



**Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**Delta Academy
Delta GEMS: Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully
EMBODI: Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in youth programming activities of the Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. We are planning an exciting year and are thrilled you are interested.

The Delta Academy Youth Initiative is designed for young ladies ages 11 to 14. The program focuses on self-awareness and seeks to develop young ladies with positive attitudes towards themselves and others, and who are effective and optimistic problem solvers that are confident about their future.

The Delta G.E.M.S. Youth Initiative is designed for young women ages 14 to 18 who are in the 9th through 12th grades. G.E.M.S. is an acronym for Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully. The curriculum focuses on programs and activities that sharpen as well as enhance leadership skills by promoting high levels of academic success and emphasizing decision-making and planning for college.

The EMBODI Youth Initiative is designed for young men ages 11 to 18. EMBODI is an acronym for Empowering Males to Building Opportunities for Developing Independence. The program addresses issues related to STEM education, culture, leadership, character, ethics, college readiness, civic engagement, and service learning.

Delta's youth programming activities are a 10-month commitment. These sessions will be comprised of fun, interactive, educational and community service activities. Although we recognize that participants may be involved in numerous other academic, athletic and/or extracurricular school activities, it is expected that young females and males attend each session. Our sessions are usually held on the **3rd Saturday** of each month, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, beginning in **September 2021** and ending in **June 2022**. There may be instances when dates and times change, and/or additional activities are scheduled for public service projects and/or field trips.

Each session is designed for and centered on the participants. To fully benefit from our program, participants need to attend each scheduled session (with no more than 2 absences). We do reserve the right to remove participants from the program who do not follow our attendance policy. Participants must attend at least 80% of the sessions.

Interested participants:

- Have potential, but need guidance, support, and skills to achieve success
- Are interested in developing leadership skills
- Are actively pursuing college after high school or other career options and need encouragement and support in pursuit of higher learning
- Demonstrate risk in at least one area of the following: socio-economic status, single parent home, learning disability, teenage mother, attending low performing school, court involved youth and/or offspring of those incarcerated
- Can consistently attend most meetings, programs and scheduled service projects planned predominately for the 3rd Saturday of each month (80% attendance rate)

The participant application package includes:

- Applicant Profile Sheet
- Essay/activities commitment sheet (questions provided at the end of the profile sheet)
- A copy of your end of the school year report card (submit via email with application)
- Parental Consent Forms/ Medical Forms (completed and brought to orientation)

Please be sure to complete the attached application in its entirety and submit the application (postmarked or entered online) by **August 1, 2021**. (Parent/applicant signature is required where specified). Electronic signature is acceptable. An original signature will be obtained during the orientation session in September.

Applications not filled out completely and/or not submitted by the postmarked date specified will not be considered for acceptance into the youth programming activities for the 2021-2022 year. Notification of acceptance will be sent to parents no later than August 14, 2021. A calendar of the program activities will be provided to all young ladies and men who are accepted into the programs on September 18, 2021 at the program kickoff and orientation event.

Again, thank you for your interest and we look forward to reviewing your application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:

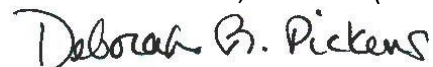
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Sincerely,

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