



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

ORLANDO ALUMNAE CHAPTER ▲ (Chartered February 20, 1954)

P.O. Box 555238 ▲ Orlando, FL 32855 ▲ Website: www.oacdst.org ▲ Email: scholarship@oacdst.org



2020-21 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Postmarked by February 24, 2021

HISTORY OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 at Howard University by twenty-two college-educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. Information about Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. may be found at www.deltasigmatheta.org.

HISTORY OF ORLANDO ALUMNAE CHAPTER

On February 20, 1954, The Orlando Alumnae Chapter (OAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was established. Since 1954, OAC has increased from nine charter members to over 200 members. The chapter continues to fulfill our Founders dreams of achieving excellence, providing scholarships, and rendering public service to the community. Additional information regarding the chapter and its many public service programs can be found at www.oacdst.org.

VISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee, one of many committees of the Orlando Alumnae Chapter, has the responsibility of overseeing the Scholarship Program. The objective of the program is to provide scholarships annually to graduating Orange County high school seniors who have excelled academically and/or contributed their talents to the improvement of their community through service.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & DISBURSEMENT

Award recipients will be notified and recognized at the Minerva Awards program in April or **May**. The scholarship check will be disbursed to recipients upon receiving the registrar's receipt and a class schedule from the post-secondary institution. Scholarship awards will be forfeited if documentation is not postmarked and mailed to OACDST by **January 31st of the following year**.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(TYPE or PRINT ALL Information in black or blue INK)

Applicant Information

Name: _____ DOB: ___/___/___ Gender: Female Male
Last First

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail address: _____

Place an "X" if you're a member of OACDST's youth initiative: *EMBODI* _____ *Delta GEMS* _____ *Neither* _____

Which OACDST Scholarship forum did you attend? College Readiness (fall) _____ Career Fair (spring) _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Is your mother a member of the Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.? Yes ___ No ___

Mother's Name: _____ Cell and Email: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Father's Name: _____ Cell and Email: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

High School Information: Current Seniors in Orange County ONLY

High School: _____

School Counselor: _____ Work Number: _____ Ext. _____

****NOTE:** All information below **must** be documented on the official transcript to be considered:

Current GPA (Weighted): _____ (Unweighted) _____ Community Service hours (documented on transcript): _____

SAT combined Verbal and Math Test Score (excluding writing): _____ ACT Composite Score: _____



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I. Post-Secondary Endeavors

Collegiate Choices

List the names of the top three schools for which you have been **accepted** to.

	School 1	School 2	School 3
College/ University			
Field of Study	Major: Minor:	Major: Minor:	Major: Minor:

II. Letters of Recommendation

Two (2) Recommendation Letters: Criteria

Recommendation letters must be: dated within the 2020-21 school year, signed with an official electronic signature (i.e. DocuSign) or hand-written signature (changing the font on computer is not a signature), must appear on company letterhead, and must have the contact's information.

- **Letter of Recommendation #1- High School Guidance Counselor or Teacher:** Must include:
 - Length of time and the capacity in which they have known the applicant including his/her characteristics
 - Scholastic achievements and/or leadership involvements that qualify the applicant for an award
- **Letter of Recommendation #2- Community Leader:** Must include:
 - Length of time for which they have known the applicant and in what capacity
 - Reputable community service activities/involvement and capacity in which they have known the applicant, applicant characteristics, leadership skills, and other information that will add value to the applicant's packet as a whole. *NOTE: if a church leader writes the letter, it must be in regards to active service in the local community. This does NOT include church involvement or programs regarding different auxiliaries such as choir, usher, praise team, annual concerts, etc.

III. Essay

Prompt and Requirements: Choose prompt #1, #2 or #3

Prompt #3 is optional to be considered for the Fortitude Scholarship.

1. **SOCIETY**- *What do you consider to be society's biggest issue and how can you help the community overcome it through programming, service, and/or your career goals?*
2. **VOLUNTEERING**- *What community service organization or activity have you participated in that has meant the most to you? Who or what prompted you to work with them? How do you plan to use your experience to help guide your future endeavors?*
3. **OPTIONAL: Additional Essay to be considered for the FORTITUDE SCHOLARSHIP: HARDSHIP**- *Recount a time in your life when you were/are faced with an unforeseen hardship. How did you handle it, what did you learn, and how will the experience impact the next four years of college?*

NOTE: The typed, one-page, 400-500 word essay, must address the prompt and focus on the following:

- ▲ Your educational and career goals and how obtaining a scholarship from OACDST will be beneficial to your educational pursuits to transform lives and impact communities based on the prompt of your choice.



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IV. High School Accomplishments and Involvement (add a copy of this page if needed)

High School Honors, Awards, Recognitions

Honor, Award, Recognition	Year(s) Received
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

High School Organizations

Club/Organization	Position Held & Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

High School “Leadership” Positions Held

Club/Organization	<u>Elected</u> Position Held & Year (i.e., Pres., Sec., Treas., etc.)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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IV. Community Service & Involvement (non-school involvement)

List the **non-school related community** organization memberships, involvement and/or offices you have held. If you have more than three organizations print another sheet and add it/them as an attachment.

