



**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**  
**MONTCLAIR ALUMNAE CHAPTER**  
**SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Scholarship Application**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an international public service organization founded at Howard University in 1913. The Montclair Alumnae Chapter, chartered on May 6, 1962, is one of more than 900 chapters of the sorority throughout the world. Since its inception, the chapter has remained dedicated to community outreach while maintaining the high ideals of our glorious sisterhood. Over the years, our chapter has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to many well deserving youngsters.

Last year, The Montclair Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

**Requirement**

- ♦ A student graduating in June 2018 from a high school in an Essex County community, including but not limited to Montclair and the Oranges.
- ♦ A minimum grade point average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale).
- ♦ Demonstrated financial need.

Please see the next page for a checklist of items required for the application.

Applicants who meet the criteria and submit complete applications will be granted an interview, and notified by mail and/or electronic mail of the date, time and location. **If any item or portion of the application is omitted, the entire application will be disqualified.**

**Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Monday March 26, 2018. NO APPLICATION POSTMARKED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED. Please return completed application to:**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Montclair Alumnae Chapter  
P.O. Box 239  
Montclair, NJ 07042  
Attn: Scholarship & Education Committee**

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., MONTCLAIR ALUMNAE CHAPTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IF A RECIPIENT RECEIVES A FULL SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE SCHOOL THEY ATTEND. \*\*\***

**\*\*\*CHILDREN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTCLAIR ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP\*\*\***

**\*\*\* IF SELECTED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE NOTE THAT FUNDS WILL NOT BE DISBURSED UNTIL PROOF OF ATTENDANCE AT A FOUR YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IS RECEIVED\*\*\***



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The Scholarship & Education Committee will review the application materials of all candidates and determine which candidates qualify for an interview. The committee will conduct interviews before final selections are made. All candidates will be notified by mail and/or electronic mail of the outcome at each stage of the process.

**STAGE 1: APPLICATION**

The following students are eligible to apply:

- ♦ Students of African descent, graduating in June 2018 from a high school in an Essex County community, including but not limited to Montclair and the Oranges.
- ♦ A minimum grade point average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale).
- ♦ Demonstrated financial need.

**CHECKLIST:** Your application must include the following to be considered complete, and be submitted by the deadline of Monday, March 26, 2018:

- ☐ Completed application (including the signature page); ***typed applications preferred.***
- ☐ Completed "Verification of Academic Performance" page – signed by guidance counselor
- ☐ ***Official*** school transcript
- ☐ SAT scores
- ☐ Two references: one school reference and one personal reference from an adult who is not a relative. (Ex. church minister, employer, family friend)
- ☐ Proof of family income: 2016 or 2017 income tax return whichever is the most recent at the time of you submit your application, (page 1 only), social security benefits, or other proof.

**STAGE 2: INTERVIEW**

Applicants who meet the criteria and submit complete applications may be granted an interview. Interviews will occur in April/May 2018. Students should

- A. bring an updated transcript reflecting grades through the second quarter/marking period.
- B. be prepared to talk about:
  1. Community Involvement (i.e. volunteerism through church, school, or community outreach programs).
  2. Academic activities, extracurricular activities, special interests and work.
  3. Leadership Skills/Initiative (i.e. offices held in organizations)
  4. Financial Need
  5. Clarity of Career Goals

**Acceptance to an accredited four-year school of higher education will be required to receive the scholarship. \*\*\*\* If you have not been accepted at the time the application is due, you may still apply pending your acceptance. \*\*\*\***

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| <b>VERIFICATION OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE/STANDING</b>        |
| <b>TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ONLY!!!</b> |

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name City

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_.

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ students in graduating class as of \_\_\_\_\_.

SAT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any scholarships awarded to date:

| Scholarship/Award Name | Monetary Amount |
|------------------------|-----------------|
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**\* Guidance Counselor Signature Required**

I certify that the above statements are accurate as of \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor – Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor – Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor – Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor – Email Address

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**PERSONAL HISTORY**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY HISTORY**

Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Income (check one; please include your proof of income):

☐ under \$25,000      ☐ \$25,000 – 40,000      ☐ \$40,000 – 60,000

☐ \$60,000 – 100,000      ☐ above \$100,000

Number of adults (18 years or older) in household \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (17 years or younger) in household \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings in college \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Attach additional paper as necessary.

1. List your extra-curricular activities, offices held, and years of participation.

| Club or Committee Name | List any offices held | Dates of participation |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
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2. List community organizations of which you are a member and describe the extent of your activities (i.e. church, clubs, youth groups).

| Organization Name                 | List any offices held:             | Dates of participation |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Ex.: Church Youth Ministry</i> | <i>Chairperson, clothing drive</i> | <i>Oct-Dec, 2017</i>   |
|                                   |                                    |                        |
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3. List all honors or special recognition you have received during your junior and senior years in high school.

| Name of Award or Recognition (with description) | Date awarded: |
|---|---------------|
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4. List your work experience, if any.

| Name of Employer | Position held: | Dates of employment: |
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5. List your volunteer experience.

| <b>Organization Name</b>              | <b>Describe activity/responsibilities</b>                                       | <b>Dates of participation</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>Example: Mountainside Hospital</i> | <i>Played with and read to patients in pediatric unit for 2 hours per week.</i> | <i>April 2016 – June 2017</i> |
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6. What are your hobbies?

7. Identify the college(s) and location(s) where you have been accepted and/or where you have applied.

| <b>College or University Name</b> | <b>Town/City and State</b> | <b>Applied or Accepted?</b> |
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8. What is your intended major and why?

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Choose **one** of the essay questions below and respond in 250-500 words. Attach additional pages as necessary.

1. ***The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time you fall.***

(Source: Nelson Mandela) The Mandela quote above describes perseverance. Perseverance is a steady effort to maintain a course of action, purpose, or belief, often in spite of difficulty. Think about an event in your life that taught you an important lesson. Discuss perseverance as it applies to your personal success through this challenge. Be sure to tell what happened, how you learned a lesson, and how this experience has contributed to the person you are today.

2. ***You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.*** (Source: Shirley Chisholm)

This quote reminds us of how important it is for every person to use her or his voice and influence to make a difference about issues that impact our world and our lives. Name and discuss a problem or issue that is of great importance to you. What have you done to begin to tackle this problem and what have you learned about yourself through this experience?

**CLEARLY IDENTIFY WHICH ESSAY QUESTION YOU HAVE ANSWERED**

**If an offer is extended, I am willing to appear for a personal interview, during the month of April or May 2018. I understand the decision of the Scholarship & Education Committee is final.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date