

SFVA Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 2020 Scholarship Guidelines

Who Can Apply?

- **High School seniors** who will be attending an approved accredited institution during the academic year immediately following the scholarship award (Fall 2020). Eligible institutions include four-year colleges or universities.
- Applicants must be attending high schools in the San Fernando Valley or Santa Clarita areas.
- Applicants must be young ladies of African Heritage.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above.

When & How Are Scholarships Awarded?

Scholarships are awarded on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the Our Promise Luncheon. All scholarship monies are paid directly to the recipient upon proof of enrollment, unless otherwise specified. The number of scholarships and their amounts are determined by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$1500 this year.

Scholarship awards will be distributed according to the following criteria:

- **Students who have demonstrated the following qualities through their application, essay, and recommendations:**
 - Good character and potential
 - Outstanding leadership abilities
 - Academic performance
- **Timely submission of completed application packet.**
- **Submission of an official sealed transcript.**

How Do I Apply?

Qualified students must complete a SFVA DST Scholarship Application and return it with the necessary supporting documents to the Scholarship Committee on or before the deadline listed on the application. Application materials may also be downloaded at www.sfvadeltas.org.

Please mail all application materials to:

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter
Scholarship Committee
c/o Mona D. Thomas
P.O. Box 3731
Granada Hills, California 91394**

Who Are We?

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization founded at Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1913 by a group of college women committed to serious endeavors and community service. Today, the organization is a public service sorority emphasizing scholarship, character, and community, national and international service. This scholarship is offered to provide some financial assistance and motivation to students as they pursue a higher education.

Who Evaluates the Scholarship Application?

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications ***postmarked*** on or before the **April 21, 2020** deadline, and award the number and amount of scholarships agreed upon by the Scholarship committee.

All applications and related material become the property of SFVA Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Applications and information about applicants will be held in strict confidence by the Scholarship Committee.

The decision of SFVA DST Sorority, Inc. regarding scholarship awards is **final** and is not subject to appeal.

SFVA Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Scholarship Application Checklist

The following documents must be **mailed** (no facsimile or email transmissions) to the Scholarship Committee, and must be postmarked by **April 21, 2020**:

1. **Completed and signed** SFVA Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. **Scholarship Application**.
2. A **typed essay** of one to two pages (double-spaced) adhering to the essay requirements on page 3 of the application packet.
3. **Two original signed letters of recommendation** from teachers, colleagues, or community leaders. These persons must have knowledge of your character, abilities, community service, leadership skills, achievements, or school or church related activities.
4. Most recent official school **transcript, including cumulative GPA** (sealed envelope).
5. A recent photograph of yourself.

Essay Requirements

An essay of one to two typewritten, double spaced pages are required to complete your application. Be sure to include the topic you choose in the title of your essay. Please address one of the following topics in your essay:

- ❖ As a young African American woman, what does Delta Sigma Theta's sisterhood, scholarship and service mean to you? How have these principles impacted or influenced you?
- ❖ Explain how an African American woman public figure, past or present, influences your life.
- ❖ What do you see is the most pressing issue facing African Americans today and how will you use your education to address it? Give specific examples.

NOTE: Each student is responsible for ensuring that a complete application packet is received by the SFVA DST Scholarship Committee by the deadline.

Scholarship Application

Personal Data

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Graduation Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Contact Phone _____

Names & telephone numbers of those submitting letters of recommendation, indicate their relation to you:

Name _____ Tel. # _____ Relation _____

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Community Service/Extracurricular Activities (You may add additional pages if necessary)

Service/Organization/Activity	Office(s) Held/Comments	Length of service

Educational Data

Current School _____

Location _____

Cumulative GPA _____

College/University You Will Attend _____

Location _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Daytime Telephone # _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SINGLE PACKET & POSTMARKED BY:

April 21, 2020