



CALLING ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR  
FEMALES STUDENTS  
GRADUATING SPRING 2026

### ELIGIBILITY:

- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Residents with an address in our service area, Texas address (50 Mile radius of Tyler)
- Planning to enroll in an accredited college or university or vocational/community college as full-time student
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (as calculated on a 4.0 scale)

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed Application
- Letter of Acceptance to an Accredited College/University
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcript, must include GPA and Rank
- Personal Essay
- Professional Headshot or Graduation Picture, no AI Enhanced Picture

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## Tyler Alumnae Chapter

DELTA SIGMA THETA  
SORORITY, INC.

# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCAN THE QR CODE  
FOR APPLICATION



HOW TO APPLY: [HTTPS://TYLERALUMNAEDST.ORG](https://TYLERALUMNAEDST.ORG)  
FOR QUESTIONS: [DST.TAC.SCHOLARSHIPS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DST.TAC.SCHOLARSHIPS@GMAIL.COM)



# Tyler Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

January 2, 2026

## High School Scholarship Application Instructions

Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Standing is a sisterhood of over 200,000 predominantly Black, college-educated women and currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, and Canada. The organization is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide support through established programs in local communities throughout the world.

The Tyler Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to high school seniors throughout the East Texas area. We are dedicated to the continued support and development of the youth in our community and will offer scholarship award opportunities again this year, to deserving high school young women who are committed to furthering their education.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application can be accessed on our chapter's website <https://tyleralumnaedst.org/> or using the following link: [TAC 2026 Scholarship Application](#)

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### ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed Application
- Three letters of Recommendation:
  - Two from a schoolteacher/official (Guidance Counselor, Administrator and one from a community leader not affiliated with your school (Pastor, Volunteer Organization, Girl Scout leader, Employer/Supervisor, etc.).
  - Letters of Recommendation must be signed and include the recommender's title (original signature and dated – pen and ink. Electronic signatures will not be accepted. Recommendations should be from persons who attest to your character, interpersonal relationships, personal attributes, and academic achievements.
  - They should not be written by family members.

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- Wallet-size photo (appropriate for business use)
- Letter of Acceptance from college/university
- Prompt Response (essay)
- Official Transcript (must include GPA and Rank).

Please assist us by sharing this information with interested young ladies. Completed applications with the required documents must be received by **03/05/2026**.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach out via email [dst.tac.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:dst.tac.scholarships@gmail.com). Thank you for your assistance.

Warm regards,

*Tonia Bickham*

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## Tyler Alumnae Chapter 2026 Scholarship Rubric

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**200 points (Total Possible Points Earned)**

This rubric supports the Tyler Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in identifying scholarship recipients whose academic performance, leadership experiences, and service contributions align with the organization's mission and values.

Scores reflect the applicant's demonstrated evidence within each criterion and are intended to promote equity and consistency throughout the review process.

Criteria	4 (Exemplary)	3 (Proficient)	2 (Acceptable)	1 (Emerging)	0 (Minimal)	Points Awarded
<b>Academic Achievement</b>	GPA 3.8–4.0 or honors/AP coursework; demonstrates academic rigor and excellence.	GPA 3.3–3.7; strong record with evidence of challenge.	GPA 2.8–3.2; adequate performance.	GPA 2.3–2.7; minimal rigor or limited effort.	GPA below 2.3 or poor record.	/25
<b>Essay Prompt Response</b>	Selected essay prompt is clearly identified and fully addressed; response includes specific examples related to academics, service, leadership, or personal growth; content is well organized. At least 500 words.	Selected essay prompt is addressed with general explanation and some examples; organization is mostly clear but may lack a strong conclusion or transitions. At least 500 words.	Essay prompt is addressed at a surface level with limited examples; organization is inconsistent or unclear in one or more sections. At least 500 words.	Essay response only partially addresses the prompt; limited or no supporting examples provided; organization is unclear. Less than 500 words.	Essay is incomplete; prompt is not addressed. Less than 500 words.	/25
<b>Community Service &amp; Leadership</b>	Extensive, sustained service (100+ hrs); strong leadership and community impact evident.	Consistent service (50–99 hrs); some leadership involvement.	Occasional service (25–49 hrs); limited leadership.	Minimal participation (<25 hrs).	No evidence of service or leadership.	/25
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	Highly detailed; provides strong examples of leadership, integrity, and excellence.	Strong support; specific details showing academic or personal strengths.	General letters with limited depth or examples.	Weak or non-specific support.	Missing or inappropriate letters.	/25
<b>Delta Sigma Theta Program Involvement</b>	Active in GEMS, Academy, or Debutante with leadership or long-term commitment.	Participated consistently in at least one program.	Limited or one-time participation.	Mentioned awareness, no engagement.	No Delta-related involvement.	/25
<b>Overall Professionalism &amp; Presentation</b>	All materials complete, organized, professional, and error-free.	Complete with minor errors.	Mostly complete with some issues.	Several missing items or formatting errors.	Incomplete or unprofessional.	/25
<b>Financial Need</b>	High demonstrated need	Moderate need	Average need	Minimal need	No data provided.	/25
<b>Character &amp; Integrity</b>	Clear evidence of integrity, leadership, and service; strong moral foundation.	Positive character traits consistently evident.	General reference to integrity or behavior.	Weak mention or inconsistent evidence.	No reference to character.	/25