



**SAN JOSE ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
2023–2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Thank you for including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., San Jose Alumnae Chapter in your academic journey by applying to our scholarship program. We greatly appreciate the time, energy, and resources you are putting into your academic career as you embark into this next stage. Please see the below details for consideration:

Application Packets must be received by Monday January 22, 2024

ELIGIBILITY:

- ❖ Be of African American descent
- ❖ Residing and graduating high school senior in Santa Clara County
- ❖ Plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university
- ❖ Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75

REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ Complete, sign/type, and date application.
- ❖ Two letters of Recommendations (please see attached Guidelines for more details):
 - A Community Service letter of recommendation (Church, Civic, or Community Group)
 - An Academic letter of recommendation (School Teacher, Counselor, or Principal)
- ❖ Official sealed transcript
- ❖ Two-paged (double-spaced with one-inch margins) essay describing academic aspiration
- ❖ Current 4x6 photo
- ❖ Be available for an interview if selected as a finalist– **February 3, 2024**
- ❖ Attend Harambe Scholarship Luncheon – **March 9, 2024**

AWARD:

- ❖ The Scholarship Awards range between \$500 and \$5000. Applicants will be notified of their award amount by the middle of April.



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STUDENT APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION **AND** AN ACADEMIC OFFICIAL (ONE LETTER FROM EACH CATEGORY).

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU PROVIDE THESE GUIDELINES TO THE PERSONS WRITING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

NOTE:

1. Applicants cannot be related to a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
2. Letters of recommendation must be written by persons who are not related to the applicant. A relative is defined as a person connected to another by birth, marriage, or adoption.
3. One letter cannot fulfill two requirements, (e.g., Community Service and Academic Official in one letter is not acceptable).
4. Only original signed (pen and ink) letters of recommendation and/or verification will be accepted. A scanned, electronic, and special font signature on any letter of recommendation and/or verification is unacceptable. Letters must be on official letterhead.
5. Only one letter from each category listed below will be rated as part of the applicant's packet. If more than one letter is received in a category, the first randomly selected letter in that category will be rated.

LETTER FROM A COMMUNITY SERVICE/CHURCH/CIVIC ORGANIZATION SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Length of time applicant has been involved with the organization;
- ❖ Explanation of the applicant's involvement with the organization;
- ❖ List current and past roles and/or responsibilities the applicant has with the organization;
- ❖ Applicant's demonstrated leadership ability/skills.

LETTER FROM AN ACADEMIC OFFICIAL SHOULD INCLUDE THE ALL OF FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Describe the capacity in which they know the applicant;
- ❖ List community involvement of the applicant;
- ❖ Describe personal characteristics and leadership skills/abilities the applicant possesses;
- ❖ List any extracurricular activities of the applicant.

STUDENT ESSAY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Educational goals and the plan to achieve;
- ❖ Professional goals and the plan to achieve;
- ❖ Financial need for the scholarship.