

*SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
PACKAGE*

2017

*OF THE
NORFOLK ALUMNAE CHAPTER
OF
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY,
INCORPORATED*



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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Norfolk Alumnae (Delta Beta Sigma) Chapter

Norfolk, VA



Statement of the Sorority

The History of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated dates from November 12, 1922, when seven young school teachers organized the first chapter at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. These young ladies sought a need for unity among college educated black women, on a predominantly white campus, to uphold the standards of scholarship, personality, character, purpose, self-respect, moral responsibility and rendering unselfish service to make a better society. Collective striving for these qualities of character was necessary for consistently good scholarship. A high standard in scholarship was, and is, directly related to our precepts of quality of character.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a predominately black, nonprofit, collegiate organization with its focus on community service. She is dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of high scholastic attainment and improvement of the quality of our lives and the society in which we live. Her purpose is expressed in the slogan **“Greater Service, Greater Progress”**. Sigma ladies proudly display their colors of **Royal Blue and Gold**. Membership in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has been found to be a rewarding part of college life and continues for a lifetime.

The Norfolk Alumnae (Delta Beta Sigma) Chapter, Norfolk, VA was chartered on May 18, 1968. In keeping with the goals of the sorority, the focus of all projects is to provide service and funding to the community, local churches, and area schools. The chapter acts as the sponsoring alumnae chapter to the undergraduate chapters of the sorority at Old Dominion University (Theta Chi Chapter) and Norfolk State University (Gamma Nu Chapter). Our annual “Rhomania” (traditionally a dinner and show) held in the spring, is designed to provide funds to support our scholarships to high school graduates.

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GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP(S)

1. The applicant shall be an African American female who plans to enter a four (4) year accredited college, in any field of endeavor.
2. The applicant must be a high school graduating senior from the Norfolk, Virginia Beach, or Chesapeake school system at the time she submits the application.
3. The high school applicant must submit a transcript of their high school academic record, which shall include their grade point average (GPA) and their SAT or ACT scores.
4. The applicant must apply through the Norfolk Alumnae (Delta Beta Sigma) Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. The application must be **RECEIVED** or **POSTMARKED at the address shown on the application** on or before **May 6, 2017**.
5. **The applicant must include all of the following: scholarship application (completed and signed); high school transcript (including SAT and/or ACT scores); two (2) letters of recommendation; signed financial statement (page 2); and a recent picture of the applicant (with name of the back of photo). Applications missing one or more of these items are considered incomplete.**
6. Failure to adhere to the stated guidelines will disqualify the applicant. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
7. The highest score(s) among the applicants shall be declared the chapter recipient(s). The ratings will be in the following categories: Financial need, SAT or ACT score, Affiliations, Royalties & Honors, Communication Skills, and GPA. The finalist(s) may be further screened through an interview process.
8. The winning applicant(s) must have selected an accredited school, approved by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will require verification that the student has been accepted and enrolled in an accredited school prior to tendering the scholarship funds.
9. Scholarship recipient(s) may be asked to attend a meeting or special event.

Additional information may be received by calling the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Shantell Turner, 757-237-8582.

Attach Photo Here

Date received _____

Initials _____

(For Sorority Use Only)

The Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED
“RUTH W. DIGGS SCHOLARSHIP”
APPLICATION FORM

Please use pen or type

A. Applicant:

1. Name in full (please print)

First

Middle

Last

2. Home Address: _____
Number and Street

City

State

Zip Code

3. Home Telephone Number: (____) _____ 4. Cell Phone Number: (____) _____

5. Email Address: _____

6. Age: _____ 7. Date of Birth: _____

B. Education: Please list in chronological order all schools attended during the last four years:

Name of School(s): Location: Date of Attendance:

From what high school will you graduate? _____
When? June, 20 _____

What College do you plan to attend? _____

Describe your major career goals. _____

Describe the course of study you plan to follow in college. _____

List any honors and/or awards received while in high school: _____

C. List your church and/or community affiliations: _____

D. List activities in which you have participated:

Activities	Date of Participation	Approx. Hours	Positions/Honors
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

E. Work experiences in which you have participated. Please list jobs (including summer jobs) you have held in the last four (4) years.

Job & Type of Work	Employer	Summer/ School Year	Dates of Employment	Hours Per Week
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

F. Family Information: (Income must be given by applicant/guardian to determine need. **The financial statement below must be signed by parent/guardian.**) (No additional financial documents are needed.)

Father/Guardian's name _____ Living/Deceased
Address _____
Occupation _____
Income \$ _____ (net/per year)
Signature (that financial information is correct) _____
(parent/guardian)

Mother/Guardian's name _____ Living/Deceased
Address _____
Occupation _____
Income \$ _____ (net/per year)
Signature (that financial information is correct) _____
(parent/guardian)

Names and ages of Sisters and Brothers:

_____	_____	_____	_____
(name)	(age)	(name)	(age)
_____	_____	_____	_____
(name)	(age)	(name)	(age)

Who do you reside with: ___ Mother; ___ Father; ___ Both; ___ Guardian; ___ Other (explain) _____
How many Sisters and/or Brothers are supported by your parent(s)/guardian(s)? _____
How many in your family are attending college? _____

G. Academics: GPA= _____ Class Rank = _____ ACT score: _____
SAT score: Total = _____
Critical Reading = _____ Mathematics = _____ Writing = _____

H. On a separate sheet of paper, **write an essay of 100 words or more**, giving an autobiographical sketch and the reason(s) you believe this scholarship award should be granted to you.

(Please attach a separate sheet to the application.)

- I. After reading about this sorority in this application package, etc., what part of your community involvement would meet the mission and goals of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated?
- J. Attach a copy of your transcript to this form and have your teacher, pastor, coach, counselor, spiritual leader, dean, etc. [at least two (2) of these], forward a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION to the committee at the address listed below, emailed to the email address listed below, or attach it to your application. (These letters must be received by the scholarship deadline.)

Please check carefully to be sure you have responded to ALL categories on this form. Make sure your parent/guardian's financial information/statement is included and attach a wallet size picture of yourself (with your name on the back of the picture), to the front of this application.

The Scholarship Application must be Received or Postmarked at the address below on or before **May 6, 2017**.

By signing this application, I hereby authorize and permit the Scholarship Committee of the Norfolk Alumnae (Delta Beta Sigma) Chapter of SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED to release my name and use my picture and/or parent(s)'s/guardian's names and hometown in the newspaper or any other publication showing award of scholarship.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: _____ (required)

Date: _____

Return completed application package to:

Scholarship Committee
c/o Ms. Shantell Turner
Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED
7309 Midfield St
Norfolk, VA. 23505
Email: DBScholarhip1968@yahoo.com

MEMORANDUM

To: Principal or Counselor

From: _____
(Student's name placed here)

In re: Request for Transcript

One of your senior class members whose signature appears below, has applied for a scholarship from the Norfolk Alumnae (Delta Beta Sigma) Chapter of
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED.

Applicants for the scholarships are required to submit proof of their high school credentials. Other criteria include: grade point average, ACT or SAT scores, honors, activities, letters of recommendation and financial need.

The records will be kept in strict confidence and used only by the scholarship committee to determine winners.

Please make sure that the student's transcripts include their **SAT or ACT SCORES and GPA'S.**

We've had prior experience where the above mentioned scores were not included in the student's transcript which caused the application to be considered incomplete.

Transcript information must be received on or before **May 6, 2017**, which is the deadline for the scholarship application, or the entire application will be considered incomplete.

The applicant has indicated by his or her signature below approval of this request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Return information to:

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