



**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter  
2017-2018 Scholarship Application  
PO Box 4113, Hayward, CA 94540**

### **History of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two African American undergraduate women. These women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and lead social action initiatives on behalf of the African American community. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (the Sorority) is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. As a sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrusts of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

The Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta was chartered in 1990 to serve the cities of Hayward, Fremont, Newark and Union City. Our programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- △ Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy – a mentoring program for adolescent girls aged 9-13 years
- △ Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta G.E.M.S. Institute – a mentoring program for teenage girls aged 14-18 years
- △ E.M.B.O.D.I. – A mentoring program for African American males ages 13-17
- △ Voter registration and education activities
- △ Music at the Vineyard – an annual fundraiser to support our scholarships and other community service programs
- △ Support for various community organizations including Abode Services and I Can Fly School in Kenya

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**FIRST TIME APPLICANTS** must meet all criteria:

- △ Be a high school senior, have received a GED, or be currently enrolled in or accepted by a two-year or four-year college or university; and
- △ Have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- △ Be a resident of, or attend school in, Hayward, Fremont, Newark or Union City or one of our secondary service areas (Castro Valley, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Leandro, or San Lorenzo); and
- △ Demonstrate active volunteer service in the African American community.

**NOTE:** If you do not reside or attend school in Hayward, Fremont, Newark or Union City, or in one of our secondary areas (Castro Valley, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Leandro, or San Lorenzo), you will need a referral from a current member of Hayward -Tri-City Alumnae Chapter in order to be considered for this scholarship. **Children of Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter members are not eligible to apply.**

**PRIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** must meet all criteria:

- △ Be currently enrolled in a two-year or four year college or university, and
- △ Have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- △ Have received a scholarship for no more than 3 years.

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**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**FIRST TIME APPLICANTS** must submit the following:

- △ A completed scholarship application;
- △ Three personal letters of recommendation. **Each letter must be written on the official letterhead of the organization:**
  - **Current High School Students:** one letter each from a: (a) counselor; (b) teacher; and (c) representative of a community service organization.
  - **High School Graduates (not currently enrolled in college):** (a) one letter from a representative of a community service organization and (b) two letters, from a combination of the following: clergy, employer, a representative of a second community service organization, or any adult who has known you for five years or longer.
  - **Current College Students:** one letter each from a: (a) current professor, academic counselor, or dean; (b) representative of a community service organization; and (c) clergy, representative of a second community service organization, second professor, or an employer.
- △ A copy of the Letter of Intent or Acceptance Letter from the college or university you plan to attend. This is only required if you are not currently enrolled in college;
- △ Your most recent **official** academic transcript. The registrar must send the transcript directly to you and you must provide it to us unopened. We **will not** accept student copies or other unofficial transcripts. We **will not** accept previously opened envelopes;
- △ Two short essays of at least 200-250 words each in size 12 pt. font, double spaced. The essays should address the following topics:
  - Essay 1: Describe your college and career objectives, your leadership skills and your volunteer service in the African American community. Please provide specific examples for each of the three areas.
  - Essay 2: Describe a challenge you had to overcome to achieve one of your goals. Provide specific example of the steps you took to overcome the challenge.
- △ A 3X5, wallet-size or passport color photo (head shot) Note: Photos will not be returned; and,
- △ A signed Photograph and Video Authorization and Release Form.

**PRIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** must submit the following:

- △ A completed scholarship application;
- △ Your most recent **official** academic transcript. Registrar must send the transcript directly to you and you must provide it to us unopened. We **will not** accept student copies or other unofficial transcripts. We **will not** accept previously opened envelopes;
- △ A 3X5, wallet-size or passport color photo (head shot) Note: Photos will not be returned; and,
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**Application Instructions:**

- △ Type or print or type your responses.
- △ Complete all sections. Insert "N/A" in sections that do not apply to you.
- △ Sign the application and Photograph and Video Authorization and Release Form

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Tasha Dean and Sonya Scott, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, at scholarship.htc@gmail.com

**Student Profile**

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:		
Home Number:	Cell Number:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Are there members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in your family? (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt <input type="checkbox"/> None		

**For New Applicants Only**

Do you reside in or attend school in Hayward, Fremont, Newark or Union City? Y___ N___
Do you reside in or attend school in Castro Valley, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Leandro, or San Lorenzo? Y___ N___
If you answered <b>no</b> to <b>both</b> of the above questions, you will need a referral from a current member of the Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter. Enter her name here:

**For Previous Applicants Only**

Have you received a scholarship from the Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter? Y___ N___
If yes, which year(s): _____

**Academic Profile**

Name of current High School or College (include the city and state):	
Classification:	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
GPA ( on a 4.0 scale):	
Major:	Graduation Date:

Please list any extracurricular activities (Include offices held, awards received, honors, clubs, committees, athletics, etc.) You may use an additional information sheet if necessary.

Activity	Amount of time per week	Dates of Participation	Office held	Awards /Other recognition

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Please list all community, public, volunteer and/or church service activities. You may use an additional information sheet if necessary.

Name of organization	Activity	Dates of participation	Awards/recognitions

**Employment Profile**

Name of Employer:	
Address:	Phone:
Job Description:	Dates of Employment:

**Deadline**

A complete application packet, in one envelope that includes the sealed transcript and all required materials, must be **postmarked** by **February 6, 2018**. Selected first time applicants will be interviewed in March 2018.

Applications must be mailed to: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.  
Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter  
P. O. Box 4113  
Hayward, CA 94540  
Attn: Scholarship Committee

**INCOMPLETE PACKAGES AND PACKAGES POSTMARKED AFTER FEBRUARY 6, 2018 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**Disclosure**

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that would jeopardize acceptance of this application. In addition, all information contained in this application may be used by Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter for marketing purposes.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHOTOGRAPH and VIDEO AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM**

**Program Year: September 2017 – June 2018**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated (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 during my application, interview, and/or acceptance of the Chapter's scholarship, during the September 2017 – June 2018 program year, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me.

I understand and agree that these Images will become the property of the Chapter, which shall have complete ownership of the Images. I hereby irrevocably authorize the Chapter to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the Chapter's scholarship recipients, including the Chapter's Youth Initiative Programs, or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; its officers; national executive board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, 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 intention, 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 forgoing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 or Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name