



**2023-2024**  
**Scholarship Application**  
**Queens Alumnae Chapter**  
**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**All completed applications and required documents must be  
postmarked and returned via mail or email to:**

Attn: Scholarship Committee Chair  
Queens Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
P.O. Box 340132  
Rochdale Village Station  
Jamaica, NY 11434-0132  
Email: [scholarship@dstquac.org](mailto:scholarship@dstquac.org)

No Later Than  
**Saturday, July 1, 2023**

For additional information, please contact:  
[scholarship@dstquac.org](mailto:scholarship@dstquac.org)  
(347) 433-6143

# **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to those in need. In March of 1913, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. performed their first public act. They participated in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C.

## **QUEENS ALUMNAE CHAPTER**

The Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered in Queens, New York on June 4, 1951. The present chapter name is its third. The original name was Delta Theta Sigma and was changed to Long Island Alumnae before its current name Queens Alumnae. Ethel Cuff Black, a founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., was one of the charter members of the chapter and she remained active until her retirement. Some of the programs and services that the chapter sponsors in the Queens community include:

- △ Scholarship Awards
- △ Teen Lift Annual Tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)
- △ Social Action Program Initiatives
- △ Project Cherish - Restoration of the house of African-American inventor Lewis H. Latimer
- △ Adoption of the New Horizon School for students with special needs in Accra, Ghana
- △ The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy (Girls 11-14)
- △ Delta GEMS: Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully (Girls 14-18)
- △ EMBODI: Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence
- △ Economic Development
- △ International Awareness and Involvement
- △ Health Task Force

The charge of the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. continues to be that of offering programs and services for the betterment of mankind.

To learn more, please visit [www.dstquac.org](http://www.dstquac.org).

## QUEENS ALUMNAE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- △ Candidate must be a high school graduate that has received acceptance as a matriculated full-time freshman entering an accredited four-year college or university, or a student who is currently enrolled and matriculated as a full-time student in a four-year accredited college or university for the 2023-2024 academic year.
  
- △ Candidate must be of African-American, Caribbean-American, or African descent.
  
- △ Candidate must maintain a permanent residence in the borough of Queens but may attend school elsewhere.
  
- △ Candidate must have demonstrated academic achievement with a high school minimum cumulative average of **78(C)** or a college minimum G.P.A. of **2.5** on a 4.0 scale.
  
- △ Candidate must complete an in-person interview with the Scholarship Committee.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Children of members of the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are not eligible to receive scholarship awards from the Queens Alumnae Chapter.

## **Additional Scholarships**

There are two additional scholarships that will be awarded for the 2023-2024 academic year. If you are interested in applying to any or all of these scholarships, please note you must meet both the Queens Alumnae Chapter scholarship criteria and the criteria for the additional scholarship(s) you would like to be considered for as indicated by your selection below:

### **□ Ethel Cuff Black Scholarship**

A long-time resident of St. Albans, New York, Ethel Cuff Black was born in Wilmington, Delaware. Hailing from a long line of great leaders, Ethel's father was a banker in an African American owned business and her maternal grandfather was a Civil War veteran. During her formative years, Ethel lived in Bordentown, New Jersey and attended the Industrial School for Colored Youth where she graduated with the highest-grade point average at that time. Ethel went on to attend the prestigious Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she served as chairwoman of the collegiate chapter of the YWCA and was one of the twenty-two courageous women that founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She would later help to Charter the Queens Alumnae Chapter on June 4, 1951.

Upon graduating from Howard University, Ethel began her teaching career in Kentucky and Oklahoma City. In 1922, Ethel returned to Washington, D.C. and worked for the U.S. Census Bureau. While there, she received the call to serve on the faculty of Delaware State College. Upon moving to New York, Ethel became the first African American teacher in Rochester. She concluded her long and inspiring teaching career as a teacher with the New York City school system, a position she held until she retired.

Throughout her life, Ethel remained extremely active in community and civic affairs until her passing on September 17, 1977.

**Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:**

- △ The candidate must be Female.
- △ Interested in pursuing a career as an Educator.

### **□ Emalena Jones Davis North Scholarship**

Emalena Jones Davis North was a Charter member of the Queens Alumnae Chapter. For over 60 years, she was a member of Corona Congregational Church where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday school, and Church Historian.

In addition to her membership with the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she was an active member in many organizations and took on numerous leadership roles. She was a graduate mother and past president of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Queens Chapter; a member of the Corona-East Elmhurst NAACP; former member of the North Shore Chapter of the National Association of Business and Professional Women; Past President of The Moles Social Club; AARP Past President; and a member of the Sag Harbor Hills Improvement Association. Her extensive community involvement resulted in numerous civic awards.

**Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:**

- △ Interested in pursuing a career in the Education field.
- △ Demonstrate leadership and community service.

# Application Required Documents Checklist

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Scholarship Committee WILL accept both duly signed and digital signatures with dates on scholarship applications and all letters of recommendation. Candidates should have each recommender email their letter directly to the Scholarship Committee on their behalf.

- △ Completed and signed application
- △ Indicate scholarship selection(s)
- △ 3 Letters of Recommendation (All letters should be reflective of activities that occurred during the academic year 2022 – 2023. All letters must be signed and dated.)
  - One (1) letter providing a detailed description of candidate's community involvement on official letterhead.
  - One (1) letter from a high school/college official. The letter must describe candidate's school performance and extra-curricular activities be on official school letterhead.
  - One (1) character reference letter from someone other than a relative.

△ An **OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:**

Transcript must include the complete **SPRING 2023 TERM** and is due **Saturday, July 1, 2023.**

Official transcripts can be mailed in a sealed envelope or emailed directly to the Scholarship Committee from candidate's college/university.

**\*\*PHOTOCOPIES/FACSIMILES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\***

- △ A 200-300 word personal statement, which should include candidate's goals, accomplishments, community involvement, and reasons why they should be considered for our scholarship.
- △ Copy of FAFSA Federal Student Aid Report (SAR).
- △ Financial Aid Award Letter  
*This letter should outline details of tuition, financial aid, and awards granted.*
- △ A small professional headshot or passport size picture of yourself.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

All items listed are required and must be submitted to be considered for a scholarship award. Incomplete application packages will be deemed ineligible and removed from consideration.

# Queens Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Application

**Directions:** Please provide all information requested below.

## I. Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gender
Home Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	E-mail Address	
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)		Place of Birth (City and State)	
<b>High School (For Current High School Applicants Only)</b>			
Current High School			
High School Address			
City	State	Zip	
Grade	Overall GPA		
<b>College/University and Major (For Current College/University Applicants Only)</b>			
College/University Name			
City	State	Zip	
Major/Field of Study	Minor/Field of Study (if applicable)		

## II. Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Mother/Guardian

Mother/Guardian's Address (only if different from applicant address)

City

State

Zip

Mother/Guardian's Home Phone #

Mother/Guardian's Cell Phone #

Mother/Guardian's E-mail Address

Mother/Guardian's Occupation

Mother/Guardian's Employer

Mother/Guardian's Work Phone #

Name of Father/Guardian

Father/Guardian's Address (only if different from applicant address)

City

State

Zip

Father/Guardian's Home Phone #

Father/Guardian's Cell Phone #

Father/Guardian's E-mail Address

Father/Guardian's Occupation

Father/Guardian's Employer

Father/Guardian's Work Phone #

### III. Financial Need

Check the box below that best describes your family's combined gross income. Income should include employment, SSI, FIA, alimony, child support, disability, etc. Proof of income may be required.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$14,999      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 or more   |

Number of Dependent Children in Family

Number of Dependent Children Currently Attending a College/University

Signature of Parent/Guardian (not required if applying as an independent student)

Date

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

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

### V. Extra-Curricular/Community Service Activities (e.g., school, religious, social groups)

Name of Group/Activity	Grade (Check boxes that apply.)				Leadership Position(s) Held
	9	10	11	12	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

College Activities (if applicable)

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## VII. Colleges and Universities (For High School Applicants Only)

Name of School to Which Applied	City & State	Status of Application
1.		
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## VI. Work/Volunteer Experience

Employer/Organization	Dates of Employment/Service	Position(s) Held
1.		
2.		
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## VIII. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarships

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

## IX. Financial Awards and Scholarships

Scholarship, Loan, Grant, or Award for Which You Applied	Awarding Organization	Amount Expected (Not Received)	Amount Awarded (Received)
1.			
2.			
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8.			
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT EXPECTED (NOT RECEIVED)</b>			
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED (RECEIVED)</b>			

## X. Personal Statement

In a 200 to 300-word essay, please share why the Queens Alumnae Chapter should consider you for this scholarship(s). Please include goals, accomplishments, and community involvement.

**SELECT THE DATE WHEN YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR AN IN-PERSON INTERVIEW:**

**Please Note:** Submission of an application does not guarantee an interview and an interview does not guarantee a scholarship. Only qualified applicants will be granted an interview. All interviews will take place between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm EST.

- Saturday, August 5, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday, August 6, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and current. I understand that this application packet will be kept confidential, and all materials submitted become the final property of the Queens Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I acknowledge that all application materials are subject to verification.

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**Signature of Candidate**

**Date**