

**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**

A Service Sorority Founded in 1913  
Minneapolis - St. Paul Alumnae Chapter

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Dear Friend:

The Minneapolis - St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. needs your help in identifying African American/Pan-African students for its Vernetta Wilson Memorial Scholarship. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a service organization with more than 250,000 initiated members in over 850 chapters throughout the United States and abroad. Founded in 1913, on the campus of Howard University, the organization works to eradicate educational, social, and economic inequities.

Vernetta Wilson was an active member of the community who loved working with young adults. She instilled in them a sense of self-esteem and academic pride. She was fulfilling her dream of helping African American youth pursue higher education when she died suddenly of cancer on July 18, 1987. A scholarship fund was formed later that year to honor the memory of our departed sister.

As part of a larger commitment to provide encouragement and support to African American students, and those of African descent who choose higher education, the Minneapolis - St. Paul Alumnae Chapter provides an annual scholarship to aspiring youth toward the attainment of their goal. Award amounts vary annually; however, this year monetary amounts will range between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per individual.

The application link can be found at <https://www.dstmsp.org/scholarship-programs>.

The criteria are as follows:

- African American/African descent high school graduating senior - Class of 2023
- Minimum cumulative un-weighted grade point average of 2.7 on 4.0 scale
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Active volunteer in community service activities (minimum 30 hours)
- Acceptance at a two-year or four-year accredited institution of higher education for the 2023 fall semester  
(If awarded scholarship, proof of full-time registration is required to receive funds).
- Minnesota resident

The award committee considers multiple factors when evaluating applications including community service contributions, autobiographical essay, grade point average, personal reference letter, and financial need.

Note: Children of members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are not eligible for this scholarship.

Any information included in this mailing may be printed in your bulletins, newsletters, and other related publications. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [scholarshipspacdst@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipspacdst@gmail.com). The deadline for all material is **Friday, March 31, 2023**. All material must be received on or before this date to be considered. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mercedes Henderson Clark  
2021-2023 Chapter President

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2022– 2023 Scholarship Committee Chair