



**Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
P.O. Box 383396  
Germantown, TN 38183**

### **Application for the Bettye Coe Donahue Scholarship Fund**

### **Delta Profile**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs to promote human welfare. The sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 at Howard University by twenty-two (22) undergraduate women and has a membership of over 200,000 predominantly African American, college-educated women. The sorority currently has over 1,000 chapters located in the United States, Japan, Germany, the Bahamas, the Republic of Korea and the Virgin Islands. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five-Point Program Thrusts:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- Political Awareness and Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- International Awareness and Involvement

The Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on April 25, 2009. The current membership is over 200 dynamic women who understand their social responsibilities to public service. Since its inception, the chapter has made several major impacts in the Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter's area:

- Received awards for the 2010 Census efforts
- 2010 Ida B. Wells Program: "Remembering the Legacy of Ida B. Well: A Call for Action"
- The implementation of the Delta GEMS program in 2010.
- Participated in the 2011-2013 Grizzlies Christmas Bike Giveaways.
- A Get Out the Vote winner in 2012 for voter registration drives throughout Shelby County.
- Project 13 winner-July 2013 for participation in 13 national initiatives such as March for Dimes.
- 2014 Memphis Cares Mentoring Movement "Imani Award" for EMBODI program
- 2015 Grant awardee from various agencies for programs in Health & Social Action

The chapter promotes scholarship via the Bettye Coe Donahue Scholarship Fund. It is named in honor of Bettye Coe Donahue, a Howard University graduate, a lifelong educator and a living legacy. She has invested her time, money and resources to benefit others and through the scholarship fund there has been a cumulative total of scholarships awarded in excess of \$50,000.00 from 2011-2015. For the 2016 year, we will award 10 scholarships at \$1,000.00 for a total of \$10,000.00 in scholarships. **Could you be a 2016 Bettye Coe Donahue Scholarship Recipient?**

## **Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:**

All high school seniors of African descent & attending a public high school in the Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter service area, are eligible to apply. (See attached school listing)

1. Application Requirements:
  - A completed, signed, and dated application. The application must be typed or printed in blue or black ink
  - A type-written essay on one of the topics listed on the Essay Instruction sheet
  - Two (2) letters of recommendation from the following:
    - 1 Core Academic Teachers
    - 1 Community Service Leader
  - A copy of an official high school transcript with grades and class rank through **December 2015 (this should be in an official sealed envelope if not it will be invalid)**
2. Completed application, essay response, letters of recommendation and official transcript must be mailed together in the same envelope and RECEIVED by **March 7, 2016**.

**Mail to:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter  
Attention: Scholarship Committee Chair  
P.O. Box 383396  
Germantown, TN 38183

3. All completed applications will be reviewed and scored by the Scholarship Committee. The top scoring applicants will be granted **an interview March 12, 2016** to determine the scholarship recipients. All scholarship recipients will be notified **no later than April 1, 2016**.

(Please type or print with a black ink pen, non-erasable)

**PART I – PERSONAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Last** **First** **Middle**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number** **Street** **Apt. No.**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**City** **State** **Zip Code**

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II – EDUCATIONAL DATA**

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

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number** **Street**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**City** **State** **Zip Code**

School Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Colleges and/or Universities to which you have applied for admission:  
(Please list in order of preference.)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART III – HONORS, SPECIAL TALENTS & WORK EXPERIENCE**  
**(Please attach an additional sheet if needed)**

1. List honors and awards:

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2. List extracurricular activities - organizations and clubs (indicate years of involvement and any offices held):

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3. Please provide a brief description of your community involvement activities (indicate years of involvement and/or period of service):

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**PART IV – COUNSELOR VERIFICATION**

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR ONLY:**

1. College entrance examination score (ACT or SAT)

**Highest ACT Composite Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest SAT Math Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Highest SAT Verbal Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Cumulative High School grade point average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Class Rank Number: \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please rate the applicant’s personal characteristics:

