



# SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

## DELTA KAPPA SIGMA CHAPTER

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### About the Organization

#### **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**

**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.** was organized on November 12, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven young African American educators: Mary Lou Allison Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Dulin Redford, Bessie M. Downey Martin and Cubena McClure. The group became an incorporated national collegiate sorority on December 30, 1929, when a charter was granted to Alpha chapter at Butler University. Soaring to greater heights of attainment around the world, **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**, a leading national service organization, has met the challenges of the day and continues to grow through Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service. **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's** aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmark of the organization's programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically.

#### **Delta Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter**

From its inception, Delta Kappa Sigma has continuously strived for the high ideals of scholastic achievement, sisterhood and community service: the principles upon which Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded. Members of Delta Kappa Sigma are proven leaders, not only at the local level, but also on the Sorority's regional and national level. Delta Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter has contributed to the advancement of all people by helping to produce educated women of many races, religions, ethnicities, and cultures. They're our political and organizational leaders, doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, accountants, social workers, etc. This chapter has also been recognized by its peers and the surrounding community for all the hard work accomplished by its members. Currently, Delta Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter advises Sigma Gamma Rho's Tau Gamma Chapter at Kean University and is working to reactivate undergraduate chapter at Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick. Delta Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter also sponsors a Rhoer Club, and in the past has sponsored a Philo affiliate group. From 1974 to date, Delta Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter has upheld its purpose and mission, each day realizing the Founders' dream – that it may serve as a quintessential trailblazer for all women.



# Delta Kappa Sigma Alumnae Chapter 2017 Scholarship Award

## *Who should apply:*

Students graduating from a high school in the Delta Kappa Sigma service area (Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties) who exemplify the principles of Scholarship, Service and Sisterhood or Collegiality. Males and females are eligible. Please review our **Selection Criteria** for additional details.

## *Application Checklist*

- Application Cover Sheet (Application page 1 &2)
- Letters of Recommendation (2) (See page 5 for more details)
  - Academic (Teacher, Guidance Counselor, etc.)
  - Personal (Minister, employer, activity leader, etc.)
- Most recent high school transcript with class rank and grade point
- average Copy of acceptance letter (college or university)
- Essay (1-2 pages) (See page 5 for more details)

*Please note this is an electronically fillable application. You may scan, email or postal mail your completed application.*

## *Due Date*

Applications must be received by March 31, 2017. **All checklist items must be included in order for your application to be considered.**

## *Send completed application to:*

<i>Scan &amp; Email</i>
<i>dksscholarship@gmail.com</i>

*or*

<i>Postal Mail</i>
Scholarship Committee Delta Kappa Sigma Chapter Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 65 Piscataway, New Jersey 08855 <b>Mail applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2017</b>

### **APPLICATIONS GRADED ON A POINT SYSTEM.**

**\*\*One (1) additional point awarded to COMPLETE applications electronically stamped or postmarked by March 15, 2017.**

**\*\*Five (5) additional points awarded to participants who attend the 2017 Annual Youth Symposium.**

## SELECTION CRITERIA

**Two (2) scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded in 2017. Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:**

- a. Resident of Middlesex, Somerset or Union Counties;
- b. Be a graduating senior accepted into an accredited 2- or 4 year university or college;
- c. Maintain a grade point average of 80 or higher or B or higher depending on the school grading system;
- d. Submit a COMPLETE application including:
  - i. Application Cover Sheet
  - ii. 1-2 Page Essay
  - iii. High School Transcript
  - iv. 2 Letters of recommendation

*Send completed application to:*

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# APPLICATION COVER SHEET

*Please type or print neatly*

**1 NAME**

First

Last

**2 MAILING ADDRESS**

Street

City

Zip

**3 EMAIL ADDRESS**

**4 TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Home

Cell

**5 DATE OF BIRTH**

Month

Day

Year

**6 HIGH SCHOOL**

Middlesex High School (Public)

Somerset County High School (Public)

Union County High School (Public)

Other

Middlesex County High School (Charter)

Somerset County High School (Charter)

Union County High School (Charter)

Other

**7 CLASS RANK**

out of

**8 GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

**9 NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD (INCLUDING STUDENT)**

**10 ANNUAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

**11 NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY  
YOU WILL ATTEND IN FALL 2016**

**12 LIST ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, ETC. YOU WISH TO  
BE CONSIDERED. USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.**

**13 LIST YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES, OUTSIDE INTERESTS, AND  
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.**

*I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.*

**Signature**

**Date**

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit two letters of recommendation.

- ✓ One letter should be from an **ACADEMIC REFERENCE**; someone who can attest to your performance and work habits in school and school related activities.
- ✓ One letter should come from a **PERSONAL REFERENCE**; *could* be someone who supervises you at volunteer or paid work or extracurricular activities; a minister or youth group leader, local elected or appointed official, etc. This person should be able to speak to your non-academic life: for example, how you interact with others, your leadership abilities, drive, persistence, or personality traits and characteristics.

Please note that these letters are an important part of the scoring criteria so please select someone who can speak knowledgeably about you.

## ESSAY

As note previously, Sigma Gamma Rho was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Service and Sisterhood. It is our aim to award scholarships to young people, female or male, who embrace and exemplify a strong commitment to scholarship, service, and collegiality.

The following are quotes from Past Presidents of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority upon the occasion of our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please select one that resonates with you as it applies to your own life experiences, goals, and aspirations. Write a 1-2 page essay discussing the relevance of the quoted material to you. How does the quote embody your personal philosophy or attitudes toward your past experiences and/or future? The quoted material is for reference purposes only. The essay should incorporate aspects of your own volunteerism, service, values, and goals. List any relevant accomplishments or academic, work, or volunteer experiences. You may wish to address life challenges, triumphs or disappointments; things you hope to address in your collegiate future; or your hopes and dreams. Upon reading this material the review committee should have a better sense of who you are as an individual.

*“Our journey continues... And though we change leaders and faces, the purpose of our journey stays the same: To continue to improve the quality of life for others...”*

Helen J. Owens, 20<sup>th</sup> International Grand Basileus



*“The difference between can and cannot is only three letters; three letters that can shape our organization’s direction for the future.””*

Dr. Mynora J. Bryant, 21<sup>st</sup> International Grand Basileus

