



*Richland County Alumnae Chapter Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Post Office Box 777 Columbia,
SC 29202*

January 8, 2018

Dear School Counselor,

The Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce its 2018 Scholarship Program. This year our chapter will award eleven (11) scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each to graduating seniors in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield school districts.

All applications will be screened based on evidence of financial need, GPA, SAT/ACT results, essay, letters of recommendation, and extra-curricular activities.

The application and all material must be postmarked by March 27, 2018 to be considered. Students may apply for only one scholarship. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. All awards will be dispersed to the Technical School, College, or University the recipient will attend next fall. The Richland County Alumnae Chapter reserves the right to withhold scholarships if false or misleading information is submitted.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide these scholarships to students in our community and we appreciate your assistance in making sure they receive the information to apply. Please contact Dorothy Nero, chairperson of our Scholarship Committee, to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding our Scholarship Program via telephone at (843) 992-3354 or email at rcamayweek@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your assistance in helping us to facilitate our Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

Sharon A. Parker
Chapter President



The Richland County Alumnae Chapter 2018 Scholarship categories are as follows:

Historically Black College and University Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to attend a Historically Black College or University.

(2 Scholarships)

Education Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in Education.

(2 Scholarships)

Career and Technical Education Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in the following fields: Business Administration, Marketing, Management, Accountancy or Human Resources. **(2 Scholarships)**

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in the following fields: Information Technology, Engineering, Math, Science, Medicine or Health Science. **(2 Scholarships)**

General Studies Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a male or female African American student planning to major and pursue a career in the following majors: Visual and Performing Arts, Mass Communications, Psychology, Sociology, Counseling, Criminal Justice or Law. **(2 Scholarships)**

Delta GEMS Award: This scholarship is a **one-time** award of \$1,250 to a female African American student enrolled in the Delta GEMS program with Richland County Alumnae Chapter. **Student must be enrolled in the Delta GEMS program sponsored by Richland County Alumnae chapter at Keenan High School to qualify.**

Richland County Alumnae Chapter

INSTRUCTIONS for APPLICANT

1. Attach the following to completed Application:

(A) An **ESSAY** (250-word minimum & typed double spaced) based on the scholarship you are applying for. Student's name should be on each page of essay.

Historically Black College and University Award:

Before desegregation in the nation's educational system, HBCUs were the only way that most African Americans could receive undergraduate degrees. In your opinion how are minority students better served by an undergraduate education at a HBCU?

Career and Technical Education Award:

Since African Americans are underrepresented in these careers, discuss the value your perspective career, in this discipline, will have on the African American community.

STEM Award (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Why are you STEM inspired? What type of impact will this inspiration have on the community you plan to serve?

Education Award:

The high school dropout rate for minority students is at an all time high. There is a serious need for education leaders, teachers and parents to take an active interest in the well-being of children. Discuss how your career as an educator will help improve the number of minorities graduating from high school.

General Studies Award:

Discuss the factors that influenced your decision to pursue a career in Humanities and Social Science. Describe your career goals and the impact your degree will have on your community, your state, or the world.

Delta GEMS Award:

In your opinion, what is a significant issue positive or negative that is affecting your generation? Based on your participation in the Delta Gems program how have you been empowered to address this issue? (NOTE: Only students enrolled in the Delta GEMS Program through Richland County Alumnae Chapter at Keenan High School may apply.)

(B) An **ACCEPTANCE LETTER** from an accredited College, University or Technical College.

2. Two (2) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS** to be completed and submitted by one teacher and one person in your community not affiliated with your high school.

3. The completed application MUST be **postmarked** by **March 27, 2018**. Please refer to the Scholarship Application Checklist to ensure packet is accurate and complete before mailing. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

4. Applications will be screened according to the following criteria:
 - a) Evidence of financial need
 - b) GPA, SAT/ACT
 - c) Recommendations
 - d) Curricular and extra-curricular activities

5. Scholarship recipients must be present at the Sorority's May Week Program on May 3, 2018 at 6pm to receive official Certificate of Award. Scholarship recipients must also be present at the Columbia National Pan-Hellenic Council Scholarship Program. All awards will be dispersed to the Technical School; College or University the recipient will attend.

