

**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
NEW HAVEN ALUMNAE CHAPTER**

**DELTA ACADEMY/DELTA GEMS
PROGRAM INFORMATION**

DR. BETTY SHABAZZ DELTA ACADEMY

Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow, Preparing Young Women for the 21st Century- The Delta Academy was created out of an urgent sense that bold action was needed to save our young females (ages 11-14) from the perils of academic failure, low self-esteem, and crippled futures. Delta Academy provides an opportunity for local Delta chapters to enrich and enhance the education that our young teens receive in public schools across the nation. Specifically, we augment their scholarship in math, science, and technology, their opportunities to provide service in the form of leadership through service learning, and their sisterhood, defined as the cultivation service learning, and maintenance of relationships.

Delta Academy II: Delta GEMS (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully)

Building upon the premise on which Delta Academy: Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow was created, Delta GEMS is a natural outgrowth and expansion for the continuation of our successful program implementation. Delta GEMS provides the framework to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks and development of a 'can do' attitude in high school girls ages 14-18. Our goals for Delta GEMS are:

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

The New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is committed to fulfilling the principles of these programs. Candidates interested in participating should complete the attached application and submit by Monday, September 12, 2011, to New Haven Alumnae Chapter, PO Box 9477, New Haven, CT 06534-0477. If you have any questions or require additional information, please email programs@newhavenalumnae.org.

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**Delta Academy & Delta GEMS
Requirements for Eligibility**

1. Candidates must be girls (this is a gender specific program).
2. All applicants must be between the ages of 11 and 18 at the time of application.
3. Applicants must be exemplary of wholesome character and of the desire to work with others in sisterly love.
4. All applicants must provide a copy of their most recent report card.
5. First time applicants must complete and submit the essay for new applicants.

Letters of invitation to membership will be mailed only to those who qualify for membership.

Should an invitation of membership in Delta Academy or Delta GEMS be extended to any applicant, the applicant is expected to commit fully to the program and she will be subject to the New Haven Alumnae Chapter's Delta Academy/GEMS Code of Conduct. Sessions will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We reserve the right to make changes to the calendar, and on occasion, will schedule additional activities which will be beneficial to the continuous growth of the participants.

The New Haven Alumnae Chapter supplements the majority of the expenses as well as seeks grants to enable a free to low cost program for participants. However, minimal costs to parents/participants may arise. Should this pose a financial burden to any participant, all efforts will be made to supplement these costs.

Parents and participants who are accepted must attend the mandatory Orientation Session being held on Thursday, September 22, 2011. Details regarding this session will be included in the acceptance letters mailed to qualified candidates.

As a reminder, applications must be received by Monday, September 12, 2011.

Delta Academy/GEMS is a commitment of the New Haven Alumnae Chapter, the Advisors, Participants, and the Parents. We look forward to partnering with you in making bright futures for our young ladies.

Applications can be mailed to:

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2011 Application & Permission to Participate**

Please type or print legibly.

Name: _____
Last First Middle Name or Initial

Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____
Street Number (Include Apartment Number)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____ ()

Email Address: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Telephone#: _____ () _____ ()
Home Cell

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Name Relationship to you

Emergency Contact Numbers: _____ / _____ / _____
Work Number Pager Number Cellular Number

Please read carefully before signing:

My child/grandchild/other (named above) has my permission to participate in all programs and activities sponsored by the Delta Academy. I assume full responsibility for my child's conduct and care while participating in the program and agree to release and hold harmless New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for any liability or harm relative to my child. This includes transporting my child to the program and/or special events, if applicable.

In the event of an emergency, I understand that the volunteer staff of Delta Academy will attempt to contact me and/or the second contact noted above. I understand that they will not attempt to administer first aid, will transport my child to the nearest hospital/medical facility in the event of a serious emergency.

I understand that my involvement in the program and participation at events is welcomed and encouraged in order to help foster a good relationship and improve her success in the program. I will participate when ever possible in our combined efforts to promote service and scholarship.

Finally, I consent to the taking of photos of my child participating in the program and their use in promotional and marketing materials.

Print Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Delta Academy & Delta GEMS Essay for New Applicants

Essay: What positive attribute do you possess and how will you apply it to your participation in the Delta Academy and GEMS programs?

(For example, honesty can be used to provide constructive criticism about the program activities.)
Using 100 words, please print legibly or type your statement below.
