Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization’s Five Point Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Since its founding in 1913 at Howard University, Delta membership has provided an extensive array of public services through its programs. Delta members are volunteers in direct service work, catalysts for community action, recruiters of public and private agency support of important social issues, and leaders in networking with other organization and resources for securing and disseminating information.

The Hartford Alumnae Chapter (HAC) was chartered in 1947. Today HAC has an active membership of over 100 women. The community outreach programs of Delta Sigma Theta are centered around public service and for 72 years, HAC has been a driving force in the Greater Hartford community.

Each year the HAC selects one or more African-American graduating females to receive a scholarship based on the applicant's academic achievement and community involvement. In addition to receiving the initial award, scholarship recipients enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year college and who maintain a 3.0 GPA can apply for a renewal award.

To apply, please read and sign the Scholarship Applicant checklist to ensure compliance with all required data and directives for the screening process and complete the application in its entirety.

Please note: Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.

Applications must be received by February 28, 2020, to be eligible.

Additional details, rules and requirements are outlined in the attached application letter. If you have any questions please contact the Scholarship Co-Chair: Simone Powell at Scholarship@dsthartford.com.

Recipients will be notified by April 30, 2020 and the official award will be presented at our Scholarship Reception in May 2020. The scholarship recipient or family representative must be present in order to receive the scholarship award. Absence from the scholarship reception without notification will result in forfeiture of the award.

If you are selected as a finalist, please be advised that you will be required to participate in an interview. Scholarship interviews will be held March 16 – 27, 2020. More details regarding the specific date and time of the interview will be provided to the finalists. Thank you for your interest.

Please note: Business attire (suit, dress or pants/skirt and blouse) is required for the interview.

Sincerely,
Tekisha D. Everette, PhD
President, Hartford Alumnae Chapter
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Applicant must be an African-American female graduating high school senior, who has a minimum G.P.A. of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

2. Applicant must reside and attend high school in the Hartford County (excluding Bristol and Southington), Windham or Tolland Counties, or within the cities of Cromwell, East Hampton, Colchester or Lebanon, CT.

3. Submit two typed and signed letters of recommendation: 1 from an academic teacher and 1 from your high school guidance counselor, coach, or community service supervisor. Letters of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope on school or agency letterhead. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.

4. Community service activities cannot be job-related, or performed in the interest of family, self, or those for which the applicant is receiving a grade.

Examples of acceptable public service activities are:
- Feeding the homeless
- Registering voters
- Volunteering in local hospitals
- Volunteer church activities that provide services to individuals (i.e., tutoring/mentoring program, preparing/delivering meals, assisting senior citizens or the disabled)
- Volunteering with community based public service organizations

Examples of activities that will not be considered are:
- Church activities common to all churches
- Sunday school teacher, singing in the choir, usher board member
- Member of sports team
- Member of a teen group (step team, drill team or band) if there are no volunteer service activities included.)
Part I. Scholarship Applicant’s Checklist

Mark an “X” for each completed section. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

☐ Typed and signed application - application will not be reviewed if not typed & signed.

☐ Signed Scholarship Applicant's Checklist.

☐ Updated resume.

☐ Copy of official transcript, submitted in a sealed envelope.

☐ Documentation showing a GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, included on transcript.

☐ Two typed and signed letters of recommendation: 1 from an academic teacher and 1 from your high school guidance counselor, coach, or community service supervisor. Letters of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope on school or agency letterhead. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.

☐ Wallet-size or passport size color photograph (No Fashion/Glamour) - must be included with application.

☐ Mail pages 3-7 with all supporting documents to:

Hartford Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee Chairperson
P.O. Box 2163
Hartford, CT 06145-2163

Certification:
I certify that the information in this application is true, complete and accurate, and that all statements and essays are my own work. I also agree, if selected to appear in person for an interview. Should I receive a scholarship award, I hereby give permission to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Hartford Alumnae Chapter to utilize my name, photo in any publicity or marketing materials.

Student Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

(If student is currently under the age of 18)

Without signature, your application is incomplete and will not be processed.
Part II. Personal Information

First Name: ________________________  Last Name: ________________________

Street Address:____________________  City: _____________________________

State: __________________ Zip Code: __________  Cell Phone #: _________  Home Phone #: _________

Email Address (to be used for all future correspondence): ________________________ @

Date of Birth: _______ / _______ / _______

Ethnicity: Black or African-American  [ ] Yes [ ] No

Have you ever participated in a DST-Hartford Alumnae Chapter program (i.e., College Aptitude Test, Delta Academy)? If yes, list program(s) below:

Part III. Educational Data

High School Attended: ____________________________  High School Graduation Year: Select Option

Name of Guidance Counselor: ____________________________  Number of students in your graduating class

Your class rank: ____________________________  Grade Point Average: _________ (3.00 out of a 4.00 scale)

List colleges/university to which you are applying:

Expected Major: ____________________________  College Expected Graduation Year: Select Option

Career Interest: ____________________________
Part IV. Extracurricular/ Academic Achievements

Please list your participation in extracurricular activities over the past four (4) years. Pay particular attention to your leadership positions and describe the amount of time involved (i.e., length of service and number of hours over the past 4 years) with each activity.

Please list any extracurricular/athletic, community or church activity you are involved in and the length of time involved with each activity:

Activity: Length of time involved:

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Please list any leadership positions that you hold in school or in your community and/or honors received:

Leadership Position: Honors Received:

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Please list any academic honors/awards you have received within the last 4 years:

Honors/Awards Received:

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Are you currently employed □ Yes □ No  If yes, number of hours worked per week?
PART V. ESSAY
Using 12-point “Times New Roman” font with 1-inch margins in approximately 300-350 type written words, explain the following. **What do you believe is the greatest challenge facing your generation and what are some possible solutions?**
Part VI. Questions

1. How will this scholarship help you attain your educational and career goals?

2. What are your educational goals?

3. What are your professional goals?

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:
I understand that in order to be eligible to receive this award I must be a female, high school student who resides and attend high school in the Greater Hartford area. I am a graduating senior, actively attending classes during the academic year for which this scholarship is awarded. I certify that the information in this application is true, accurate and complete. I also certify that all statements and essays are of my own work. I agree that if selected, I will appear for an in-person interview. I give my permission to the Hartford Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to use information in my application for publicizing these scholarship awards. I certify that the information contained herein is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I accept this award and any information in this application is found to be misrepresented, I agree to return all monies awarded to me if so, required by the Hartford Alumnae Chapter.

__________________________________________________________  _________________________
Applicant Signature                                    Date

__________________________________________________________  _________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under the age of 18) Date