

# Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

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## 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

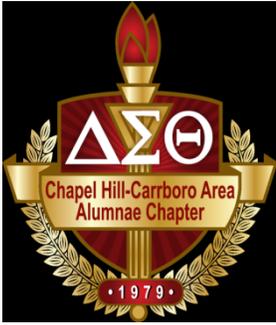
**SUBMISSION MUST BE EMAILED BY MARCH 6, 2026**

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**TO:** High School Seniors of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Chatham County Schools, and Orange County Schools

**FROM:** Chapel Hill- Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**DATE:** January 20, 2026

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding, more than 300,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college-educated women. The sorority currently has over 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada, Africa, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of Korea.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award non-renewable scholarships in the amounts of \$500-\$1000 for the General Scholarships and one (1) \$2,000-\$2,500 for the Ishna J. Hall Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving African-American high school female or male seniors who will graduate from area high schools in Orange and Chatham counties this 2025-2026 school year. *Please note: children of Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are ineligible to apply.* Recipients must attend an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2026. The selection of recipients is based on the following criteria:

**Students applying for the Ishna J. Hall Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000- \$2,500) requirements:**

1. An official transcript showing the required cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.5 or better.
2. Proof of community service activities with at least 25 service hours. Service hours will be accepted whether completed in person or virtually. Please see pages 7 and 9.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher; the other can come from either an administrator, school counselor, or community service supervisor attesting to character, academic achievement, leadership, and community service. The recommenders must not be related to the scholarship applicant.
4. Two (2) typed double-spaced essays of between 300-500 words or less which answers the provided questions.
5. A video submission introducing yourself (no more than two minutes). Tell us your name, a little about yourself, and why you would benefit from this scholarship. Please email your video to [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org).
6. Participate in the interview process

**2. Students applying for the General Scholarship (\$500-\$1000) requirements:**

1. An official transcript showing a required cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.75 or above.
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher; the other can come from either an administrator, school counselor, or community service supervisor attesting to character, academic achievement, leadership, and community service. The recommenders must not be related to the scholarship applicant.
3. One (1) typed double-spaced essay of between 300-500 words or less which answers the provided question.
4. A video submission introducing yourself (2 minutes or less). Tell us your name, a little about yourself, and why you would benefit from this scholarship. Please email your video to [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org).
5. Participate in the interview process

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026**

Please send your complete application to [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org). **A complete application consists of the application, photo, letters of recommendation, community service hours and verification, transcript, and video.** Official transcripts must be sent directly from your educational institution by your school counselor to the Scholarship Committee. Additionally, letters of recommendation must come directly from the recommender to the Scholarship Committee.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Norma E. Boone or Dr. Karla Eanes at [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org) or 919-548-0643 or 919-444-9326.

The application and the letter to the seniors are located on our website, [www.chcaa-dst.org](http://www.chcaa-dst.org), under "Scholarship."

## Application Process

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will award scholarships to graduating African American high school female and male seniors. Students who attend the following Orange and Chatham County high schools are eligible to apply:

Carrboro High School  
Cedar Ridge High School  
Chapel Hill High School  
Chatham Central High School  
North Carolina School of Science and Math

Chatham Early College  
Jordan-Matthews High School  
Northwood High School  
Orange High School

East Chapel Hill High School  
Phoenix Academy  
Seaforth High School  
ONE Academy

**Award:** Non-renewable scholarships will be awarded in amounts of \$500-\$1,000 (General Scholarship). One (1) non-renewable scholarship in the amount of \$2,000-\$2,500 (Ishna J. Hall Scholarship).

### Application Packet Emailed by March 6, 2026

The Complete Application Packet must include:



**A completed application (typed)**



**Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (typed)**

Two letters of recommendation are required. One must be from a teacher; the other can come from either an administrator, school counselor, or community service supervisor attesting to character, academic achievement, leadership, and community service.

Letters of recommendation **will not be accepted from relatives or members of the scholarship committee**. The letters should be emailed from the recommender's work email and sent to [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org).



