

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC.

**TRENTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER
TRENTON FORTITUDE CORPORATION**

**SCHOLARSHIP & BOOK AWARD
APPLICATION**

**FOR MERCER COUNTY GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS ATTENDING FOUR YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
OR MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

2021-2022



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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. The organization is a sisterhood of more than 350,000 predominantly Black, college educated women. Delta is committed to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and addressing the social issues of the time. The sorority currently has over 1,060 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, and abroad. The Trenton Fortitude Corporation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which supports educational programs of The Trenton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Merit Scholarships and Book Awards

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. awarded \$5,600,000 in 2019 providing merit scholarships and book awards to deserving students. Many of our award recipients have attended some of the top ranked colleges and universities in the country. Trenton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Trenton Fortitude Corporation will award scholarships and book awards to Mercer County high school male and female African American and Latino seniors enrolling at a four year college/ university or Mercer County Community College for the academic 2022-2023 year and meet the following requirements:

- Reside and attend a high school in Mercer County
- Enroll full time at a four year college or university or
- Enroll full time at Mercer County Community College and have a 2.5 minimum GPA
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for merit awards and a minimum of 2.7 for book awards
- Demonstrate leadership in extracurricular activities
- Demonstrate involvement in the community

In addition, applicants must also submit the following documentation:

- Completed application
- One letter of recommendation from school with official letterhead
- One letter of recommendation from non-school related community service or job related organization with official letterhead
- Official transcript with official letterhead
- Photo: 3x5 wallet size head shot with cap & gown or business professional attire
(NO PROOF PHOTO)

Application deadline: **April 1, 2022**

All application materials must be emailed to:

trentondtscholarship@gmail.com

Applicant's Name _____

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PART I A: CONTACT INFORMATION

CHECK IF YOU WILL ATTEND MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FULL TIME

Name: _____ Gender: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ Age: _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Applicant E-mail: _____

(1) Parent/Guardian: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Telephone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(2) Parent/Guardian: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Telephone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Are you related to a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.? (Place an X) Yes ____ No ____

****Children of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. members are not eligible to apply****

If you answered yes, please write the name of the member and state your relationship to her.

Name of Member: _____ Relationship : _____

Name of High School : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Name of Counselor: _____

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PART I B: MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS and TORCH BOOK AWARD SELECTIONS

**PLACE AN X NEXT TO THE SCHOLARSHIP(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.
(Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship award.)**

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS *(Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher for all merit scholarships.)*

_____ **VERONICA CUSHON TAYLOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

- Held a leadership position for two consecutive years
- Involved in at least two voluntary community activities and other considerations

_____ **DOROTHY VAUGHN PALMER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

- Will attend an HBCU
- Involved in community activities and other considerations

_____ **SANDRA E. BISHOP MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

- Planning to pursue a degree in social work or STEM
- Held a leadership position within the school or community and other considerations

_____ **ELLEN LOGAN WILLIAMS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

- Planning to pursue a degree within the field of education or the arts and humanities
- Actively involved in school or community service activities and other considerations

BOOK AWARDS

_____ **TORCH BOOK AWARD** **(Applicants must have a 2.7 or higher.)**

- Attending a four year college/university

_____ **MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOOK AWARD**

(Applicant must have a 2.5 or higher.)

- Attending MCCC

Applicant's Name _____

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PART II: FAMILY STATUS

Number of residents in household (including applicant): _____

Number of minors in household (including applicant): _____

Number of residents presently enrolled in post high school studies: _____

List any special circumstances or extreme challenges you or your family have experienced this year:

If you or your family are receiving benefits from government funded programs such as NJ Family Care or SSI? Yes No

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PART III ACTIVITIES : (Please complete all areas of tables. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

List all school activities in which you are involved: GRADES 9-12

Organization/Activity	Office Held	School Year(s) Active	Contact Person/Advisor

List all community activities in which you are involved (church, civic, etc.): GRADES 9-12

Organization/Activity	Office Held	School Year(s) Active	Contact Person/Advisor

List all honors and awards received in the past four years: GRADES 9-12

Honor/Award Name	Organization	Year Received

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PART IV: ESSAY

Requirements:

- Typewritten (No handwritten essays will be accepted)
- Minimum of 250 words, double-spaced (2.0)
- Times New Roman or Arial font, 12 point font
- Name affixed on top of each page
- One-sided only

Essay Question (Please choose one topic and submit on a separate sheet.)

Topic One: Please describe your career interests, goals, qualifications for this scholarship and any other information that you feel may assist us in awarding this scholarship.

or

Topic Two: Describe the greatest challenge you have faced as a high school student and explain how you overcame that challenge. Please be sure to include what advice you would give other students in a similar situation.

PART V: FUTURE PLANS

List all schools to which you have applied. Place an **X in front of the school you plan to attend.**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	LOCATION

Intended Major: _____

Goal: _____

Applicant's Name _____

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PART VI: SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION

(To be given to and completed by high school counselor. Counselor is to return to student upon completion.)

Name of Applicant: _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

High school GPA (computed on 4.0 scale): _____

Class rank: _____ Total Number of students in graduating class: _____

Official transcripts must be submitted along with this application. The transcript must include:

- Grades from school years 9-12.
- Cite cumulative grade point average
- Signed by a school official
- Stamped with the official school seal and mailed in a sealed envelope
- School Counselor: mail official copy to:
Trenton Alumnae Chapter PO Box 22214, Trenton, NJ, 08607 or
email to **trentondstscholarship@gmail.com**

Statement: Please provide any information regarding the student that may assist us in considering this applicant for this scholarship. *(If you are writing a Letter of Recommendation please omit this section.)*

Name of School Counselor: _____

Email Address: _____ Contact Number: _____

Signature of School Counselor: _____ Date: _____

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PART VII: LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION REQUIREMENTS

*****Please give a copy of this to the person writing the recommendation for content requirements.*****

All applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation. which must meet these requirements:

- **Letter One:** Typed letter of recommendation on the organization's official letterhead from a non-school related community service or job-related organization verifying his or her involvement.

- **Letter Two:** Typed letter of recommendation from his or her current high school principal, counselor, advisor or teacher on the school's official letterhead.

Individuals who are writing recommendations should specify the relationship or capacity in which he or she knows or has observed the applicant. Unsigned letters will not be accepted and the application package will be deemed incomplete.

***** (Please give a copy of this page to the person writing the recommendation for reference.) *****

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RISK MANAGEMENT

PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA, and VIDEO AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM

I/We, _____ (Parent/Guardian), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of (Child) _____ give permission for **Trenton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated** to publish on the Internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images taken of my child during participation in Youth Initiative Program activities, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance.

I/We also give permission for the Chapter to highlight my child's achievements and activities in efforts to promote the youth initiative program through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media without payment or any consideration and without notifying me.

I/We understand and agree that these images will become the property of the Chapter, which shall have complete ownership of the images. I hereby irrevocably authorized the Chapter to publish or distribute these images for the purpose of publicizing the Chapter's programs, including the **Scholarship Committee/ Reception** or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my child's likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the images.

I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**; its officers; **National Executive Board**; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I/we hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of _____, authorized legally to give this consent and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name

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PART VIII: APPLICANT/PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

I/We hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

****Application Checklist****

- Completed Application Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - 3x5 Wallet Size Head Shot with Cap & Gown, Business Professional Attire
 - Name on Back (NO PROOF PHOTO)**
- Official Transcript Essay & Personal Statement
 - Photo, Media, Video Release Form
 - Name on each page of application
 - Name on each page of essay



ACCEPTABLE SAMPLE PHOTOS (Former Scholarship Awardees)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2022

EMAIL TO: trentondstscholarship@gmail.com

**All information is subject to verification.
Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before June 30, 2022.**

**If there are any questions or concerns, please email us at
trentondstscholarship@gmail.com**