



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter
A Public Service Sorority Founded in 1913

Scholarship Application 2023-2024

February 15, 2024

ATTENTION: Guidance Counselors and College Career Advisors

On behalf of the Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., I am pleased to invite your graduating African American Seniors, the opportunity to apply for one of the three scholarships offered by our chapter. Eligible, graduating seniors at your school, are encouraged to apply.

The completed application packet must be submitted no later than **March 31, 2024**. Award recipients will be notified by the Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter via USPS mail by **April 30, 2024**.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The Murrieta Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter (MTAAC), chartered on May 17, 2020, is one of over 1,025 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, the Republic of Korea and Africa. The Sorority, founded 111 years ago at Howard University, fosters a number of major initiatives that are based upon the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Thank you in advance for informing and encouraging eligible graduating seniors at your high school about the MTAAC Scholarship opportunity. Meanwhile, if you have questions or require additional information concerning this correspondence and the attached application, please feel free to send an email to Mrs. Marcia Varner and Ms. Kymberly Taylor, MTAAC Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs at mtaacscholars@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Sheri K. Parker,

Sheri Kim Parker, DSW, LCSW
Murrieta-Temecula Alumnae Chapter
President



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Dear Applicant:

The Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is committed to helping young people succeed academically. This includes ensuring that students have access to the financial resources they need to obtain a college education. The chapter offers three (3) scholarship awards for which African American students can apply through the Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter's Scholarship Program.

The scholarships are available to African American students attending a public, private, or parochial high school **within the service areas of: Murrieta, Temecula, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Lake Mathews, Menifee, Perris, San Jacinto, Sun City, Wildomar, and Winchester.** To be eligible to apply for an award, recipients must meet the minimum grade point average associated with the scholarship for which they are applying (based on a 4.0 scale) and have been accepted to, or enrolled in a full-time program at an accredited college, university, or an institution of equivalent accreditation during the 2023-2024 academic year. Verification of enrollment must be provided prior to distribution of scholarship funds.

***Children of Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter members are ineligible for an award. *Applications must be emailed by March 31, 2024.**

You may submit interest in one of the following scholarship categories.

	Scholarship Name	Type	GPA	Requirements
1	Dr. Laverne Davis Merit Based	Academic (\$1,000)	3.5 and up	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2–9 * <u>Additional Original Essay required for Merit Award on page 9</u>
2	Dr. Sheri Parker Merit Based	Academic (\$500)	2.5 to 3.49	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2– 9 *<u>Additional Original Essay required for Merit Award on page 9.</u>
3	Financial Fortitude	Academic (\$250)	2.0 and up	Scholarship Eligibility Requirements pages 2 – 8

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APPLICANT COVER SHEET

*** Attach this form to the front of your completed scholarship application. ***

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: CA Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

High School/College: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To meet the guidelines to receive this scholarship, you **must (*additional requirements on page 3)**:

Currently be a senior attending a **public, private, or parochial high school in the service areas of:** Murrieta, Temecula, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Lake Mathews, Menifee, Perris, San Jacinto, Sun City, Wildomar, and Winchester. Have the minimum grade point average for the scholarship for which you are applying (**based on a 4.0 scale**).

Indicate the scholarship for which you are applying:

Dr. LaVerne Davis Merit-Based

Dr. Sheri Parker Merit-Based

Financial Fortitude

Submit Completed Application To:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee
Submit to mtaacscholars@gmail.com

Access the official application online at www.mtaacdst.org

Questions email: mtaacscholars@gmail.com

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Scholarship Application Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure that you have submitted all the required materials to receive consideration for the scholarship. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Your application **must** include the following documents:

