



The Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter
2018 Scholarship Application
 DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter | 2525 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | Dallas, TX 75215

Dear Applicant:

The Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is committed to helping young people succeed academically. This includes ensuring that students have access to the financial resources they need to obtain a college education. The chapter offers four (4) types of scholarship awards students can apply for through the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Scholarship Program.

*** Book scholarships may also be awarded for worthy candidates at MDA’s discretion.**

The scholarships are available to students attending a public, private, parochial high school **within the Dallas County** area. To be eligible to receive an award, recipients must have a minimum grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) and have been accepted to or enrolled in a full-time program at an accredited college, university, or an institution of equivalent accreditation during the 2018-2019 academic year. Verification of enrollment must be provided prior to distribution of scholarship funds. ***Children of Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter members are ineligible for an award. * Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2018.**

You may submit interest in any of the following applicable scholarship categories.

	Scholarship Name	Type	GPA	Requirements
1	Merit- Based I	Academic (\$2,000)	3.5 – 4.0	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2–9 * <u>Additional Original Essay required</u> for Merit Award on page 9.
	Merit –Based II	Academic (\$1,000)	3.0 – 4.0	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2–9 *<u>Additional Original Essay required</u> for Merit Award on page 9.
2	Financial Fortitude	Academic (\$500)	2.5 - 4.0	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2 – 8 The Financial Fortitude Scholarship is based on a student’s financial need. You must attach a copy of the Head of Household Federal Income Tax Return, or your Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA).
3	Essay	Academic-Writing (\$500)	2.5 – 4.0	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2 – 9 * <u>Original Essay required on page 9.</u> There will be <u>one</u> award for the best overall essay received.
4	Exemplary MDA GEMS/EMBODI	GEMS or EMBODI Participation	2.5 – 4.0	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2 - 8 The Exemplary MDA GEM or EMBODI participant will be selected from current MDA GEMS and EMBODI program who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and participation.



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APPLICANT COVER SHEET

*** Attach this form to the front of your completed scholarship application. ***

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

High School/College/University _____ Overall GPA _____

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To meet the guidelines to receive this scholarship, you **must** (*additional requirements on page 3):

- Currently be a senior attending a **public, private, or parochial high school in (Dallas County)**.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale)
- Be available for an interview as part of the selection process (if required).
- Indicate the scholarship(s) for which you are applying:

<input type="checkbox"/> Merit-Based I (3.5 - 4.0 GPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Merit-Based II (3.0 - 4.0 GPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Fortitude (2.5 -4.0 GPA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Essay Award (2.5 - 4.0 GPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary MDA GEM (2.5 - 4.0 GPA)
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Note: All grade point averages are based on a 4.0 weighted scale.

Submit Completed Application to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
2525 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75215

Access the official application online at www.mdadst.org

Questions email: sheahickmon@yahoo.com or cas228@juno.com



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Scholarship Application Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure that you have submitted all the required materials to receive consideration for the scholarship. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

Your application **must** include the following documents:

- A completed application form (pages 2 – 8) (pages 2-9 for Merit I/II and Essay award applicants)
- A parent/guardian’s signature (pages 5 and 8) *For High School Applicants Only*
- Your signature at the end of the application (page 8)
- Media Release and Photography Form (page 8) signed by your parent/guardian.
- An **official, signed** high school transcript (sealed envelope)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from any of the following persons (no more than one per category):
 - High School Teacher/College Professor
 - High School Counselor/College Administrator
 - High School Principal
 - Community Leader
 - Minister
 - Organizational Sponsor
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Employer

Recommendations from family members in the categories above will not be accepted. It is suggested that you ask the people who are writing your recommendations to comment upon (1) the length of time they have known you; (2) your personal qualities, character, leadership abilities, and/or any special attributes; and (3) why they believe you have the perseverance to succeed at the college/university level. All letters must be on letterhead to be accepted.

