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FORT WORTH ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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February 1, 2024

Re: Barbara Jordan Scholarship

Dear Applicant:

The Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is excited to offer you this scholarship opportunity. To qualify for this scholarship, you must:

1. Be a graduating senior from a school in our service area (Fort Worth, Benbrook, Burleson, Crowley, Everman, Edgecliff, Forest Hill, Haltom City, Kennedale, Mansfield, Richland Hills, White Settlement).
2. Plan to attend a 2 or 4-year college/university.
3. Submit a completed application, with the requested supporting documents.
 - a. High School transcript
 - b. Two signed letters of recommendation
 - c. Typed Essay 1,500-2,000 words
 - d. Photo (Headshot)
 - e. All release forms (virtual participation and media release forms)

All documents should contain the applicant's name and date of birth when submitting your application packet. Complete application packets must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 8, 2024 deadline to:

Barbarajordan@fortworthdst.org

Please be advised a personal interview will be scheduled for all applicants. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please email Barbarajordan@fortworthdst.org.

Sincerely,

Demetrice Thompson
Chapter President

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**FORT WORTH ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
BARBARA JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024**

The scholarship application deadline March 8, 2024-NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.

Please complete the entire application			
1.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none; width: 50%;">Last Name:</td> <td style="border: none; width: 50%;">First Name:</td> </tr> </table>	Last Name:	First Name:
Last Name:	First Name:		
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Contact Number: () Email Address:		
4.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (Please confirm if it's a 4.0 or 5.0 scale) Please attach proof of GPA (your most recent school transcript is required)		
5.	Name and location of high school attending:		
6.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community: *You may add additional activities on a blank sheet and attach to application		
7.	Please list the college/university you plan to attend or college(s) you have applied to: List major and/or career interest you plan to pursue:		
8.	Two letters of recommendation are required – 1 letter is to be written by a current/former teacher, counselor, or principal and 1 letter is to be written by a community contact (church, volunteer organizations or employer); please list the names, contact number and title of references below: A. B.		

9. Please type a 1,500 – 2,000 words essay, selecting only one (1) of the following topics listed below:

1. Discuss why mental health is just as important as physical health.
2. Body autonomy rights are slowly being stripped away. What are the current ways women have body autonomy, and what are the impacts when those rights are restricted? Please state and defend your position.
3. Given the current political state of our local and federal government, how important is voting?
4. What impact would the voucher program have upon maintaining adequate funding for public education in our state? Do you agree or disagree with using taxpayer money for private education? Please state and defend your position.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that by participating in this scholarship contest that my picture may be taken and used to promote the organization's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- ___ Application
- ___ Essay
- ___ Photo/Video Release Form
- ___ School Transcript
- ___ Letters of Recommendation
- ___ Photo (Head-shot)

EMAIL COMPLETE PACKAGE TO:
barbarajordan@fortworthdst.org

APPENDIX A
YOUTH INITIATIVE VIRTUAL MEETING/EVENT
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT⁶

I/We, _____ (“Parent/Guardian”), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, give permission for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (“the Sorority”) and the _____ Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (the “Chapter”, together with the Sorority, “Delta”) to host and facilitate closed virtual meetings/events using Zoom (“the Virtual Meeting Platform”), that my/our child will attend during participation in _____ Youth Initiative Program activities, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance and hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree to the terms enumerated below, including the terms set forth on any Schedules attached hereto and incorporated by reference (the "Participation Agreement").

I/We also understand that the Virtual Meeting Platform may collect information about its users and has its own privacy terms and conditions to which users must adhere. I/We will be responsible for reviewing the virtual meeting platform’s privacy terms and conditions before registering for virtual meetings/events.

I/We also understand that my/our child will need the following to participate in a virtual meeting platform.

- A computer, mobile, or tablet device with access to the Internet
- A quiet space in which participants can participate in the virtual meeting/event under the supervision of an adult
- Registration for the virtual meeting/event platform and provide some customer data (including but not limited to an email address, first and last name, etc.)