6. Send completed application with attachments to:

**Richland County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 777
Columbia, South Carolina 29202**



***RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA
SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.***

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address (print clearly): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: F ___ M ___ Race: _____

Name and address of school currently attending: _____

Name of School Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

College/University in which applicant plans to enroll: _____

Acceptance Date: _____ Intended Major: _____

Scholarship applying for: _____

(Please select only one)

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Please indicate parent's yearly income before taxes (your personal income if supporting self and living away from family)

Mother's Income: \$ _____ Self: \$ _____

Father's Income: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Benefits:

Public Assistance: \$ _____ Social Security: \$ _____

Veterans: \$ _____

List name(s) and age(s) of all dependent children in your family:

Name:

Age:

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____

Please give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the two persons completing the letter of recommendation forms. **Family members should not serve as either of your references.**

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

I hereby declare that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Letter of Recommendation (Teacher's Form)

Applicant's Name: _____

How well do you know the applicant? (Please check one)

- Very well (More than one year)
 Fairly well (More than one semester)
 Not very well (Less than one semester)

Please evaluate the applicant using the statements provided below. Please check the statements, which best describe the applicant in relation to students, academics and extra-curriculum activities. Please check only one response for each statement.

	Not Observed	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Makes friends easily.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows interest & concerns for the welfare of others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Influences other students to work together.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively orally.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively in written work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets an example of good conduct for other students.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exerts maximum effort, showing a strong desire to achieve.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows self-control & performs well, even under pressure.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adjusts to demanding schedule of activities without neglect to school work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seeks academic challenge beyond that required by normal course work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets high standards for own performance in a number of areas and activities.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts constructive criticism & makes improvements from it.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts full responsibility for personal shortcomings.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaches practical skills to others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Participates in extra curricular activities.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Serves in leadership capacity in school organizations.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is an all around good volunteer and individual.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Briefly explain why you think applicant should receive this award. _____

Teacher's

Name: _____

Email _____ Address _____
 Phone: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Letter of Recommendation (Individual in Community)

Applicant's Name: _____

How well do you know the applicant? (Please check one)

- Very well (More than one year)
 Fairly well (More than one semester)
 Not very well (Less than one semester)

Please evaluate the applicant using the statements provided below. Please check the statements, which best describe the applicant in relation to students, academics and extra-curriculum activities. Please check only one response for each statement.

	Not Observed	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Demonstrates interest in community.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows interest & concerns for the welfare of others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Influences other students to work together.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively orally.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communicates effectively in written work.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sets an example of good conduct for other students.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exerts maximum effort, showing a strong desire to achieve.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shows self-control & performs well, even under pressure.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Makes friends easily.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is a positive role model.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts constructive criticism & makes improvements from it.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accepts full responsibility for personal shortcomings.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Teaches practical skills to others.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seeks challenges beyond those normally required.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eagerly volunteers to help out.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Exhibits strong moral character.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is an all around good volunteer and individual.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Briefly explain why you think applicant should receive this award. _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

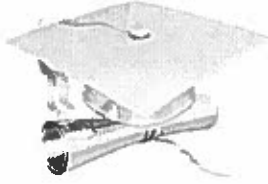
Club/Organization Form

List all school, community and church clubs, organizations and activities you have been involved in since your freshman year. **Sponsor's signature required for verification and credit.**

Club/Organization or Activity	Date Involved	Office Held	Year(s) Office Held	Sponsor's Signature (REQUIRED)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				

List all honors and awards received from school and community clubs, organizations and activities. **Sponsor's signature required for verification and credit.**

Honor or Award	Date of Honor or Award	Counselor's or Sponsor's Signature (REQUIRED)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please verify your application is accurate and complete by ensuring all information below is in your packet when mailed:

- ❑ Application signed and all information complete
- ❑ Letters of recommendations enclosed, signed, and completed by a teacher and an individual in the community
- ❑ 250-word minimum essay (typed double spaced) enclosed. Student's name should be on each page of the essay
- ❑ Acceptance letter from an accredited college, university, or technical college enclosed
- ❑ Club/Organization form completed with dates of participation and all activities signed by your school counselor or sponsor
- ❑ Official transcript enclosed including class rank, GPA, and SAT/ACT results

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