



Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
2021-2022 YOUTH INITIATIVE APPLICATION



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Please complete and mail applications to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter
Attention: Delta Academy/GEMS
P.O. Box 96 Jackson, MS 39205- 0096

OR

Email complete applications to:
deltaacademy_gems@jacksonmsalumnae.org

****NOTE:** *If you are applying for EMBODI, please place EMBODI on the "Attention" line instead of Delta Academy/GEMS*

For questions regarding Delta Academy/GEMS,
please email deltaacademy_gems@jacksonmsalumnae.org

For questions regarding EMBODI, please email:
educationaldevelopment@jacksonmsalumnae.org

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20, 2021 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2021-2022 DELTA GEMS OR DELTA ACADEMY PROGRAMMING YEAR.



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Dear Applicant,

The **Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy** is a national initiative of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. coordinated on the local level to support the development of young females ages 11-14. The goal of Delta Academy is to help young girls avoid the perils of academic failure, low self-esteem, and crippled futures. We have planned monthly activities with trained volunteers to augment educational development through engagement in STEM activities, personal and cultural development events, leadership opportunities, and public service. The program is designed to prepare young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21st Century.

Dr. Jeanne L. Noble GEMS Institute is geared toward development of adolescent girls ages 14-18. The Delta GEMS program provides a framework for achieving goals and dreams through the development of a “can do” attitude and important academic and life skills. It is designed to grow compassionate, caring, and community-minded young women. We have planned monthly activities with trained volunteers to focus on goalsetting, college-and-career-planning, individual growth, and self-reflection.

The **EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) Program** is designed to refocus the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with the support and action of other major organizations, on the plight of African-American males. Both informal and empirical data suggests that the vast majority of African-American males continues to be in crisis and is not reaching its fullest potential educationally, socially and emotionally. EMBODI is designed to address these issues through dialogue and recommendations for change and action. EMBODI addresses issues related to STEM education, culture, self-efficacy, leadership, physical and mental health, healthy lifestyles choices, character, ethics, relationships, college readiness, fiscal management, civic engagement and service learning.

The 2021-2022 **Delta Academy/Delta GEMS Subcommittee** and **EMBODI Subcommittee** have been busy planning exciting, fun-filled sessions, and events to promote the personal and academic growth of our youth. We look forward to receiving your applications soon!

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Handy

Gwendolyn Handy, President

Nakisha Davis

Nakisha Davis, Program, Planning, & Development Chair

Kenya Horn

Kenya Horn, Education Development Committee Chair

Bridgett Nelson

Bridgett Nelson, EMBODI Subcommittee Chair

Pheron Russell

Pheron Russell, Delta Academy/Delta GEMS Subcommittee Chair



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What To Do:

- ◇ Complete the application in its entirety.
- ◇ Submit application **no later than** August 20, 2021 by 11:59pm CST.
- ◇ If selected, ensure you (participant and parent/guardian) attend one (1) Parent Orientation.
- ◇ Ensure you have access to electronic device and internet to use for virtual programming.

By signing below, I understand, if my child is selected for participation, Parent/Guardian Orientation is mandatory for both parent and child. I also understand that my child must NOT miss more than **two (2)** scheduled activities. Orientation is scheduled via ZOOM for September 23, 2021 and September 28, 2021 at 6pm (*Only attendance to one (1) is required*).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Tentative Programming Dates:

September 9, 2021 <i>Parent Orientation</i>
October 2, 2021 <i>Youth Conference</i>
November 6, 2021 <i>Community Service</i>
<i>December 4, 2021</i> <i>International Awareness & Involvement</i>
January 22, 2022 <i>Physical & Mental Health</i>
February 5, 2022 <i>Physical & Mental Health</i>
March 5, 2022 <i>Economic Development</i>
April 9, 2022 <i>Educational Development</i>
May 7, 2022 <i>End of Year Cultural Experience</i>



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Please mark **X**
 program you are applying:

next to the

_____ **Delta Academy** (Middle School Aged Females 6th – 8th Grade)

_____ **Delta GEMS** (High School Aged Females 9th – 12th Grade)

_____ **EMBODI** (Middle and High School Aged Males – Ages 13-18)

Have you participated in either program before? YES or NO

Are you related to a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.? _____ Yes. _____ No

If yes, please name how you're related _____

<i>Personal Information– Please Print</i>					
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):		Date of Birth:	Gender:	Grade:	T-shirt Size:
Address:		City/State:		Zip Code:	
Home Telephone:	Youth's Mobile Telephone Number:	Youth's E-mail Address:			
What are your (Youth Applicant) career goals?				Are you eligible for or do you receive free or reduced lunch? Yes No	
School Name:					
Allergies (Food):					



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Family/Contact Information	Cell Phone: Work Phone:	Parent Email:
Parent/Legal Guardian Name:	Cell Phone: Work Phone:	Parent Email:
Emergency Contact Name #1:	Telephone#:	Relationship to Student:
Emergency Contact Name #2:	Telephone#:	Relationship to Student



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Personal Statement of Interest

- 1. Please explain in 500 words or less: Why would you like to join the Delta Academy/GEMS/EMBODI of the Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc? What do you hope to gain or learn by participating in this program?*



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Personal Statement of Interest

2. *Please explain in 500 words or less: If you could design an event/program of your choosing for Delta Academy/GEM/EMBODI , what would it be and how would it impact the community?*