I/We also understand, acknowledge and agree to indemnify, defend, protect and hold harmless the Chapter and any of its officers and members; and the Sorority and any of its officers; National Executive Board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from and against any and all liability, whether in law or in equity, should there a breach of security of the Virtual Meeting Platform and any subsequent injury, malice, or harm that might occur as a result, and waive and release any and all rights with respect to the same.

I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; and the Sorority; its officers; National Executive Board, employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Virtual Meeting Platform as a venue for meetings or events. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said images and content of the virtual meeting/event, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I/We hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of _____, authorized legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing behalf of my/our child.

I/We have fully read and understand the *Code of Conduct* (attached hereto as **Schedule 1**). I understand that my child’s compliance with the *Code of Conduct* is a condition of her/his participation in the program. I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that the sanctions for violating the *Code of Conduct* are reasonable and should my child be non-complaint, they will be subject to the prescribed disciplinary action.

I/We also give permission for the Chapter and the Sorority to highlight my/our child’s achievements and activities in efforts to promote the youth initiative program through the Virtual Meeting Platform that will include the use of still photographs, moving images or live images, and chats including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images (“Images”) taken of my/our child or provided by my/our child during _____

⁶ Please distribute all pages of the Participation Agreement INCLUDING Schedules 1 & 2 to Participants for review and signature.

participation in the _____ Youth Initiative Program in accordance with the terms set forth in the Media and Publication Releases (attached hereto as **Schedules 2**).

Participant Acknowledgement (Student Participant)

With my parent/guardian, I have fully read and understand the Participation Agreement. I acknowledge that should I fail to abide to the *Code of Conduct* that my actions will be subject disciplinary action as defined. I hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree to comply with the terms set forth in the Participation Agreement.

Participant Signature

Date

Participant Print Name

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I have fully read and understand the *Participation Agreement*. I also understand that my child's compliance with the *Code of Conduct* is a condition of her/his participation in the program. I hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree to comply with the terms set forth in the Participation Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

APPENDIX A – SCHEDULE 1
YOUTH INITIATIVE VIRTUAL MEETING AND PUBLICITY
CODE OF CONDUCT

The Youth Participant Virtual Meeting and Publicity Code of Conduct serves as codified guidance for youth participation in Delta’s Youth Initiative Programs, namely those of a virtual nature. Your signature on the Participation agreement indicates your complete understanding and agreement to comply with this Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in loss of privileges and/or removal from Delta’s Virtual Youth Initiative Programs. As a youth participant in Delta’s Virtual Youth Initiative Programs you are expected to:

- **Refrain from use of any profane, foul, hurtful, obscene or vulgar language** in any virtual chatroom and during the virtual meetings and events;
- **Refrain from engaging in any violence, cyber-bullying⁷, or other aggressive behaviors** that may threaten the welfare of other participants;
- **Refrain from any disruptive behavior that may disrupt the virtual meetings and events;**
- **Be properly groomed and dressed for all virtual youth initiative meetings and events**, refrain from wearing articles of clothing that displays profane or obscene language and/or images;
- **Keep your camera on at all times during all virtual youth initiative meetings and events;**
- **Provide a noise-free environment while participating in any and all virtual youth initiative meetings and events;**
- **Refrain from taking, presenting, and posting any photographs, screen shots, video recordings, and/or screen recordings of any virtual youth initiative meetings or any confidential information disseminated during any virtual youth initiative meetings;**
- **Refrain from taking, presenting, and posting any and all inappropriate content** including photographs, screen shots, video recordings, and/or screen recordings of any other youth participants of Delta’s youth initiative programs;
- **Contact the leader of your youth initiative program if you have any questions or need clarification regarding the Code of conduct.**

SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATING CODE OF CONDUCT

4. Bad Language/Abusive Teasing and Related Acts:

- 1st Time: Verbal warning, *parent or guardian notified from this point forward*
- 2nd Time: Loss of privileges
- 3rd Time: 1-week suspension from program
- ***Next occurrence youth is removed from the program.***

5. Physical Violence and Other Misconduct:

- 1st Time: Removal from situation, loss of privileges, *guardian notified from this point forward*
- ***Next occurrence youth is removed from the program.***

6. Illegal Substances or Dangerous Weapons – **1st Time: Youth is removed from the program.** If a youth is in possession of an illegal substance or dangerous weapon, the police will be notified as well.

