

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter

Scholarship & Book Stipend Application

(African American Graduating High School Seniors Only)



San Francisco-Peninsula
SFPAC ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Mail completed application to:
San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter
Education and Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5426
South San Francisco, CA 94083-5426

Dear Applicant:

The San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is committed to improving the quality of education for youth living in our San Francisco-Peninsula committees. One of the key components of our educational development program is that of providing monetary scholarships for students that would permit them to acquire a bachelor degree. The annual scholarship supports two full semesters or three quarters of academic work and is renewable up to a total of four years. Funds are awarded annually after the applicant submits proof of completion of two semesters or three quarters with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or above for each term, along with proof of enrollment for the following term. The annual disbursement is \$5,000.00.

In addition to monetary support, the chapter is committed to assisting the scholarship recipient through the process of matriculation and degree achievement by providing mentoring, leadership development and personal encouragement for the recipient as they face the many challenges that college life may present. It is the expectation of the chapter that all scholarship recipients will maintain periodic contact with the chapter and notify us regarding noteworthy academic and personal accomplishments, along with academic and personal obstacles that the recipient may confront. In response, the chapter will strive to provide assistance and support to the scholarship recipient as needed.

The requirements for initial and continuing eligibility for a Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship are provided below. Compliance with the guidelines will ensure that applicants will receive the chapter's continued financial and emotional support.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Initial Eligibility

- Applicants must be an African American graduating high school senior from a school located in San Francisco or on the San Francisco-Peninsula.
- Applicants must reside in one of the following cities: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Mountain View, Pacifica, Palo Alto, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Francisco, San Mateo, South San Francisco, Sunnyvale, Woodside; or may reside in unincorporated San Mateo County.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or greater.

- Applicants must be involved in community service.
- Applicants must be involved in school activities that advocate for peers/youth.
- Applicants must have demonstrated financial need.
- Applicants must enroll in a four-year college or university.
- Applicants must complete an application form and submit required documents that includes a one page essay answering the question posed, two letters of reference, an official high school transcript, copy/copies of college acceptance letter/letters when available, a photograph, and the release forms. APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.
- Applicants must participate in a personal interview with the Education and Scholarship Committee that may be recorded.

Continuing Eligibility

- Recipients are required to carry a full-load as defined by their four-year institution. If for some reason a recipient is unable to be enrolled full-time, they must notify the Education and Scholarship Chair immediately to explain the nature of the circumstances. If it is deemed appropriate, an exemption will be issued so as not to put the scholarship in jeopardy.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative 2.7 grade point average each semester/quarter, which will be verified by submission of an official grade report or transcript to the Education and Scholarship Chair.
 - a. A cumulative grade point average below 2.7 in any given semester/quarter will result in the chapter re-evaluating the eligibility for the scholarship. The chapter wants all recipients to be successful and will make every effort to alleviate whatever issues prevent a recipient from maintaining the required grade point average.
 - b. Recipients must not have more than one incomplete if the cumulative grade point average falls below 2.7 in a given semester/quarter.
 - c. The scholarship may be terminated if the cumulative grade point average falls below 2.7 in two consecutive terms. Recipients may reapply at a later time when the eligibility requirements are met.

- Recipients must submit proof of college enrollment each semester/quarter to the Education and Scholarship Chair.
- Recipients who withdraw from a term after a scholarship check has been issued must notify the Chair of the Education and Scholarship Committee immediately. It is the hope of San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter that the amount disbursed for that year is returned to the chapter within 60 days of withdrawal.
- Recipients are expected to maintain periodic contact through correspondence or phone calls to keep the chapter apprised of their accomplishments and any challenges.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION MATERIALS BY MARCH 1, 2020:

1. A completed scholarship application
2. A one-page essay on the following topic: **“Why a college education is important to me.”**
3. Two letters of recommendation from any of the following:
 - a. High school teacher
 - b. High school counselor
 - c. Community representative or religious leader
 - d. Employer
 - e. Active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
4. An **official** copy of your most recent high school transcript that shows your cumulative GPA
5. A copy of your college acceptance letter(s) when available
6. A photograph of yourself
7. A completed photo release form

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Completed Packet Must Be Received and/or Postmarked by **March 1, 2020**

Student Profile (Please Print)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell/Mobile: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

Number of Siblings: _____

Gender: ____ Female ____ Male Race: _____

Do you have a job? Yes: ____ No: ____

If yes, where and describe your duties: _____

Do you have a financial hardship that we should be aware of? Yes: ____ No: ____

If yes, please describe: _____

Academic Profile

Name of High School:

High School Address:

City / State / Zip:

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

School Involvement

List all high school extra-curricular activities from 9th - 12th grade. Include offices held, honors received, and other activities or accomplishments. Please write response on the space provided, use additional paper, if necessary.

Community Involvement

List all community groups and/or organizations in which you have participated outside of high school. Include specific information regarding the offices held, honors received, and the general extent of your involvement.

College / University Information

Please provide the name and address of the college / university that you have been accepted into or the name of the college / university that you plan to attend.

Name of School:

Address:

City / State / Zip:

School Phone: _____

Your intended major: _____

PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA AND VIDEO AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM

I, _____, give permission for San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (the "Chapter") to publish on the internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images ("Images") taken of me or provided by me during participation in the scholarship or book stipend program for as long as I continue to be an awardee, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance.

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I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; its officers; National Executive Board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgements, and expenses which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf have or may have by any reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting me to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

If the above named student is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign below.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

UPON RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE, SELECTED CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE YOUR PERSONAL INTERVIEW. *Note: Interview may be recorded.*

I (*print your name*) _____ have read the entire application packet and if chosen for a scholarship, I agree to comply with the guidelines set forth in the **Eligibility Requirements** and understand that the guidelines may be modified periodically with notice.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY REVIEWER:

Date Application Received: _____ **Declined**

Date Application Reviewed: _____

Scholarship Decision: _____ **Awarded Amount:** _____

Award State Date: _____ **Award End Date:** _____

Date Applicant Notified: _____

E/S Chairperson Signature: _____