

# Morristown Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## DELTA GEMS

2015-2016



Thank you for your interest in the Delta GEMS Program of the Morristown Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We are proud to sponsor this program serving young ladies ages 14-18.

In this packet is information about the program and the application to be completed by the parent and youth participant and returned. You may email the completed application to the program coordinators or mail it to the address listed below:

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

#### Mailing Address:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
Morristown Alumnae Chapter  
PO Box 1633  
Morristown, NJ 07962-1633

Email: [macdstGEMS@gmail.com](mailto:macdstGEMS@gmail.com)

You may complete the application online and then submit it using one of the following methods:

1. save it to your computer and then email it to the program email address
2. print it and mail the printed document to the chapter post office box

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. The first public act performed by the Delta Founders involved their participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington D.C., March 1913. Delta Sigma Theta was incorporated in 1930.

The Sorority is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea.

The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. conducts all of its activities in accordance with the rules that govern organizations whose tax status is 501(c)(7).

Over twenty-five years ago, the seed of a dream was planted. That dream was to provide members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., living in the western part of New Jersey, a medium to come together in renewed sisterhood and to provide an opportunity to dedicate themselves to community service closer to home. Through diligent work, enthusiasm and commitment to persevere, that dream has evolved into a stronger chapter, Morristown Alumnae, which has been recognized locally and at the state and national levels.

As members of the largest public service sorority, the Sorors of MAC have worked diligently in many social and political activities. We remain cognizant of the many challenges that affect African Americans and remain active and vocal in efforts to uplift Morris County and other regions of the global African American Community.

## **Delta GEMS**

### **Mission Statement**

Delta Gems was created to catch the dreams of African American at-risk, adolescent girls aged 14-18. Delta GEMS provides the frame work to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a CAN DO attitude. The goals for Delta GEMS are:

- To instill the need to excel academically;
- To provide tools that enable girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic success;
- To assist girls in proper goal setting and planning for their futures high school and beyond;
- To create compassionate, caring, and community minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

The Delta GEMS framework is composed of five major components (Scholarship, Sisterhood, Show Me the Money, Service, and Infinitely Complete), forming a road map for college and career planning. Topics within the five major components are designed to provide interactive lessons and activities that provide opportunities for self- reflection and individual growth.

### **Coordinators**

Tracey Yett

Matthette Williams



## Program Application

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to participate in the youth program? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Short Essay: \*What do you hope to gain from participating in the program?**

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*(Please use the back or add an additional sheet if needed)*

**\*Essay not required for returning participants**

\*\*The application is not deemed complete until all required documents have been received.



## Student Background Information

Favorite School Subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

List all extracurricular activities (*including community and church activities, public service projects and interests*):

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Hobbies/Talents:

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What are your goals after middle/high school?

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Youth Participant Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTAL AFFIRMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Parent/Guardian, under penalty of perjury, do hereby affirm to the Morrystown Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated that I authorize the participation of \_\_\_\_\_, Participant Minor Child, in the \_\_\_\_\_ youth initiatives program (including planned activities), and that I have the legal authority to provide my consent and authorization for such participation.

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_