

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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A Service Sorority Founded in 1913

Dear Student,

The women of the Northwest Arkansas Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. would like to extend to you an opportunity to apply for the **Bethany D. McClendon Scholarship** in the amount of one time award of \$1,500. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- (1) Be an African-American female.
- (2) Plan to attend graduate or law School at the University of Arkansas in the Fall of 2021 and include proof of acceptance.
- (3) Submit an application and essay to the scholarship committee.
- (4) Submit an official college transcript with the application.
- (5) Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- (6) Submit 2 letters of recommendation reflecting some form of community service:
 - a. a faculty or staff member, and
 - b. a church member, minister, or community person.
- (7) Applicant must submit an essay with a minimum of 1000 words on the topic below. The essay must be typed and double-spaced with 12 point font and 1 inch margins.

Essay Topic:

Bethany D. McClendon was a faith-driven, dedicated, young woman with a zeal for life and a passion for justice. She had a deep concern for her community and touched the lives of many. Ms. McClendon used her law degree as a mechanism to serve the community. Therefore, we honor her legacy through this community service scholarship.

Explain how obtaining your graduate degree will help you leave a legacy in the African-American community.

Applications and supporting materials may be submitted via US postal mail. They must be postmarked by Monday, April 26, 2021 to the following address:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Northwest Arkansas Area Alumnae Chapter
Attn: Scholarship and Awards Committee
P.O. Box 1087 Fayetteville, AR 72702

Applications may also be emailed to scholarship@nwadst.org. If you choose to email the application, **it must be received by 11:59pm on April 26, 2021**, and you must still mail in your official transcript to the address listed above with a postmarked date of April 26, 2021. Emailed applications **MUST** contain the subject line “**2021 Scholarship Application.**”

The final selection of scholarship recipients will be based upon cumulative grade point average, school/community involvement, recommendations, and essay. All recipients of this award will be notified by Friday, **May 21, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Boyles at p.deon22@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation.

Incomplete applications or submissions after the deadline will not be considered.

Best regards,

Peggy Boyles
Chair, Scholarship and Awards Committee
Northwest Arkansas Area Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Tanya Cook
President
Northwest Arkansas Area Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Bethany D. McClendon Scholarship Application

Northwest Arkansas Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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(Please Type or Print)

I. Personal information:

Name: _____ SS#: _____

Current Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Citizenship Status: _____ U.S. Citizen _____ Permanent Resident _____ Other

Sex: _____ Female

Race: _____ African-American _____ Other (Please specify) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: (____) _____

Secondary Contact Person:

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address : _____

II. Educational Background:

Undergraduate/Graduate/Law School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

School Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Cumulative High School GPA: _____

III. Anticipated College or University:

Institution: _____ City _____ State: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

IV. School and Community Involvement

Activity #1 _____ Length of Involvement _____

Activity #2 _____ Length of Involvement _____

Activity #3 _____ Length of Involvement _____

V. References for Letters of Recommendation (First Name, Last Name, and Phone Number):

1. _____

2. _____

Application Check List

- 1) Application with signature (**Incomplete applications or submissions will not be considered**)
- 2) Official Transcript enclosed and the cumulative GPA requirements has been met
- 3) Proof of acceptance to/proof of enrollment in Graduate School or Law School (i.e. acceptance letter or enrollment verification form)
- 4) Essay is attached
- 5) Letters of Recommendation (2)
- 6) The application and supporting material are postmarked by **Monday, April 26, 2021** or emailed and **received** by **11:59pm on Monday, April 26, 2021**.