⁷ Cyber-bullying is defined in Delta’s *Technology Guidelines* as identified in Footnote 1.

APPENDIX A – SCHEDULE 2
MEDIA & PUBLICATION RELEASE

In accordance with the terms of the Participation Agreement, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (“Delta”) will be filming, recording and photographing this event for use in Delta promotional videos, photography, advertisements, social media platforms, web pages, and other future Delta events, as the case may be, (the “Production”). In addition, Delta may use and publicize the name, image, likeness, and any other personal characteristics or other information provided by or related to the Participant that is derived from the filming, recording and photographing of this event for use in Delta videos, photography, articles, as well as any advertising and promotional materials on mediums that may include on-demand, streaming, or other web services, social media platforms, and print news and information outlets, and any other the case may be (the “Publication”).

As specified within the Agreement therein, participant and participant’s parent/guardian (participant and participant’s parent/guardian together, “Participant”), via continued participation in and by continuing to remain logged into this event, hereby:

- (i) acknowledges that Participant may be photographed, filmed or otherwise recorded while on the premises of the event,
- (ii) grants Delta, its successors, assigns and licensees (“Authorized Persons”) irrevocable consent to include Participant’s name, likeness, photographic image, mannerisms and voice or other recording (“Media”) in any Publication or for any purpose whatsoever in any and all mediums now known or hereafter devised throughout the universe in perpetuity without compensation and/or credit,
- (iii) acknowledges no right to review or approve Materials before they are used by Delta, and that Delta has no liability to me for any editing or alteration of the Materials or for any distortion or other effects resulting from Delta’s editing, alteration, or use of the Materials, or Delta’s presentation of me, should Delta choose create or use the Materials or to exercise any rights given by this Agreement,
- (iv) acknowledges that Delta is the exclusive owner of all display, publication, and ownership rights, including copyright, trademarks, and any other intellectual property, from Media and Materials arising in any jurisdiction throughout the universe in perpetuity, including all registration, renewal, and reversion rights, and the right to sue to enforce such intellectual property against infringers,
- (v) acknowledges that Delta holds and shall forever hold all display, publication and ownership rights, licenses and privileges to any and all Media, whether in law or in equity, which may be asserted, ascertained, registered or in any way utilized with respect thereto,
- (vi) waives all legal and equitable rights against Delta and any authorized persons relating to all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, and expenses, including but not limited to claims for copyright or trademark infringement, infringement of moral rights, libel, defamation, invasion of any rights of privacy (including intrusion, false light, public disclosure of private facts, and misappropriation of name or likeness), violation of rights of publicity, physical or emotional injury or distress, or any similar claim or cause of action in tort, contract, or any other legal theory, now known or hereafter known in any jurisdiction throughout the world, arising directly or indirectly from Authorized Persons ' exercise of their rights under this Release and whether resulting in whole or in part from the negligence of the Sorority, the Chapter, or any other persons, and
- (vii) agree that this Agreement cannot be terminated, rescinded, or modified, in whole or in part.

Participant further agrees to abide by and comply with any and all terms of use and/or additional participation rules as applicable and specified during relevant sections of the program and acknowledges, understands, and agrees that violation of such participation rules shall result in legal recourse and disciplinary action.

APPENDIX B2

PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA, AND VIDEO AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM

I/We, _____ (“Parent/Guardian”), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, give permission for _____ Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (the “Chapter”) to publish on the Internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images (“Images”) taken of my child during participation in _____ Youth Initiative Program activities, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance.