- * An original one - page essay highlighting your community service, leadership activities, and college and career goals. **Topic on page 7.** (computer generated, size 12 Times Roman font, double-spaced, one-inch margins). ****Merit I and II and Essay Award applicants must also submit an additional 500 word essay (topic choices on pg 9).**
- Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) or Head of Household Federal Income Tax Return.

*** All Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2018. (Be sure to have the correct postage amount since this application and essay will not be the standard weight.)**

Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted.



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Directions: Provide all information requested below.

I. Applicant Information			
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gender
Street Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail Address	
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)		Place of Birth (City and State)	
High School			
High School Attending		Grade	Overall GPA
Address	City	State	Zip
College/University and Major			
Preferred College/University		Location (City and State)	
Intended Major/Field of Study		Intended Minor/Field of Study	
II. Parent/Guardian Information			
Name of Mother/Guardian			
Mother/Guardian's Address (if different from applicant's)		City	State Zip
Mother's Work Phone		Mother's Home/Cell Phone	
Mother's Occupation		Mother's Employer	
Name of Father/Guardian			
Father/Guardian's Address (if different from applicant's)		City	State Zip
Father's Work Phone		Father's Home/Cell Phone	
Father's Occupation		Father's Employer	



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III. Financial Need

Check the box below that best describes your family's combined gross income. Income should include employment, SSI, FIA, alimony, child support, disability, etc.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 or more |

Number of Dependent Children in Family

Number of Dependent Children Currently Attending a College/University

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

IV. Honors and Awards (e.g., academic, athletic, community, and/or school awards)

Award	Source of Award	Reason(s) for Award
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

V. Extra-Curricular/Community Service Activities (e.g., school, religious, social groups)

Name of Group/Activity	Grade (Check boxes that apply.)				Leadership Position(s) Held
	9	10	11	12	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

VI. Colleges and Universities

Name of School to Which You Applied	City/State	Status of Application
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		



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VII. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarships

Name of Chapter	Scholarship, Grant, or Award for Which You Applied
1.	
2.	
3.	

VIII. Financial Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship, Loan, Grant, or Award Applied For	Source	Amount Awarded vs. Expected
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
Total Amount Awarded (Received)		
Total Amount Expected (Not Received)		

IX. Work/Volunteer Experience

Employer/Organization	Dates of Employment/Service	Position Held
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
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6.		
7.		



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X. General Essay for all applicants - * Use a separate sheet.

Use a separate sheet and indicate your name and essay question choice on your submission. An original one - page essay highlighting your community service, leadership activities, and college and career goals and your plans to achieve them. (computer generated, size 12 Times Roman font, double-spaced, one-inch margins).

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I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and current. I understand this application packet will be kept confidential, and all materials submitted become the final property of the Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Media Release and Photography Form

I understand that in order to apply for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. scholarships that I may be photographed and therefore, a release must be completed in order to complete this application.

Additionally, if samples of my work are provided such as wall art, photography, video, class assignment, broadcast script or school newspapers, they will be returned at my request. I will be required to make arrangements for the return of all work samples.

Signature of Parent /Guardian

Date

NOTE: *All scholarship winners will be notified on or before May 7, 2018.
* All scholarship winners will be presented with a Certificate of Award at MDA’s Scholarship Award Ceremony, the evening of Friday, May 18, 2018.



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XI. Essay for Merit and Essay Awards (Original – 500 word minimum). *Use a separate sheet.

Use a separate sheet and indicate your name and essay question choice on your submission. **Essay must be an original 500 word, computer generated, size 12 Times Roman font, double-spaced, one-inch margins. Essay Topics (**Choose one**) :

1) Discuss an accomplishment or event (formal or informal) that marked your transition from childhood on the path to adulthood within your culture, community, or family. How did it change you?

2) What do you consider to be the single most important problem in society today? Why? How should it be solved or addressed?

3) How will you make a positive impact in the world? Describe what your legacy will be and how you will “pay it forward” when you get your degree.