

**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:

- Δ To instill the need to excel academically;
- Δ To provide tools that will enable our girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic success;
- Δ To assist our girls in proper goal setting and planning for their futures – high school and beyond; and
- Δ 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 Friday, September 4, 2009, 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](mailto:programs@newhavenalumnae.org).

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Requirements for Eligibility**

1. Candidates must be female (this is a gender specific program).
2. All applicants must be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2009-2010 school year.
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. New applicants must complete a 100 word essay on the attached topic.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 must attend the Information Session on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 6pm. The information session will be held at the Celentano Museum Academy, located at 400 Canner Street, New Haven, CT.

Delta Academy/GEMS is a commitment of the New Haven Alumnae Chapter, the Advisors, Participants, and Parents. Attendance at all sessions is crucial to receiving the maximum benefits of the program. Attendance will be reviewed for eligibility in extracurricular activities and events. We look forward to partnering with you in making bright futures for our young ladies.

Applications can be mailed to:

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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.

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