



**Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
*A Service Sorority*



**2025-2026 Sallie W. Richardson  
Historical Black College & University  
Scholarship Application**

*Applications must be postmarked and returned via mail by **March 31, 2026**, to:*

The Scholarship and Awards Committee  
Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1981  
Hinesville, GA 31310

Email submissions **are not** acceptable. For additional information, contact Scholarship Committee via email at [hac.scholarshipawards.dst@gmail.com](mailto:hac.scholarshipawards.dst@gmail.com).

**(DO NOT EMAIL APPLICATION)**  
**(Applications received after this date will not be considered)**

## **Application Checklist**

Before sealing your packet, please make sure all items listed below are included:

- Completed and signed scholarship application  
(Signed by Applicant and Parent/Guardian)
- Essay (typed)
- Two letters of recommendation on official letterhead  
(one letter must be from one of your current teachers)  
**Letters must not be from family members.**  
*(NOTE: Letters must be signed, **typed on letterhead** and enclosed in a sealed envelope.)*
- Official High School Transcript (sealed)
- Proof of College Acceptance
- Disclaimer for Scholarship Funds Disbursement  
(Signed by Parent/Guardian)

***\*Applications missing any of the above items will result in an incomplete packet and will not be considered for an award.***

**Confidentiality Notice: All information and responses submitted in this section are strictly confidential and intended solely for the use by the members of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an international public service sorority that is comprised of more than 200,000 predominantly African American women. Encouraging young people to excellence through higher education is a primary focus of our organization. We support this focus by awarding scholarships to young people who exemplify academic excellence, strong leadership, and community involvement.

**Applications for scholarships must be postmarked by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, and returned via mail. Notification of awards will be made in May 2026. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who live and attend school in Liberty, Bryan, Long, or Wayne County. Applicants must attend an accredited Historical Black College or University in pursuit of a degree.
- **Applicants are not eligible for this scholarship if their mother/guardian is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**
- Applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale to qualify for a scholarship award. For schools not operating on a 4.0 scale, we will accept the equivalent. **Applicants are required to submit an official high school transcript in a sealed envelope and proof of college acceptance.**
- All **official communication** regarding the application process will transpire via e-mail. Please ensure that the email address is legible and accurate on the application. Failure to receive email communication rests solely with the applicant.
- Applicants are **required to submit two typed letters of recommendation. Letters must be signed, typed on official letterhead, and enclosed in a sealed envelope.**
- Parent/Guardian is **required to sign a Scholarship Funds Disbursement Disclaimer.**

**Applicants are required to submit a typed essay that responds to the following prompt:**

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have played an important role in shaping civic leadership and social change in the United States. In today's political climate, why do you think HBCUs continue to be relevant? Discuss how these institutions support leadership, civic engagement, and community.**

The essay is an important part of the selection process. The essay must be double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with a maximum of 2 pages, 1-inch margins on all sides, and name typed in the upper right-hand corner of each page. In reviewing the essays, the judges will consider the following criteria in selecting winners:

- • Ability to cite at least one source
- • Correct grammar and punctuation
- • Originality and quality of ideas presented
- • Organization of the essay
- • Creativity

**Student Profile:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

- Mother is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Mother is a financial member of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Are you currently participating in the Delta GEMS program

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Profile:**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_

→ **Please include your official high school transcript in a sealed envelope with your application**

→ **Please include proof of college acceptance**

**Employment:**

Are you currently employed?  YES  NO

If yes, Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date Employed \_\_\_\_\_ Average hours worked \_\_\_\_\_ per week

**Leadership/Community Service Profile:**

List any activities (i.e., clubs, church, organizations, sports) in which you have been involved and any leadership roles held. **Please attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.**

<u>ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP ROLE/OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>DATES INVOLVED</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Special Honors or Recognition** (e.g., academic, church, community, sports)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Collegiate Goals**

Please list the colleges to which you have been accepted.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

What course of study do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other scholarships for which you have applied.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**References - List two below**

A. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have your references submit a typed letter of recommendation for you. Each letter of recommendation **MUST** be signed, typed on letterhead, placed in a sealed envelope, and returned to the applicant to be included in the application package. **A separate sheet with instructions for references is included.** Letters should be addressed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, and include:

- Name and address of reference
- Relationship to applicant
- How long has the reference known the applicant
- Information regarding why the applicant should receive the scholarship award

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Please indicate by your signatures (original signatures only) below that you certify that the statements below are correct.

1. I certify that all information provided is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. permission to verify any information contained in my information package, as necessary. I understand that misrepresentation of any information or the submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification to be considered for a scholarship or forfeiture of any award that I may receive, and there is no appeal process.
  
2. I certify that the applicant is: (please check all that apply)
  - a resident and attends high school in Liberty, Bryan, Long or Wayne counties
  - a high school senior graduating in 2026
  
3. I understand that if the applicant is awarded a scholarship, the funds will be sent directly to the college/university or recipient once the proper verification forms have been completed and returned to the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
  
4. I hereby grant the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. the unrestricted right and permission to use and re-use my likeness in any and all publications, including photograph, television broadcast, video recording, internet sites, audio-recording or any other form of electronic or print communication (the Promotional Materials), for its own purposes without payment or any other consideration to me, in perpetuity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISCLAIMER AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)  
acknowledge and understand that the scholarship awards received by the winners will only be  
disbursed directly to the university/college or technical school identified by the scholarship recipient

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's Name).

Scholarship Awards must be claimed within the upcoming academic school year from date of award,  
or the award will be forfeited. No exceptions.

The Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. reserves the right to determine  
increments of scholarship disbursements based on award amount and student maintaining a good  
academic standing in accordance with their university, college or technical school.

The Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will forward these funds to the  
institution or recipient upon receipt of the enrollment Verification Form or the Official Registration  
Schedule.

Funds can be placed in student's account with the Financial Aid Office and/or Student Affairs Office  
or  
they can be mailed directly to the recipient upon request.

I recognize and accept these conditions for the disbursement of any scholarship award that my child  
may receive.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## REFERENCES INSTRUCTIONS

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- **Name and address of reference**
- **Relationship to the applicant**
- **How long has the reference known the applicant**
- **Information regarding why the applicant should receive the scholarship award**

The letter should be placed in a **sealed envelope** before returning to the applicant. Failure to supply all information listed will result in the applicant receiving a **lower score**.

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