

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
A Service Sorority
Grand Chapter

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TO: Chapter Presidents

FROM: Beverly E. Smith
National First Vice President and
Chair, Scholarship and Standards Committee

RE: **NATIONAL FINANCIAL AID/SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

Please be advised that per the action of the 43rd National Convention in Orlando, Florida, July 20-24, 1996 **DELTA'S NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM IS NOW FOR DELTAS ONLY**. For your information, attached is the Application for Financial Aid and Special Scholarships. Please **only** complete one application (Financial Aid **or** Special Scholarships). **In order to be considered for a Special Scholarship you MUST be a financial Delta.** **Special Scholarship** applicants will automatically be considered for **Financial Aid**, in the event that they do not receive an award in this category.

We strongly encourage sorors (financial and non-financial) to apply for Financial Aid as appropriate.

Persons requesting applications must include their member number to identify that they are a Delta; otherwise, the request will not be honored. Please feel free to download your particular application of interest from the website and any accompanying memoranda for distribution.

An Application for **Financial Aid** or **Special Scholarship** may be obtained from the chapter president or via the official website only. Applications, in order to be considered, **MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 8th** of the year for which the aid is requested; and the applicant shall provide to the Chairperson of the Scholarship and Standards Committee a **completed, typed application packet**, which includes:

1. a non-refundable application fee of \$20.00 in a money order or certified check made payable to: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;
2. a completed Application for Financial Aid;

3. an official transcript (in an envelope sealed and signed across the seal by the college or university Registrar);
 - **Undergraduate** sorors must submit a transcript from the current degree granting institution;
 - **First Year Graduate** sorors must submit a transcript from the last degree-granting institution; and
 - **Graduate** sorors must submit a transcript from the current degree granting institution.
4. a letter of recommendation (in separately sealed envelopes) from **each person** listed as a reference; **and**
5. a copy of any other enclosures deemed pertinent.

The application, transcript and other required information **MUST BE MAILED AS ONE COMPLETE PACKET** to be considered.

- **INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Special Scholarships (for **financial** Deltas only) of up to \$3000 each are:

- ◆ The Julia Bumry Jones Scholarship in memory of Soror Jones for **graduate study** related to the area of Communications;
- ◆ The Juliette Derricotte Scholarship in memory of Soror Derricotte for **graduate study** related to the area of Social Group Work;
- ◆ The Sadie T. M. Alexander Scholarship in memory of Soror Alexander for **graduate study** related to the area of Law;
- ◆ The Myra Davis Hemmings Scholarship in memory of Soror Hemmings for **graduate study** related to the area of Arts – Performing or Creative;
- ◆ The Bertha Pitts Campbell Scholarship in memory of Soror Campbell for study in the area of Education for **graduate and undergraduate study**;
- ◆ The Vashti Turley Murphy Scholarship in memory of Soror Murphy for **Master’s or Doctoral study** in the area of Ministry; and

Financial Aid for collegiate study and individual grants for graduate and professional study, as well as Special Scholarships (amount depends upon budget allocations) are awarded based upon academic excellence, evidence of need, the quality of the application and letters of recommendation.

Note: An applicant can only receive financial aid and/or a special scholarship no more than two years. If previously applied, please use current/updated information (*i.e. new proposed educational plan, new reference letters*).