



SOUTHERN NEVADA ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

April 3, 2025

Dear Graduating Senior:

Southern Nevada Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. takes great pride in offering annual scholarships to high school seniors attending school in Clark County and pursuing higher education. Our scholarships are not limited to a specific field of study or career objective, and thus, may be used to pursue any academic discipline. Our mission is to accelerate the progress of adolescents into mainstream America by opening doors to a wide spectrum of professions, while instilling a strong dedication to public service.

We are currently seeking high school seniors, who intend to enter a two-year or 4-year college or university in the fall of 2025. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, demonstrate proof of participation in community service/ volunteer activities, and may have work experience. All who meet these eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply.

Delta Sigma Theta is committed to the constructive development of its members, sisterhood, scholarship, public service, and social action. Over the years, a wide range of programs addressing education, economic development, health, international development, strengthening African American families and uplifting the underserved have evolved. Since its founding in 1913, Delta has become one of the preeminent service-based sororities, with more than 350,000 initiated members and over 1,050 chartered chapters worldwide.

We look forward to supporting you in your academic endeavors.

Sincerely,

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**SOUTHERN NEVADA ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Thank you for including Southern Nevada Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in your academic journey by applying to our scholarship program. We greatly appreciate the time, energy, and resources you are putting into your academic career as you embark on this next stage of your educational journey. Please see the details below for consideration.

Application Packets must be received by Wednesday, May 7, 2025

ELIGIBILITY:

- Residing and graduating high school senior in Clark County
- Plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete, sign/type, and date application
- Submit two letters of recommendations. (See further details below.)
- Official sealed transcript showing completion of at least seven semesters of high school work
- Two-page essay (double-spaced with one-inch margins, 12-point font) describing academic aspirations
- Finalists may be required to participate in an interview prior to the awards luncheon
- Awardees are expected to attend the June 18, 2025 Scholarship Awards Luncheon where students will be recognized for their achievements. Details will be provided later to successful applicants.

Letters of Recommendation Requirements

Student applicants are required to submit letters of recommendation from a community service organization (church, civic, or community group) **and** an academic official (teacher, counselor, principal) (one letter from each category).

It is suggested that you provide the guidelines below to the individuals who will be writing your recommendations.

NOTE:

1. Applicants cannot be related to a member of the Southern Nevada Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
2. Letters of recommendation must be written by individuals who are not related to the applicant. A relative is defined as a person connected to another by birth, marriage, or adoption.
3. One letter of recommendation cannot fulfill two requirements, [e.g., Community Service (church, civic, or community group) and Academic Official (teacher, counselor, principal)].
4. Only original signed (pen and ink) letters of recommendation and/or verification will be accepted. A scanned, electronic, and special font signature on any letter of recommendation and/or verification is unacceptable. Letters must be on the organization's official letterhead.



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5. Only one letter from each category listed below will be rated as part of the applicant's packet. If more than one letter is received in a category, the first randomly selected letter in that category will be rated.

LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION AND /OR CHURCH/CIVIC ORGANIZATION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Length of time applicant has been involved with the organization;
- Explanation of the applicant's involvement with the organization;
- List current and past roles and/or responsibilities the applicant has with the organization;
- Applicants demonstrated leadership ability/skills.
- Letter must be on official letterhead, and include the writer's contact information, in addition to being signed and dated by the writer.

LETTER FROM AN ACADEMIC OFFICIAL SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Describe the capacity in which they know the applicant;
- Describe personal characteristics and leadership skills/abilities the applicant possesses;
- List any extracurricular activities of the applicant;
- Letter must be on official letterhead, and include the writer's contact information, in addition to being signed and dated by the writer

STUDENT ESSAY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Information about yourself and why you should be awarded a scholarship, including:

- Educational goals and how you plan to achieve these goals;
- Professional goals and the plans to achieve;
- Financial need for the scholarship;
- Essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point font, signed and dated by the student;
- Non-AI generated.