To be given to and completed by high school counselor. Once completed, the counselor must stamp the form with the official school seal in an envelope.

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last) (M.I.)

High school GPA (computed on 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_

Official transcripts must be submitted along with this application. The transcript must include:

- Grades from the 9th to the 11th school years
- Cite cumulative grade point average
- Signed by a school official
- Stamped with the official school seal and mailed in a sealed envelope.

Name of School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_





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**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please make sure you have all following items completed prior to submitting your application for full consideration, otherwise your application will be deemed incomplete and rejected:

- A completed, typed application packet **MUST** be postmarked and/or received by March 2, 2020. Feel free to attach additional typed pages if you need to.
- Applicant must select one (1) scholarship category for which they would like to be considered. Selecting more than one (1) category will eliminate the scholarship from consideration.
- Personal Essay. A single-spaced, one-page typed essay answering one of the following questions:
  1. Describe an event or person who has changed or significantly impacted your life. Explain the change or impact that the event or person has had on you.  
OR
  2. What social issues/challenges do you and your generation face today? Discuss your ideas for dealing with these issues/challenges
- School Counselor Verification (**Sealed in an Envelope**)
- Current **Official** High School Transcript (**Sealed in an Envelope**)
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, in sealed envelopes with signature across the seal.  
**Letter #1: Scholarship Category Letter (Sealed in an envelope with the application)**  
**Letter #2: Character Recommendation (Sealed in an envelope with the application)**
  - This letter should be from a Minister, Civic Leader, or Professional Person.
- Signed** Certification and Verification Form by student AND Parent/Guardian
- Current Photo. Please Note: A Photo must be included with your Application to be considered, absence of a photo is an automatic rejection

**\*\*KEEP A COPY OF THE APPLICATION AND ALL ATTACHMENTS FOR YOUR RECORDS\*\***

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