



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

TAMPA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

December 1, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011-2012 Scholarship Information

The Tampa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. takes great pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of graduates within Hillsborough County. Each year, we raise funds to give scholarships and book stipends to outstanding students like you.

The application process is designed to provide the scholarship committee with information that will help us determine the scholarships we will award. Please read all the information provided to obtain the requirements and answer questions pertaining to the process.

➤ **Eligibility is for any current African American female high school senior who meets the following qualifications:**

- 1) Is enrolled in an accredited public, charter, parochial or private high school in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 2) Has a minimum 3.50 weighted grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- 3) Demonstrates accomplishments in any of the following areas: Special Talents, Leadership, Extra Curricular, Athletics, and Community Service.
- 4) Plans to attend an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.

➤ **What is required of you in this process?**

- 1) Complete the 3-page application provided on this website. Be sure to include a wallet-size headshot of you only.

Submit the 3-page application, which includes: [required]


- Name, Address, Telephone Number, Email Address
 - Extra Curricular and/or Athletic Involvement [position held – i.e. President, Member, Secretary, Member, etc.]
 - Documented Community Service [must appear on official transcript]
 - Accomplishments and/or Awards
 - Work Experience [if applicable]
 - Verifiable Leadership [short response]
- 2) **Do not** submit any copies of awards, certificates, and letters of recommendations from teachers, administration, community leaders, etc. This information is not required for our selection process.

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- 3) Submit only a copy of the **CUMULATIVE SUMMARY PAGE** of your official transcript, which indicates your course of study, credits earned, grade point average, and documented community service hours (HCPS applicants).
- 4) If you responded by checking **“Yes”** on the information sheet to the question regarding “financial hardship” or have been faced with a significant roadblock or challenge, send us a typed, double-spaced essay (300 words or less) explaining your situation. **NOTE: All information will be strictly confidential.**
- 5) Send the following information:

Checklist:

- Delta Information Sheet (wallet-size headshot)
- School Involvement/Work Experience
- Short Response (Leadership Description)
- High School Transcript (**Summary Page Only**) 
- Community Service Letters (if not documented on transcript)
- Hardship Essay (required if you checked “YES” on the Delta Information Sheet)

- 6) Postmark your material by **Monday, March 19, 2012**
Send to:

Tampa Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
ATTN: 2011-2012 Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 360091 * Tampa, FL * 33673-0091

NOTE: If you have questions or need clarification pertaining to the information provided mail your questions to: info@dstta.com. We will respond to you by email in a timely manner.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What types of community service qualify?

- Service through school or community-based service learning projects
- Service with community organizations that can be verified by the organization
- Service with faith-based organization that is not proselytizing* or religious instruction

**Proselytizing generally refers to any attempt to convert somebody to a religious faith or political doctrine.*

**Leadership roles in a religious capacity should be listed on your application.*

*Delta is an organization dedicated to public service. We believe it is important for applicants to have served their community in some capacity. Make sure you have your community service hours documented on official letterhead from the service organization. This applies to **parochial/private schools only** if service hours are not documented on your transcript. Hillsborough County Public School students' community service hours are reflected on the official transcript.*

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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2) What is the selection process?

- Qualified applicants who have submitted all required materials by the postmark deadline and earn a minimum preliminary score will be contacted for an interview.
- Applicants will be scored based on all the application information provided, the interview, and an impromptu essay written prior to the interview.

3) When and where will interviews take place?

- All interviews will take place during the month of March and/or April 2012
- Location: Blake High School [1701 North Boulevard – West Tampa]
- You will receive an email and/or phone call to schedule your interview from a DST Scholarship Committee member well in advance of the interview.

4) What happens if I am selected to receive a scholarship?

- Scholarship winners will be announced at our annual “May Week” program on Sunday, May 6, 2011 [Place: TBD]. You and your parents will be invited to attend.

5) What is the scholarship disbursement process?

- You are required to send documentation of enrollment -by a deadline date- in order to receive funds. This information will be given in detail at our May Week program.

6) What should I wear to the interview?

- Professional business attire is very appropriate for this interview.

7) What type of question(s) will you ask me in the interview?

- We ask a variety of questions related to your views and opinions on current events, questions about you, and an impromptu essay question that you will be required to respond to in writing.

8) How much money can I be awarded if I am a winner of the scholarship?

- Our Sorority has awarded a total of over \$150,000 in scholarships and book stipends within the last seven years ranging from individual awards of \$250 to \$5000.

9) What happens if I cannot make my scheduled interview?

- We ask applicants who cannot attend their scheduled interview to call the number provided when the interview is scheduled or email us ASAP at info@dstta.com.



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Name _____ College/Major? _____

Enter information for your four years of high school.

Club/Organization/Sport	Leadership Position	Grade

Honor/Award	Grade

Work Experience		
Employer	Position	Employment Period

Special Talent/Skill

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Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

~Place Photo Here~

(Wallet Size Headshot)

**Please do not glue/staple your picture.
Tape Works!**

G.P.A. verification must be signed by a school official.
(School Registrar, Counselor, Guidance Resource Spec.)

I certify the GPA of the named student is accurately reported.

Grade Point Average
(Weighted acceptable) _____

Community Service
Hours _____
(Must be documented on transcript)

School Official Signature

Title

Date

Does your family have any financial hardships you would like to share with our Sorority? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, use a separate sheet to explain your hardship and complete income information below. **This information will be strictly confidential.**

Parent/Guardian Income	\$ 0 - \$14,999	\$15,000-\$18,000	\$18,001-\$21,000
2011 Reported Wages	\$21,001-\$25,000	\$25,001-\$32,000	\$32,001-\$39,000
	\$39,001-\$48,000	\$48,001-\$55,000	\$55,000+

Number of Adults _____

Number of School Aged Children _____

Do you have a family member enrolled in post-secondary education? _____

Do you receive Free/Reduced Lunch? _____

Parents unemployed Yes _____ No _____

Application/Resume must be postmarked by Monday, March 19, 2011

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