DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
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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 is a service organization with more than 250,000 initiated members in over 850 chapters in 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.

The Minneapolis - St. Paul Alumnae Chapter's annual scholarship is part of a larger commitment to provide encouragement and support to African-American/Pan-African students who choose higher education as their goal. Award amounts vary annually, but typically range between $1,000 and $2,500 per individual.

The application link can be found at www.dstmsp.org/scholarship-programs.

The criteria are as follows:

- African-American/Pan-African high school graduating senior - Class of 2021
- Minimum cumulative unweighted 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 2021 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 scholarshipmspacdst@gmail.com.

The deadline for all material is Friday, February 26, 2021. All material must be received on or before this date to be considered. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda Middlebrooks
2019-2021 President

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2019 – 2021 Scholarship Committee Chair

Enclosure/Attachment