



**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter**

**Scholarship Application**

**(Graduating High School Seniors Only)**



**Application materials must be postmarked by: March 9, 2012**

**Mail completed application to:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter  
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**Attention:** Education and Scholarship Committee

**Dear Applicant:**

The San Francisco-Peninsula Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is committed to improving the quality of education for youth living in our San Francisco-Peninsula communities. One of the key components of our educational development program is that of providing monetary scholarships for students that would permit them to acquire a bachelor degree. The annual scholarship supports two full semesters or three quarters of academic work and is renewable up to a total of four years. Funds are awarded annually after the applicant submits proof of completion of two semesters or three quarters with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above for each term, along with proof of enrollment for the following term. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually.

In addition to monetary support, the chapter is committed to assisting the scholarship recipient through the process of matriculation and degree achievement by providing mentoring, leadership development and personal encouragement for the recipient as they face the many challenges that college life may present. It is the expectation of the chapter that all scholarship recipients will maintain periodic contact with the chapter and notify us regarding noteworthy academic and personal accomplishments, along with academic and personal obstacles that the recipient may confront. In response, the chapter will strive to provide assistance and support to the scholarship recipient as needed.

The requirements for initial and continuing eligibility for a Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship are provided below. Compliance with the guidelines will ensure that applicants will receive the chapter's continued financial and emotional support.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**Initial Eligibility**

1. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior from a school located in San Francisco or on the San Francisco-Peninsula.
2. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater.

3. Applicants must be involved in community service.
4. Applicants must be involved in school activities that advocate for peers/youth.
5. Applicants must have demonstrated financial need.
6. Applicants must enroll in a four-year university.
7. **Applicants must complete an application form and submit accompanying documents that include a one page autobiographical statement, a one page essay answering the question posed, two letters of reference, an official high school transcript, a copy of college acceptance letter when available, and a photograph.**
8. Applicants must participate in a personal interview with the Education/Scholarship Committee.

### **Continuing Eligibility**

1. Applicants are required to carry a full-load as defined by their four-year institution. If for some reason an applicant is unable to be enrolled full-time, they must notify the Education/Scholarship Chair immediately to explain the nature of the circumstances. If it is deemed appropriate, an exemption will be issued so as not to put the scholarship in jeopardy.
2. Applicants must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average each semester/quarter, which will be verified by submission of an official grade report or transcript to the Education/Scholarship Chair.
  - a. A cumulative grade point average below 2.5 in any given semester/quarter will result in the chapter re-evaluating the eligibility for the scholarship. The chapter wants all applicants to be successful and will make every effort to alleviate whatever issues prevent an applicant from maintaining the required grade point average.
  - b. Applicants must not have more than one incomplete if the cumulative grade point average falls below 2.5 in a given semester/quarter.
  - c. The scholarship may be terminated if the cumulative grade point average falls below 2.5 in two consecutive terms. Applicants may reapply at a later time when the eligibility requirements are met.
3. Applicants must submit proof of enrollment each semester/quarter to the Education/Scholarship Chair.
4. Applicants who withdraw from a term after a scholarship check has been issued must notify the Chair of the Education/Scholarship Committee immediately. It is the hope of the chapter that the amount dispersed for that year is returned to the chapter within 60 days of withdrawal.

5. Applicants are expected to maintain periodic contact through letters or phone calls to keep the chapter apprised of their accomplishments and challenges.