



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter

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NDSA BOOK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Scholarship Application and Instructions

Applications Accepted: January 13, 2021 – March 31, 2021



January 13, 2021

Dear Community Partner:

The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is proud to announce that we are accepting applications for our **2021 Book Scholarship** program. These scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors of **African-American descent**, who have a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale or its equivalent.

The application for the scholarship is attached. Applicants are asked to completed all requested information on the application and provide an official transcript. All applications must be submitted to the below email address no later than **March 31st, 2021**:

Email Address: scholarship@dstndsa.org

Applications postmarked after **March 31st, 2021** will not be considered. Selected recipients will be notified via email no later than April 19th, 2021. If you have any questions, please send an email to scholarship@dstndsa.org or contact Shonedra Redd at 469-645-8674.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alma Terry

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Chapter President

Shonedra M. Redd

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Chair, Scholarship Committee

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2021 Book Scholarship Guidelines and Application

The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., is a public service organization that provides service and assistance to the African-American community in the North Dallas suburbs. The Scholarship Committee of the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter requests your assistance in identifying students who qualify for our annual scholarship awards. We are seeking candidates who meet the following requirements:

- Δ Must be an African-American male or female student
- Δ Must be a graduating high school senior
- Δ Must attend school and reside in one of the following cities: Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Irving, Mesquite, Plano, or Richardson
- Δ Must possess a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) or a 4.0 or higher (on a 5.0 scale)
- Δ Must exhibit leadership abilities and engage in community service
- Δ Must have plans to attend an accredited college or university within one year of high school graduation

Note: If applicant participates in any North Dallas Suburban Alumnae's youth programs, they are able to apply even if not living in the chapter's service area.

Attached is an application form that may be forwarded as you deem appropriate. Please note that in addition to the eligibility criteria above, applicants are required to submit:

- Δ A non-returnable professional headshot photo (no larger than 5x7) emailed to scholarship@dstndsa.org using the subject line: NDSA Scholarship-Student's First Name and Last Name

- Δ A completed, typed application form including a one-page essay

- Δ Two typed letters of recommendation from non-family members, one of which must be from a high school counselor on official school/district letterhead. **The counselor letter should provide clarification regarding the district's GPA scale or application will be VOID.**

Both letters should include the following:

1. The name, address, and contact information for the reference
2. The relationship to the applicant and length of time the reference has known the applicant
3. A description of the applicant's attributes and characteristics
4. An explanation of how the applicant has the perseverance to succeed at the college/university level

All application information should be emailed by applicant to: scholarship@dstndsa.org

A completed application with all documents must be emailed no later than **March 31st, 2021** in order to be considered for a scholarship. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact Shonedra Redd at 469-645-8674.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alma Terry, President

Shonedra M. Redd, Scholarship Committee Chair

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Permissions and Release Form for Media and Related Publicity

I, _____, (Parent/Guardian), give permission for my son or daughter, _____, to be filmed, recorded and photographed for use in NDSA's promotional videos, photography, advertisements, social media platforms, web pages, and other future NDSA events. In addition, my signature gives consent to publicize the name, image, likeness, and any other personal characteristics or other information provided by or related to the participant that is derived from the filming, advertising and promotional materials on mediums that may include on-demand, streaming, or other web services, social media platforms, print news and information outlets. All images including: negatives, positives, digital images, and prints shall become and remain the sole property of the NDSA chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and I shall have no right or title to such items. I further understand and agree that these materials may be kept on file and used by NDSA for potential future use. I agree to release NDSA from any and all liability arising from or in connection with the taking, use, publication, or dissemination of such materials. Copies of these photos may be distributed to the parent upon request. We (I) understand that no form of compensation will be provided in exchanged for the use of such material.

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winners will only be disbursed in a payment directly to the university/college identified by the scholarship recipient, _____ (Student's Name).

A written request must be received from the scholarship recipient in order to disburse funds. This request must include proof of enrollment/registration, student identification number, which semester the funds needs to be applied, and the name and address of the institution where the funds are to be sent. The request must be sent via email to **scholarship@dstndsa.org**.

Scholarship awards must be claimed by October 1st, 2022. Failure to request the award will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award. No exceptions.

The North Dallas Suburban Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will forward these funds to the institution upon receipt of the written request and proof of enrollment/registration. The funds will be placed in the student's account with the Financial Aid Office and/or Student Affairs Office or placed in a recognized university/college bookstore account in the student's name.

Applicants may be asked to disclose any other scholarships received prior to awards being made. I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that my son or daughter may receive.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Application Packet Checklist

All of the items below must be included in your packet in order for this application to be considered. Missing any of the items will result in an incomplete application packet. Please review and verify that you have submitted the following:

- ✓ Completed, typed application (signed by applicant and parent/guardian)
- ✓ Official transcript including current grade point average possessing of a 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0) scale or a 4.0 or higher (on a 5.0 scale) or its equivalent
- ✓ Two (2) typed letters of recommendation from non-family members **One letter is required to be from a high school counselor and should provide clarification regarding the district's GPA scale. If not included application will be VOID.**
- ✓ A head shot photo (no larger than 5x7)
- ✓ Typed, one-page essay on the topic provided
- ✓ Signed Permission and Release Form for Media and Related Publicity
- ✓ Signed Scholarship Application Disclaimer
- ✓ Signed Applicant Statement

****Applications must be emailed by March 31st, 2021****

All contents should be emailed by applicant to
scholarship@dstndsa.org using the subject line:
NDSA Scholarship - Student's First Name and Last
Name

For example: NDSA Scholarship- Shonedra Redd

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The logo for the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter, featuring the letters A, S, and C in a stylized, overlapping arrangement, with the letter O to the right. The letters are white with a red outline and a red shadow effect.

Section I: Applicant Profile

Applicant Full Name:

Street Address

City / State

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Primary Phone Number:

Email Address:

Section II: Academic Profile

Name of High School:

City / State:

District Name:

GPA (as of January 13th):

Class Rank (as of January 13th):

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Name of School Counselor:

Expected Graduation Date:

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Section III: Collegiate Goals

Please list in order of preference the top four colleges/universities in which you've applied for admission. Include city and state.

Describing in completed sentences, what is your intended major or course of study you plan to pursue?

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Section IV: Involvement

Describing in complete sentences, what is your volunteer/community service involvement? Include organization name, dates of service, and a description of activities.

Please list any extracurricular involvement. Include organization name, any leadership or offices held, and a description of activities.

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Section V: Essay

In 2020, the world faced various challenges from COVID-19, to civil unrest and economic decline. As a scholar, which skills have you employed to manage academics, self-care, and life's trials? In addition, please explain how these skills will assist you in being successful in your collegiate career.

Specifications for the essay include:

- **Typed**
- 10 pt. Times New Roman
- 1" margins on all sides
- Double spaced
- Applicant's **full** name typed in the upper right corner of the page 250 - 350 words
- **Please feel free to use the next page or attach a word document to your application**

First and Last Name:

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Section VI: Applicant Statement

By submitting this application, I hereby certify that:

- I have met all requirements as outlined and the information provided herein is accurate and current.**
- I acknowledge that any misrepresentation of the information presented may be grounds to rescind the scholarship award if selected.**
- I will use the proceeds of any scholarship aid received for the payment of tuition, required fees, room and boards, and/or required materials only.**
- I agree to the release of an official transcript of my grades to the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**
- I give permission to the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to use my name and/or photograph for promotional purposes.**
- I understand that this application packet will be kept confidential and all materials submitted become the final property of the North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Applicant Signature : _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____