I/We also give permission for the Chapter to highlight my child’s achievements and activities in efforts to promote the youth initiative program through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media without payment or any consideration and without notifying me.

I/We understand and agree that these Images will become the property of the Chapter, which shall have complete ownership of the Images. I hereby irrevocably authorized the Chapter to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the Chapter’s programs, including the _____ Youth Initiative Program or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my child’s likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images.

I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; its officers; National Executive Board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I/we hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of _____, authorized legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name

APPENDIX C – PRINT AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS
PARENTAL NOTICE

You are receiving this notice in accordance with the youth program Participation Agreement. Your youth participant’s name, image, likeness, or other personal characteristics may be featured on the website and/or in the publication listed below.

DATE: February 1, 2024
CHAPTER: Fort Worth Alumnae
PROGRAM: Barbara Jordan Essay Scholarship
PUBLICATION #1: Fliers, Marketing, Newspaper, Social Media Outlets
WEBSITE (IF APPLICABLE): www.fortworthdst.org
DATE OF PUBLICATION: TBD
ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

PUBLICATION #2: Souvenir Journal, Library
WEBSITE (IF APPLICABLE):
DATE OF PUBLICATION: TBD
ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

All references will be made in accordance with the terms specified in the Participation Agreement. To confirm, Chapters/Members are **limited** to the information they may provide and may only provide the youth participant’s name accompanied along with one of the pre-approved selections listed below.

Pre-approved selections:

- Aspirations/goals
- Hobbies/community service activities
- Favorite quotes, books, music, etc.
- Best memories/aspects of Youth Initiative Programs
- Fun facts

In instances where youth participants have been awarded a scholarship or monetary prize. Chapters are prohibited from disclosing the value of the monetary award or scholarship to the public or any online or print publication.

APPENDIX C4

INTERNET USE POLICY

1. Purpose

This policy relates to the use of computers or Internet access through, during, or as part of any Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (“DST”) Youth Initiative Program (“Program”) or sponsored event. The purpose of the policy is to protect the participating youth from gaining access to undesirable materials on the Internet; from making undesirable contacts over the Internet; and to prevent unacceptable use of the Internet by youth participants, including, but not limited to, using the Internet for cyber-bullying. The focus of the policy is on both personal and shared responsibility.

2. Definitions and Illustrative Examples

A. Examples of Prohibited Materials

- Pornographic images or obscene images or text on Internet web sites.
- Material that contains abusive, profane, inflammatory, coercive, defamatory, blasphemous, or otherwise offensive language on web sites or in e-mail messages.
- Racist, exploitative, or illegal material or messages on web sites or in e-mail.

B. Examples of Prohibited Contacts

- Responding to e-mail messages or solicitations (through advertisements or web postings) from unknown or unverified parties who seek to establish a youth’s identity and/or to communicate with the youth for any purpose.
- Initiating contact with unknown or unverified parties or parties seeking contact youth for any purposes.

C. Examples of Prohibited Use

- Deliberately searching for and accessing prohibited materials.
- Creating and transmitting e-mail messages that contain unacceptable language or content such as that listed above in 2A, bullet 2; and
- Creating and publishing Internet materials that contain unacceptable language and content.

D. Examples of Cyber-bullying

Cyber-bullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another individual by way of any technological tool, such as sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings which has the effect of :

- Physically, emotionally, or mentally harming an individual.
- Placing an individual in reasonable fear of physical, emotional, or mental harm.
- Placing an individual in reasonable fear of damage to or loss of personal property; or
- Creating an intimidating or hostile environment that substantially interferes with an individual's educational opportunities.

3. Unintentional Exposure of Youth to Prohibited Materials on the Internet

It is Delta's policy that Chapters must undertake every reasonable step to prevent exposure of youth participants to undesirable materials on the Internet. It is recognized that this can happen not only through the youth deliberately searching for such materials, but also unintentionally when a justifiable Internet search yields unexpected results.

