

2018 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

General Information & Guidelines:

- △ The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter will award scholarships (Fortitude Award and Pearl Award) of at least \$500 to \$2,500 each to candidates chosen. Scholarships will be awarded based upon academic achievement, character, community services activities, extra-curricular activities, and financial need.
- △ All application packets must be postmarked by **March 1, 2018**. Applications will be screened and evaluated by the Scholarship Committee. Applicants selected for a personal interview will be notified **via email by March 8, 2018**. Applicants not selected will also be notified by email. **Personal interviews will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018**. Please make sure that you provide an updated email address with this application.
- △ Scholarships will be awarded during the second semester of the candidate's freshman year; and only after receiving documented proof of enrollment in the second semester of a four (4) year accredited academic college/university. Scholarship awards will be forfeited if proof of enrollment is not received by the established deadline of the committee.
- △ Eligibility for this scholarship is limited to African American female high school seniors residing in the following areas: Indianapolis, Kokomo, Zionsville, Avon, Brownsburg, Carmel, Greenwood, Fishers, Plainfield, Lafayette, and West Lafayette.
- △ All Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale system or equivalent.

General Instructions – FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL DISQUALIFY THE APPLICATION FROM CONSIDERATION:

- △ Application packet **MUST** be post-marked no later than **March 1, 2018** and include:
 - Completed application form with signed certification by the applicant and parent/guardian
 - Most recent high school transcript
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation along with signed Student Recommendation Forms
 - Copy of parent(s) or guardian(s) 2017 IRS Personal Tax Form or proof of income (W2) or letter from case worker stating parent did not file income taxes (*Fortitude Award Only*).
- △ Mark an (X) for the Scholarship Award Interest: Fortitude Award (Need Requirement) ____ Pearl Award ____
****Note: If applying for the Fortitude Award, please submit a copy of tax form(s), proof of income (W2), or case worker notice.****
- △ All sections of this application **MUST** be completed. Omission of any section will disqualify the application for consideration. You may duplicate this form. **Please note that all communication will be conducted by email.**
- △ **TYPE** or **PRINT** all information. Mail completed application packet to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1364
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1364

Please contact scholarship@dstiac.org if you have any questions.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFO)

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Parent(s)/Guardian(s)' Name: _____

EDUCATION

High School	Location/Address	Years Attended	GPA

Please check the appropriate academic honors:

Academic Honors	Grade Achieved			
	9	10	11	12
High Honor Roll				
Honor Roll				

How did you find out about the scholarship? _____

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list the major extracurricular activities (school and community) that you have participated in high school in the appropriate section. Please highlight any leadership positions held and check the grades participated.

Extracurricular Activities SCHOOL	Grade Participated					Positions Held/Honors
	9	10	11	12	Hours/week	

Activities COMMUNITY	Grade Participated					Positions Held/Honors
	9	10	11	12	Hours/week	

PROPOSED EDUCATION PLAN

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.

	School Choice 1	School Choice 2	School Choice 3
University/College Name			
School Address			
Status of Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
Academic System	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester

FINANCIAL STATUS

Please provide your family's adjusted gross income from the most recent year's tax return below (**Fortitude Award Only**):

- \$0-\$39,999
 \$40,000-\$79,000
 \$80,000 and above

Please provide the total number of dependent children (ages 23 and below) this income supports:

- 1-3 children
 4-8 children
 9 or more children

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please complete the attached letter of recommendation form and submit it to the person writing your recommendation. You must submit two (2) letters of recommendation – one (1) must be written by a member of your high school’s faculty; and the second (2) recommendation can be written by a representative of one of the following categories: department head or faculty member; minister, civic leader or politician, or a non-family member. Please submit the letters of recommendation with your application packet.

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, please write or type a brief personal statement about yourself, your future plans, and any other information that you feel might be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in assessing your application. Limit your essay to 500 words and double-spaced

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST AND CERTIFICATION

Please complete all sections of the application and mail to *PO Box 1364, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1364*:

- △ Completed Application with signed Certification
- △ Copy of Transcript – please also request an official school transcript be sent to the Scholarship Committee
- △ Two (2) letters of recommendation accompanied by signed Student Recommendation Form
- △ Typed 500 word personal statement essay

CERTIFICATION

I, *(please print name)* _____, will graduate this spring and plan to continue my education in college starting in the fall of 2018. I have requested the necessary official transcripts to be forwarded directly to the Scholarship Committee and am willing to appear for a personal interview. I certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. And if asked by the Scholarship Committee, I agree to provide documentation to support information given on this application. Also, if I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to provide the requisite enrollment documents to the Scholarship Committee within the prescribed deadline or I will forfeit the funds. I understand that financial information will be confidential and reviewed solely by the Scholarship Committee of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Furthermore, I agree to accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Student Signature

Date

I hereby authorize *(school)* _____ to disclose and release my student information to Scholarship Committee of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Student signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian (print)

Signature

Date

STUDENT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant – complete top portion and provide a copy to each writer of recommendation:

Name of Applicant (<i>first, middle initial, last</i>):	
Address, City, Zip	
Telephone Number:	Email:
High School Name and Address	

Writer of Recommendation only:

The above named student is applying for a college scholarship from the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We would appreciate your candid assessment of the applicant's character, intellectual ability, motivation, and interpersonal skills. **Please complete and attach this form along with your written recommendation in a sealed envelope with your initials or the school's stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope.** Please note, only the Scholarship Committee will review your comments.

Name (*please print*): _____

Title and School if Applicable: _____

Length of Acquaintance: _____

Address, City, & State: _____

Signature

Date

Thank you for taking the time and effort to complete this reference. Your comments will be very important to the Scholarship Committee's selection process.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. A Public Service Sorority

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded by 22 young women at Howard University in Washington D.C. on January 13, 1913. In 1930 the organization was incorporated for the purposes of providing services and programs to promote human welfare. From the first undergraduate chapter, Alpha Chapter, the sorority has grown to an organization of over 900 chapters with more than 250,000 members nationally and internationally.

Delta has a national Five Point Program in the areas of

- Educational Development
- Economic Development
- International Awareness & Involvement
- Political Awareness & Involvement
- Physical & Mental Health

An examination of Delta Sigma Theta's programs through the years reveals a pattern of ongoing activities that relates to one or more of the Five Point Programs stated above. Programs are also developed to address significant contemporary issues that are on the cutting edge. Many of those which have become identified as "Delta" programs are Jabberwock, Financial Fortitude, Project S.E.E., the Distinguished Professor Endowed Chair, Adopt a Black Business, Delta Days at the Nation's Capital, and The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and Delta GEMS.

Originally chartered in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 14, 1925, as Chi Chapter, the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter was restructured as a graduate chapter in January 1978. The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter now has a mailing list of over 600 members and continues to grow and prosper. Some programs the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter sponsors aside from our scholarships are the Black College Tour, Delta GEMS (a mentoring program for young ladies), Delta Days at the State Capital, Project S.E.E. (Science in Everyday Experiences), UNCF Benefit, and fundraising at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, just to name a few.

As one of its local programs, the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter has sponsored scholarships to local high school seniors for several years. We believe that aiding in the education of our young people is the key to open the door to economic development and political awareness. Furthermore, education at a college or university has been shown to be beneficial to the physical and mental health of the students attending. Individuals who are so prepared will allow our country to maintain its leadership role in the international community.