Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter

BOOK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Application and Instructions
Applications Accepted: February 1 – April 1, 2017
(11:59 PM, CST Deadline)
February 1, 2017

Dear Community Partner:

The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is proud to announce that we are accepting applications for our 2017 Book Scholarship program. These scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors of African-American descent, who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

The application for the scholarship can be accessed at http://www.dstndsa.org/scholarship/. Applicants are asked to complete all requested information on the application and provide an official transcript. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2017 and mailed to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee Chairs
P.O. Box 830604
Richardson, Texas 75083-0604

Applications postmarked after April 1, 2017 will not be considered. Selected recipients will be notified via email no later than April 18th. Scholarships will be awarded during our Chapter’s Emerging Artists Showcase on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Shona Brown at 214.801.0341 or April Spigner at 469.230.3608.

Respectfully submitted,

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2017 Book Scholarship Guidelines and Application

The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., is a public service organization that provides service and assistance to the African-American community in the North Dallas suburbs. The Scholarship Committee of the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter (NDSA) requests your assistance in identifying students who qualify for our annual scholarship awards. We are seeking candidates who meet the following requirements:

- Must be an African-American male or female student
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must attend school and reside in one of the following cities: Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Irving, Mesquite, Plano, or Richardson
- Must possess a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 or higher on a 5.0 scale
- Must exhibit leadership abilities and engage in community service
- Must have plans to attend an accredited college or university within one year of high school graduation

Please note that in addition to the eligibility criteria above, applicants are required to submit:

- A non-returnable headshot photo (preferably a professional senior picture, no larger than 5×7)
- A completed online application including a one-page essay
- An official transcript including current grade point average and ACT/SAT scores
- Two typed letters of recommendation from non-family members, one of which must be from a high school guidance counselor. Each letter should include:
  1. The name, address, and contact information for the reference
  2. The relationship to the applicant and length of time the reference has known the applicant
  3. A description of the applicant’s attributes and characteristics
  4. An explanation of the applicant has the perseverance to succeed at the college/university level

The application should be completed online. The above criteria should be mailed together, in a single envelope to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter
c/o: Scholarship Committee Chair
P.O. Box 830604
Richardson, Texas 75083-0604

Application materials must be postmarked by April 1, 2017 in order to be considered for a scholarship. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Selected recipients will be notified via email by April 18th. All recipients will be required to attend the Scholarship Presentation at the Chapter’s Emerging Artist Showcase held on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

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Release Form for Media and Related Publicity

I, ____________________________________________, (Parent/Guardian), give permission for my son or daughter, ____________________________, to be photographed, interviewed or videotaped as part of the NDSA Scholarship Program. My signature gives consent to the use of his/her likeness in any publication, educational material, advertising, news media, and World Wide Web (Internet) including all negatives, positives, digital images, and prints shall become and remain the sole property of the NDSA chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and I shall have no right or title to such items. I further understand and agree that these materials may be kept on file and used by NDSA for potential future use. I agree to release NDSA from any and all liability arising from or in connection with the taking, use, publication, or dissemination of such materials. Copies of these photos may be distributed to the parent upon request. We (I) understand that no form of compensation will be provided in exchanged for the use of such material.

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature: ______________________________________
Date: ___________

Participant’s Signature: ______________________________________
Date: ______________
AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

I, ___________________________________ (Parent/Guardian) acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winners will only be disbursed in a payment directly to the university/college identified by the scholarship recipient __________________________________________________ (Student’s Name).

A written request must be received from the scholarship recipient in order to disburse funds. This request must include proof of enrollment/registration, student identification number, and the name and address of the institution where the funds are to be sent. The request must be sent via mail to:

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Scholarship awards must be claimed by May 7, 2017. Failure to request the award will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award. No exceptions.

The North Dallas Suburban Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will forward these funds to the institution upon receipt of the written request and proof of enrollment/registration. The funds will be placed in the student’s account with the Financial Aid Office and/or Student Affairs Office or placed in a recognized university/college bookstore account in the student’s name.

Applicants may be asked to disclose any other scholarships received prior to awards being made. I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that my son or daughter may receive.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________
Date: ____________________________
Understanding the need for strong leadership, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. promotes educating, encouraging, and assisting African American citizens in choosing solid leaders who will effectively solve the challenges of our communities. In a well-developed essay, explain your view of strong leadership and how it impacts the African American community. Additionally, discuss leadership skills and positions you have held at your school and/or in your community.

Specifications for the essay include:

- Typed or entered online
- 12 pt. Times New Roman, Arial, Garamond, Calibri, Cambria, or any other PROFESSIONAL font
- 1” margins on all sides
- Double spaced
- Applicant’s full name typed in upper left corner on the first page
- Applicant’s last name typed in the upper right corner of all succeeding pages
- 250 to 300 words

Note: formatting specifications do not apply to online entries.
Application Packet Checklist

All of the items below must be included in your packet in order for this application to be considered. Missing any of the items will result in an incomplete application packet. Please review and verify that you have submitted the following:

✓ Completed online application
✓ Official transcript including current grade point average and ACT/SAT scores (should be sealed)
  o Note: If ACT/SAT scores are not included on the transcript, then an official copy of the scores must be submitted as well
✓ Two (2) typed letters of recommendation from non-family members (should be sealed)
✓ A headshot photo submitted with packet or uploaded online (no larger than 5x7)
✓ Typed, one-page essay or entered online on the topic provided
✓ Signed Permission and Release Form for Media and Related Publicity
✓ Signed Scholarship Application Disclaimer

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