To prevent such occurrences the chapter shall adopt the following practices:

- A.** Chapters should use an Internet Provider or software that blocks access by:
 - Filtering sites by a grading process, and
 - Filtering sites by language content and prohibit sites with unacceptable vocabulary.
- B.** Chapters must strictly supervise Internet usage:
 - Adults must strictly supervise youth participant's Internet activity, and there should be no searching of the Internet without a supervisor checking periodically during use and reviewing the sites accessed after a youth logs off.
 - Install appropriate language filtering software (e.g., Net Nanny).

4. Intentional Access of Prohibited Materials by Youth

Chapter shall explain clearly and firmly to the youth that they are prohibited from intentionally accessing prohibited material on the Internet. The youth also must be informed that if she/he violates this policy, she/he will be disciplined, and her/his parents or guardian will be notified. Chapters must follow through with disciplining the youth and notifying the parents or guardian.

5. Deliberate Access to Prohibited Materials by Adults

Adults are prohibited from deliberately accessing prohibited materials. Any adult who violates this policy will be terminated as a volunteer.

6. Receipt and transmission of e-mails by youth

It is recognized that, even with training and supervision, youth may receive or transmit e-mail messages that contain unacceptable (or even prohibited) language or content. It is also recognized that some people may try to use e-mail to identify and contact children for unacceptable reasons.

To avoid these problems, Chapters should adopt the following practices:

- A. Use an Internet e-mail service that guarantees the bona-fide nature of e-mail communicants and that vets youth's e-mail for undesirable content.
- B. Depending on the circumstances and the age or maturity of the youth, allow youth to read e-mail messages only when an adult is present or when the messages have been previewed by an adult.
- C. Take steps to verify the identity of anyone seeking to establish regular e-mail communications with youth.
- D. Allow youth to send e-mail messages only when the contents have been approved by an adult.

If staff or volunteers believe that youth have been targeted with e-mail messages by parties with criminal or inappropriate intent, **immediately take the following steps**: retain the messages; record the incident by completing the Risk Management incident Report form; inform the youth's parents; report the incident to law enforcement or other local or state authorities, and report the incident to the Chapter president and the Regional Director.

7. Publishing Materials on the Internet

No materials, whether created by volunteers or youth participants, that contain any prohibited images, language, or content shall be published on the Internet. Infringement of this rule shall result in disciplinary action.

No materials shall be published on the Internet that reveals the identity of any youth.

8. Use of Delta's Internet by Visitors and Guests

No visitor or guest shall be allowed to use any Delta computer.

9. Intellectual Property Rights

- A. Delta's Intellectual Property. No individual member owns any of Delta's intellectual property (which includes any Delta logo, word(s), or phrase(s) commonly associated with, and understood to refer to, Delta, and the "look" of any Mark used to distinguish merchandise and service as being associated with

or related to Delta. Thus, no member is authorized to use such property for any inappropriate or any commercial purpose (*i.e.*, to make money from using the property or to promote other causes), or to authorize any third party to use Delta's intellectual property for **any** purpose. *See* Delta's Code of Conduct, Social Media Guidelines, and Primer on the Use of the Intellectual Property of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

- B. Third Parties' Intellectual Property Rights.** All materials on the Internet are copyrighted and/or trademarked unless copyright has been expressly waived. Delta respects the intellectual property rights (copyright, trademarks, service marks, and related rights) of third-party owners Internet materials, and Delta assumes no liability for violations of any intellectual property rights by volunteers or youth participants.

10. Parental Approval of Publication of Photographs or Other Materials

Chapters may publish photographs of youth participants on the Internet only if the parent or guardian has granted authorization. Depending on the nature and content, other materials may be published so long as the parent or guardian has given written consent. Delta must obtain the signed Photograph, Media, and Video Authorization Form from the Parents/Guardians of a youth before publishing any content that includes images of a youth participant (Appendix B2).

Acknowledgment of Receipt

Parent/Guardian (Print Name): _____

Parent/Guardian (Signature): _____

Youth Participant Name: _____