



**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

*A Public Service Sorority Founded in 1913*

**Lorain County Alumnae Chapter**

*P.O. Box 1182 Elyria, Ohio 44036*

January 2026

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Lorain County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for its annual college scholarship. We are asking for assistance in identifying high school seniors who personify a high level of commitment to education and community service. In addition to our chapter scholarship, we will be awarding the Jimmie Jones Memorial Scholarship to a student attending an HBCU, preferably majoring in Education; and the John W. Alexander Scholarship which is for African American male seniors. The scholarship criteria are as follows:

- Must be a resident of Lorain or Erie, County Ohio
- Must be a graduating high school senior- May or June 2026
- Must have a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Must enter a four-year college or university as a full-time freshman in Fall of 2026

The following supporting documents must accompany all applications:

1. Letter of Recommendation- A letter of recommendation must be completed by a teacher or counselor at your school. The letter must be on letterhead and include the length of time that the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity.
2. An official high school transcript with ACT or SAT scores. The transcript should be emailed directly from the school. Please Note: Transcripts will be accepted electronically, **ONLY** when emailed directly from the school to [dstlorain@gmail.com](mailto:dstlorain@gmail.com).
3. A 300–500-word essay

Please make this information available to qualified students. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the chapter at [dstlorain@gmail.com](mailto:dstlorain@gmail.com) (Attention: Scholarship Committee). **The deadline for all applications and supporting documents to be EMAILED is April 10, 2026. NO POSTAL MAIL IN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Thank you for your assistance.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service organization with more than 350,000 members in over 1,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. As a corporate partner with the Delta Research and Educational Foundation 501 (c) (3), we work to eradicate educational, social, and economic inequalities. Our annual scholarship is a part of a larger commitment to provide encouragement and support to African American students who chose higher education as their goal.

Sincerely,

*Denita Tolbert-Brown*

Denita Tolbert-Brown, Chair  
Scholarship Committee  
Lorain County Alumnae Chapter

*Jani Eldemire*

Jani Eldemire, Co-Chair  
Scholarship Committee  
Lorain County Alumnae Chapter



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*2026 Scholarship Application*

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for a scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a resident of Lorain or Erie County, Ohio
- Be a graduating high school senior- May or June 2026
- Have a GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Enter a four-year university or college as a full-time freshman in the **Fall of 2026**

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

To be considered for a scholarship, a completed application must be emailed by the applicant to the email listed below by **April 10, 2026**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Your completed application must include the following:

1. Scholarship Application (Application must be signed and dated)
2. Letter of Recommendation- A letter of recommendation must be completed by a teacher or counselor at your school. The letter must be on letterhead and include the length of time that the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity.
3. An official high school transcript with ACT or SAT scores. The transcript should be emailed directly from the school to **dstlorain@gmail.com**
4. A 300-500 word essay addressing the following topics:
  - a. Discuss your present educational goals and how these goals may help you to achieve your long-term goals.
  - b. Explain how this scholarship will assist you.

Each essay must be type-written and will be evaluated based on content, grammar and presentation.

The Scholarship Committee will review all complete applications, (including transcripts and letter of recommendation) received no later than **April 10, 2026** to **dstlorain@gmail.com**. All information is considered confidential. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are selected, the distribution of the scholarship award will be contingent upon verification of your enrollment at a four-year institution (i.e. Bursar's Office Statement or other documents). If you have questions please call Jani Eldemire (440) 610-7641.

Complete and Email to: **Lorain County Alumnae Chapter**  
**dstlorain@gmail.com**  
**ATTN: Scholarship Committee**



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**IMPORTANT:** Please type directly into each field, this is a fillable pdf.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT EDUCATION**

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

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

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted to a college/university? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college/university attending \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for other financial aid or scholarships? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOOL, COMMUNITY AND WORK ACTIVITIES**

List school activities in which you have participated (such as publications, music, student government, organized sports, offices held, clubs etc.) Include any honorary awards, such as member of the National Honor Society.

## **FAMILY INFORMATION**

Enter complete information about your parents or guardian below. If you do not live with both parents, enter the name of the parent or guardian with whom you live.

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How many reside in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children in your household are presently attending a four-year college? \_\_\_\_\_

### **INCOME OF HOUSEHOLD**

More than \$.00 – But less than \$15,000

More than \$15,000 – But less than \$35,000

More than \$35,000 – But less than \$50,000

More than \$50,000

## **ESSAY**

Write a 300-500 word essay discussing your present educational goals and how these goals may help you to achieve your long-term goals. Explain how this scholarship will assist you. Your essay must be typed and will be evaluated based on content, grammar, and presentation. Feel free to attach/email separate document.

## **CERTIFICATION**

By the signature below, you affirm that all information you provide is true and complete to the best of your knowledge. Submission of inaccurate or incomplete information will result in disqualification or forfeiture of any award.

Applicant Signature

Date

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