**Typed Essay (limited to two double-spaced pages in 12-point font, between 300 and 500 words in length)**

1.  **General Scholarship Essay Topic ONLY: 1 Essay** -The essay must be attached to the same email as the application.
2.  **Ishna J. Hall Memorial Scholarship Essay Topics; 2 Essay Topics required** - the General Essay Topic and the Ishna J. Hall Memorial Scholarship Topic. Both essays must be attached to the same email as the application.



**Academic Transcript**

Your official high school transcript must be emailed from the school to [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org)



**Video introduction for submission**



**Interview (Save the Date: March 28 - 29, 2026)**

Interviews for final consideration for the scholarship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **March 28 - 29, 2026**. Only those selected for final consideration will be interviewed. If you are selected to be interviewed, you will be notified by telephone or email of the interview location and scheduled time during the week of **March 13, 2026**.

**Community Service Verification Form (Required for Ishna Hall applicants only) (page 9)**

**Attach a photo (headshot with solid background) to the email with the application.**

**Please email your completed application packet:**

**Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter  
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[scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org)**



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

Ishna J. Hall Memorial Scholarship

General Scholarship

### Personal Data

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Secondary Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings Who Reside in the Household \_\_\_\_\_ Brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Is your mother a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please give your mother's name. \_\_\_\_\_

### Educational Data

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Current High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (current) \_\_\_\_\_

College or University that you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Future Aspirations \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Activity Information

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**Directions:** Please complete each section. All information can be used by the Scholarship Committee during the selection process.

Extra-Curricular Activity	Description	Leadership Position Held	Length of Service

## Community Service Activities

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**Directions:** List community service activities in which you have participated during your high school years (Church groups, volunteer organizations, clubs, community art endeavors, etc.). The activities in which you engage must be completed outside of school. **Please complete the community service verification form for each community service activity that you completed. The verification form can be found on page 9 of this application.**

Community Service Activity	Description	Length of Service

## Work Experience

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Place of Employment	Description of Responsibilities	Dates

## Recognition & Awards

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**Directions:** List any honors and recognition that you have received (Grades 9 - 12).

Award/Recognition	Grade(s)

### Letters of Recommendation

**Directions:** **Two (2)** letters of recommendation are required. One must be from a teacher; the other can come from either an administrator, school counselor, or community service supervisor attesting to character, academic achievement, leadership, and community service.

**Letters of recommendation from relatives or members of the scholarship committee will not be considered.**

### Essays

**Essay One – REQUIRED for both Scholarship Applicants:** Separate sheet - Typed double-spaced essay of between 300 and 500 words

As you've observed recent events, nationally and locally, as it relates to racial issues, share your thoughts about improving racial relationships and synergy in your community and the larger society. What are three separate approaches necessary to improve racial relationships in your community and the larger society? *These separate approaches might include one thing that you could do and two other things that you might suggest be done.*

**Essay Two – Ishna J. Hall Memorial Scholarship Applicant ONLY:** Separate sheet- Typed double-spaced essay of between 300 and 500 words

Describe a Community Service Project that you were involved in, during high school, that had a significant impact on your community. Describe your leadership role in the planning and/or the implementation of this service project.

ALL requested documents (**completed application, video submission, transcript, letters of recommendation, essays, community service verification, and photo**) must be emailed to [scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org](mailto:scholarshipdst@chcaa-dst.org) by ***Friday, March 6, 2026***. Information received after Friday, March 6, 2026, will not be reviewed and the applicant will be ineligible for further consideration.

### Community Service Verification Form

**Please make a copy for each community service opportunity in which you have participated during your high school years.** Each service opportunity must be verified with a signature by a leader of the organization listed. Please return all community service verification forms with the completed scholarship application packet by the deadline.

Student Name:	Graduation Year:
Name of Community Service Organization:	Reporting Supervisor:
Address of Agency:	Telephone Number of Reporting Supervisor:

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_, a student at \_\_\_\_\_ High School, completed \_\_\_\_\_ unpaid community service hours to \_\_\_\_\_ (agency/organization).

His/her duties included the following responsibilities:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following assessment of this student's services:

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
ATTITUDE				
PUNCTUALITY				
ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY				
PERFORMANCE				

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING SPONSOR/SUPERVISOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE