

Tempe Alumnae Chapter ▲ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
**2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**



The Tempe Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Program was established to acknowledge and honor individuals who have demonstrated academic excellence, participated in community service and are pursuing a college education. Each year the chapter awards several scholarships to deserving high school and collegiate students.

The **high school applicants** that exemplify *exceptional* commitment to education, community service and personal character will receive the **Sandra L. Caldwell Excellence in Scholarship Awards**. Sandra L. Caldwell was the first woman, and person of color, to hold an administrative position in a high school within Mesa Public Schools. She was a charter member and past president of the Tempe Alumnae Chapter and was one of two Deltas instrumental in starting the Iota Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at Arizona State University.

The **collegiate applicants** that exemplify *exceptional* commitment to education, community service and personal character will receive the **Arnette Scott Ward Excellence in Scholarship Awards**. Dr. Arnette Scott Ward was an accomplished singer and educator who became the founding Provost and President of Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Due to her instrumental contributions in the college obtaining its' accreditation, the Chandler-Gilbert Community College's Performing Arts Center is named in Dr. Ward's honor. She was also a charter member and past president of Tempe Alumnae Chapter.

### Scholarship Award Information

Four scholarships will be awarded for the 2020-2021 sorority program year:

- △ **Sandra L. Caldwell Excellence in Scholarship Award** (high school applicants)  
First Place: \$3000      Second Place: \$1500
- △ **Arnette Scott Ward Excellence in Scholarship Award** (collegiate applicants)  
First Place: \$3000      Second Place: \$1500

### Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- △ Applicants must be a current Arizona resident.
- △ Applicants must be of African descent and/or African-American/Black Heritage.
- △ Applicants must possess a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (unweighted) on a 4.0 standard scale.
- △ **Sandra L. Caldwell Excellence in Scholarship Award** applicants must be a graduating high school senior entering a 2-year or 4-year college or a university in the fall of 2021 (no gap year).



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- △ **Arnette Scott Ward Excellence in Scholarship Award** applicants must be a current full-time student attending a 2-year or 4-year college or university (undergraduate graduating seniors are ineligible).
- △ Applicants must submit all the application materials for Phase One of the application process **no later than February 28, 2021.**

## Scholarship Application Process

### PHASE ONE

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#### STEP 1: Resume and Personal Presentation

(You will need Microsoft Word and PowerPoint to complete this step.)

- a. Download the resume and presentation templates.
- b. Complete each template with your personal information.
- c. Email the completed documents to [scholarship@dsttempe.com](mailto:scholarship@dsttempe.com) by **February 28, 2021.**

#### STEP 2: Official Transcript

- a. A sealed official transcript from your current educational institution must be postmarked by **February 28, 2021.**
- b. If your institution only issues transcripts electronically, we must receive the transcript at [scholarship@dsttempe.com](mailto:scholarship@dsttempe.com) from your high school or university by **February 28, 2021.**

#### STEP 3: Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

(You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to complete this step.)

- a. Download and print the Academic Letter of Recommendation cover sheet and the Community Service Letter of Recommendation cover sheet.
- b. The applicant must complete and sign the top portion of each cover sheet.
- c. The recommenders must complete and sign the bottom portion of the cover sheet.
- d. The recommenders must follow the instructions on the cover sheets for submission.
- e. All signed letters with cover sheet must be postmarked by **February 28, 2021.**

### PHASE TWO

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#### STEP 4: Interview

Applicants that have completed **PHASE ONE** of the application will be contacted to schedule an interview via Zoom.

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**Application Checklist and Deadlines**

All the materials in **PHASE ONE** are due on **February 28, 2021**.

- Resume
- Personal Presentation
- Academic Letter of Recommendation with Cover Sheet
- Community Service Letter of Recommendation with Cover Sheet
- Official Transcript

**PHASE TWO** will be scheduled for a **Saturday in March 2021**.

- Scheduled and confirmed Zoom interview

**Miscellaneous Information**

- △ Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.
  - △ Applications missing any items in **PHASE ONE** will not move to **PHASE TWO**.
  - △ Applications missing **PHASE TWO** will be considered incomplete.
  
- △ Email and postal mail are the only acceptable means to submit information. We will not accept materials via fax or cloud/web based file storage. Applicants experiencing issues submitting documents via email should contact us at [scholarship@dsttempe.com](mailto:scholarship@dsttempe.com) immediately.
  
- △ All application materials are the property of the Tempe Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and will not be returned.
  
- △ All questions should be directed to our Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@dsttempe.com](mailto:scholarship@dsttempe.com).

*Thank you for your interest in the Tempe Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Program.*