



*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Westchester Alumnae Chapter*  
*P.O. Box 268 White Plains, NY 10602*  
*dstwac.org*

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To: High School Guidance Counselors, Teachers and Community Partners

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in communities throughout the world. The sorority was founded in 1913 by twenty-two visionary women at Howard University and is a sisterhood of more than 250,000 predominately Black college educated women with over 900 chapters located worldwide. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Program Thrust of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Westchester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, was chartered on October 31, 1959, by 16 exemplary women, dedicated to carrying out the organization's Five-Point Program Thrust. Throughout its history, the chapter has provided public service by implementing programs which initiate and support social change, encourage academic excellence, promote physical and mental health, foster political and international involvement, and elevate cultural awareness in the Westchester community.

Each year, our chapter offers scholarships in recognition of our mission and heritage to deserving young women who are high school seniors seeking higher education in a four-year institution. Therefore, we hope that those high school seniors who share our goals and purpose will apply. Scholarship awards include: **Four separate top scholarships (ranging from \$2000 - \$4000); awarded over a four-year period if a "B" average is maintained; Book awards (ranging from \$500-\$1,000), several Memorial Scholarship Endowments administered through Westchester Deltas, Inc. and the Dr. Dorothy I. Height Trailblazer Award.**

In order to qualify applicants should be African American females, graduating seniors, college bound, with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 on a 5.0 scale or 83% average. Applicants must reside in Westchester County or attend a Westchester County High School, graduate by June 2012, possess good character, and obtain recommendations from their school and community supervisor. Upon receipt of a completed application, the Scholarship Committee will evaluate eligible applicants. Factors to be considered in the evaluation process include leadership, community involvement, academic achievement, and financial need. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. **All interviews will be scheduled from March 19, 2012 – March 24, 2012.**

To be considered, all application materials must be postmarked or received by **February 29, 2012 at the following address:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Westchester Alumnae Chapter  
Attention: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 268, White Plains, NY 10602

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Enclosed are several scholarship applications for your distribution; they may be copied. Additional applications can also be obtained from our website at [dstwac.org](http://dstwac.org).

Sincerely,

*Terry A. Joyner*

Co-Chair Scholarship Committee

*Sandra Dance-Weaver*

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