- A completed and signed application form
- A parent/guardian's signature
- Complete an in person interview on **April 14, 2024** (Interviews will be assigned between 9am-1pm)
- Finalist must be in attendance at the annual Awards Scholarship Ceremony (**May 11, 2024 @ 10am**)
- Media Release and Photography Form (page 8) signed by your parent/guardian.
- An original 350-500 word essay highlighting your community service, leadership activities, and college and career goals. (computer generated, font size 12 New Time Roman font, double-spaced, one-inch margins).
- **All Merit Based Applicants must submit the additional essay from page 9.**
- An **official, signed** high school transcript (sent directly from your school representative to committee)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from any of the following persons (no more than one per category):
 - High School Teacher/ College Professor
 - High School Counselor
 - Organization Sponsor
 - High School Principal
 - Community Leader
 - Minister
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Employer

Recommendations from family members in the categories above will not be accepted. It is suggested that you ask the people who are writing your recommendations to comment upon (1) the length of time they have known you; (2) your personal qualities, character, leadership abilities, and/or any special attributes; and (3) why they believe you have the perseverance to succeed at the college/university level. All letters must be on letterhead to be accepted.

*** All Applications must be uploaded by March 31, 2024.**

Applications received after March 31, 2024 will not be accepted

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Directions: Provide all information requested below.

I. Applicant Information

First Name Middle Name Last Name			Gender	
Street Address				
City		State	Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail Address		
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)		Place of Birth (City and State)		
High School				
High School Attending		Grade	Overall GPA	
Address	City		State	Zip
Intended College/University and Major				
Intended College/University		Location (City and State)		
Intended Major/Field of Study		Intended Minor/Field of Study		

II. Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Parent/Guardian			
Parent/Guardian's Address (if different from applicant's)	City	State	Zip
Parent Contact Phone	Parents Contact Email		

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IV. Honors and Awards (e.g., academic, athletic, community, and/or school awards)

AWARD (s)	Source of Award	Reason(s) for Award
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

V. Extra-Curricular/Community Service Activities

Name of Group/Activity	Grade (Check boxes that apply.)				Leadership Position(s) Held
	9	10	11	12	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					

VI. Colleges and Universities

Name of School to Which You Applied	City/State	Status of Application
1.		
2.		
3.		

4.		
5.		

VII. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarships

Name of Chapter	Scholarship, Grant, or Award for Which You Applied
1.	
2.	
3.	

VIII. Financial Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship, Loan, Grant, or Award Applied For	Source	Amount Awarded vs. Expected
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
Total Amount Awarded (Received)		
Total Amount Expected (Not Received)		

IX. Work/Volunteer Experience

Employer/Organization	Dates of Employment/Service	Position Held
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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X. General Essay for all applicants - * Use a separate sheet.

Use a separate sheet of paper please write an original essay highlighting your community service, leadership activities, college and career goals and your plans to achieve them. (computer generated, font size 12 Times New Roman, double-spaced, one-inch margins). Remember to add your name!

*****All applicants must complete.***

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I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and current. I understand this application packet will be kept confidential, and all materials submitted become the final property of the Murrieta-Temecula Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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

Media Release and Photography Form

I understand that in order to apply for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. scholarships that I may be photographed and therefore, a release must be completed in order to complete this application.

Additionally, if samples of my work are provided such as wall art, photography, video, class assignment, broadcast script or school newspapers, they will be returned at my request. I will be required to make arrangements for the return of all work samples.

Signature of Parent /Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

NOTE: *All scholarship winners will be notified on or before **April 30,2024.**

*All scholarship winners should be prepared to attend MTAAC's Scholarship Award Ceremony, on **May 11 2024 @ 10am**

*All scholarship winners will be presented with a Certificate of Award at the Scholarship Award Ceremony.

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Use a separate sheet and indicate your name and essay question choice on your submission.

****Essay must be an original 500 word, computer generated, size 12 Times Roman font, double-spaced, one inch margins.**

Essay Topics (Choose one):

- 1) Discuss an accomplishment or event (formal or informal) that marked your transition from childhood on the path to adulthood within your culture, community, or family. How did it change you?**

- 2) What do you consider to be the single most important problem in society today? Why? How should it be solved or addressed?**

- 3) How will you make a positive impact in the world? Describe what your legacy will be and how you will “pay it forward” when you get your degree.**