	<i>AVERAGE</i>	<i>ABOVE AVERAGE</i>	<i>OUTSTANDING</i>
<b>Personal Initiative</b>			
<b>Self-Discipline</b>			
<b>Self-Confidence</b>			
<b>Concern for Others</b>			
<b>Emotional Maturity</b>			
<b>Leadership Abilities</b>			
<b>Enthusiasm</b>			
<b>Academic Ability</b>			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE TO COUNSELOR:** Please return the form to the student in a sealed envelope as it is the student’s responsibility to return it to Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

**Deadline for the RECEIPT of application is March 7, 2016.**

## PART V – RECOMMENDATIONS

Please submit recommendation letters from the following:

- (a) One Core Academic Teachers (Academic & Personal Recommendation)
- (b) One Community Service Leader (Community Service Recommendation)

Each reference letter should include the name and occupation of each reference, how long they have known you, what type of community activities you have been involved in and some information about your character and work ethic. Each letter of recommendation should be submitted in a **sealed envelope with the reference's signature across the sealed portion**. A total of **two** letters of recommendation should be submitted in your application packet.

## PART VI – ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, please type a one to two page essay on **one** of the topics listed below. You will be assessed on your ability to communicate your thoughts. Your essay should be a typed, double-spaced document. Attach the essay to the last page of your application, please include your name at the top of the essay.

### TOPICS:

- 1) In music, media & popular culture, the use of drugs (pop a molly) is casually referenced? How do you feel about this? Do you feel that this promotes drug use among teens & young adults?
- 2) How can the African American community support students and schools in their efforts to close the achievement gap?
- 3) What can you do as a responsible, concerned citizen of your community to help resolve the problem of cyber and other bullying?
- 4) What are the characteristics of a good leader and how do these characteristics apply to you within your school and community?
- 5) The United States of America elected, Barack Obama, its first President of color in 2008. Who is the next person of color that could ascend to the presidency? Will it be easier or harder for them to make the political ascent? Why?

**Certification**

**Important:** Your signature is required below. Without your signature, your application is incomplete.

*I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate, and that all statements and essays are my own work. A scholarship award from the Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. may be denied or revoked if any information contained herein is found to be inaccurate. Should I receive an award, I hereby give permission to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to utilize my name and award amount in any publicity or marketing materials.*

**Name of Applicant (Please Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed application, essay response, letters of recommendation, and official high school transcript to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter  
Attention: Scholarship Committee Chair  
P.O. Box 383396  
Germantown, TN 38183

**Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter Service Area**

Locations:

Zip Codes:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Arlington                | 38002                         |
| 2. Bartlett                 | 38135,38134,38133,38084       |
| 3. Collierville             | 38017,38027                   |
| 4. Cordova                  | 38016,38018,38088             |
| 5. Eads                     | 38028                         |
| 6. Fishersville             | 38118,38027                   |
| 7. Germantown               | 38138,38139,38183             |
| 8. Lakeland                 | 38133                         |
| 9. Millington               | 38053,38054,38055,38056,38083 |
| 10. Southeast Shelby County | 38125,38141                   |

**Shelby County (TN) Alumnae Chapter Service Area High Schools**

Locations:

Address:

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. Arlington High      | 5475 Airline Road Arlington, TN 38002      |
| 2. Bartlett High       | 5688 Woodlawn Bartlett, TN 38134           |
| 3. Bolton High         | 7323 Brunswick Road Arlington, TN 38002    |
| 4. Collierville High   | 1101 New Byhalia Rd Collierville, TN 38017 |
| 5. Cordova High School | 1800 Berryhill Rd. Cordova, TN 38018       |
| 6. Germantown High     | 7653 Old Poplar Pike Germantown, TN 38138  |
| 7. Houston High        | 9755 Wolf River Blvd. Germantown, TN 38139 |
| 8. Millington High     | 8050 West Street Millington, TN 38053      |
| 9. Southwind High      | 7900 East Shelby Dr. Memphis, TN 38125     |