****NOTE: Community service hours will ONLY be counted if they are documented on the official transcript (public schools) or independent letter (private schools only)**

1. **Organization:** _____ **Position/Office/Role:** _____

Organization's Mission: _____

Explain your role/responsibility: _____

Dates of involvement: _____ Hours of Volunteerism as **documented** on transcript: _____

2. **Organization:** _____ **Position/Office/Role:** _____

Organization's Mission: _____

Explain your role/responsibility: _____

Dates of involvement: _____ Hours of Volunteerism as **documented** on transcript: _____

3. **Organization:** _____ **Position/Office/Role:** _____

Organization's Mission: _____

Explain your role/responsibility: _____

Dates of involvement: _____ Hours of Volunteerism as **documented** on transcript: _____

~ Applicant and Parent/Guardian Signature ~

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application packet is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I am aware that any misstatements or other inaccuracies could disqualify me from consideration for a scholarship. I understand I will not have my application packet returned.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Important Information & Checkoff List

Application Deadline: Postmarked by February 24, 2021

****NOTE: Please do not send Certified Packets. They will NOT be accepted****

To be considered, make sure your packet has the following (*please check off*):

	One 4x6 professional picture of applicant for the Minerva Awards Program
	Complete and return the “Applicant Information” and sections I–V only (<i>pages 2-5 only</i>)
	Application must be typed or neatly printed in blue or black ink pen
	Typed, one-page, essay (<i>400-500 words</i>) that addresses one of the three prompts
	Sealed official transcript with GPA, community service hours, and test scores
	In the case that your test scores are not reflected on your transcript, you may include a copy from your college board and/or ACT account
	Two (2) SIGNED Letters of Recommendation (<i>review letter requirements</i>)
	• Covers the 2020-2021 school year
	• On company letterhead
	• Include signor’s contact information
	• Signed with approved electronic signature or hand-written signature
	Any additional information that could not fit on the application
	Signed application (<i>applicant and parent/guardian</i>)

*NOTE: Applications and materials will not be returned.

Applications Should Be Mailed To:

Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Attention: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 555238, Orlando, FL 32855

If you have any questions, contact the current Scholarship Committee Chairperson at scholarship@oacdst.org

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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must complete this application packet and:

- Attend one of the scholarship forums presented by OACDST. **If you haven’t, you’re automatically disqualified.**
- Be a current graduating senior from an Orange County public or private school with a spring graduation date.
- Plan to enter an accredited two-year or four-year university or college as a full-time freshman by the following spring. (additional acceptable institutions will be noted depending on scholarship, if applicable)



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LIST

▲ **SADIE T.M. ALEXANDER:** possess overall qualities of academic achievement, character, leadership, community involvement, and show projected educational long and short-range goals. Note: This is the highest-ranking scholarship awarded to the individual with the highest GPA and/or SAT/ACT score.

▲ **PRESIDENTIAL:** possess general qualifications and high academic achievement. Note: This is the second highest-ranking scholarship awarded to the individual with the second highest GPA and/or SAT/ACT score

▲ **** ALTAMESE PINDER:** meet the general qualifications, aspire to major in education or a related discipline, and demonstrate financial need, and be a graduating senior of Jones High School.

▲ **DELTA GEMS:** general qualifications and be recommended by OAC's Delta GEMS Chairperson.

▲ **EMBODI:** general qualifications and be recommended by OAC's Delta EMBODI Chairperson.

▲ **FORTITUDE:** general qualifications and a compelling story of overcoming obstacles.

▲ **ROSE DANIEL:** general qualifications and aspire to major in education or a related discipline.

▲ **FELDER/HARRISON:** general qualifications and the highest number of documented community service hours.

▲ ****NATALIE LITTLES:** general qualifications and aspire to major in Business Administration. Possibly raised by grandparents and able to overcome adversity and succeed against enormous odds.

▲ **** CRIMSON RENAISSANCE DIAMOND EDITION:** general qualifications and have the most elected leadership positions in community service.

▲ **** KITTY JEAN PATTERSON ELLISON SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD:** a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 and demonstrate a consistent and sustained record of community service in the Central Florida community.

▲ **OPPORTUNITY AWARDS:** Recipients may not have required GPA to meet general qualifications listed above, but must have documented community service hours and demonstrate a financial need.

General Qualifications: live within the OACDST service area, 3.0+ unweighted GPA unless otherwise stated, documented quality and consistent community service hours, 1000+ on the SAT, 21+ on the ACT.

*****denotes graduating seniors of members of OACDST are only eligible for these awards***DO NOT RETURN THIS SHEET, KEEP IT FOR YOUR RECORDS******