

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Chester Alumnae Chapter
P.O. Box 1930
Boothwyn, Pennsylvania 19061

The Chester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is committed to the mission of our sorority. To show this commitment to excellence, we offer annual scholarships. We would like to encourage and support recipients of these scholarships to realize and achieve their full potential and become productive members of society.

Scholarship Criteria

All applicants must:

- Be a female, graduating high school senior and attend a school located in Delaware County.
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Be accepted at an accredited two or four-year college/institute of higher learning. Applications received without college acceptance letters will still be considered for the scholarship.
- Show evidence of involvement in extra-curricular activities and community service.
- Submit a completed application:
 - The completed application **must** be postmarked or emailed by **March 13, 2020**.
 - **Applications received after March 13, 2020 will not be considered.**
 - Submit a wallet sized head shot photograph with the application.
 - Submit a typed essay of no less than 500 words that answers one of the essay questions on page 3.
 - Submit letters verifying community service.
 - Submit an official High School transcript that clearly reflects your GPA.
 - Submit a Photo/Video Release form.
- Be available for a scheduled personal interview.
- If applying for multiple scholarships, EACH application MUST contain ALL required materials.

Applications can be mailed to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
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Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1930
Boothwyn, PA 19061

**Applications can be submitted electronically
by E-Mail to:**
scholarship@dstchesterpaac.org

NOTE: Submitted materials will not be returned. Any materials submitted will become the property of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Chester Alumnae Chapter.

Community Service: Please provide a letter from the organization(s) you provided service to verifying your community service and the number of hours you provided service. This letter should be on the organization's letterhead and signed by someone from the organization.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Essay Questions:

Please answer ***ONE*** of the essay questions using the following criteria:

- **12 point Times New Roman**
- **1 inch margins**
- **Double spaced**
- **Not less than 500 words**

1. “The greatest glory in living lies in not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.”
Nelson Mandela

Describe obstacles and challenges you have faced and overcome. Tell how they have impacted your life, shaped your character and motivated your thinking.

2. Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as health care, the economy, discrimination, or a current topic of your choice.

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Essay Tips

Be sure to:

- Have a title for your essay.
- Use a style and vocabulary that is comfortable for you, but you still need to make sure you are within the bounds of acceptable usage.
- After you have written a first draft, spend time “polishing” your essay.
 - Make verbs strong and active and make descriptions precise and powerful.
 - Your sentences should be constructed properly and pay attention to the flow of your ideas.
 - Paragraphs need beginnings and endings.
 - Remember to introduce and sum up.
- Indent the first line of every paragraph.
- Check your spelling. Use a dictionary, spell check or a friend.
- Check your punctuation.
- Check your grammar. Do all sentences have a noun and a verb? Is the tense correct?
- Check your capitalization. All proper nouns should be capitalized.
- Proof-read your essay to make sure you have answered the question and it makes sense.
- Let someone else read the essay. Ask your English teacher or school counselor.

Scholarship Application Checklist

Please be sure the following items are enclosed:

- _____ Complete **typed** application – Have all sections been filled in?
- _____ Essay Question – Did you answer the essay question on page 3?
- _____ Official High School Transcript – Transcript must clearly reflect GPA
- _____ Wallet Size Head Shot Photograph
- _____ Photo/Video Release form
- _____ Letters verifying community service.