

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Greater Columbia County Alumnae Chapter

The Louise A. Rice Scholarship Application



GCCAC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 204512
Martinez, GA 30917

Scholarship Information & Guidelines:

Who Is Dr. Louise A. Rice

Dr. Louise A. Rice is the 23rd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., making her chief executive of the premier national service organization comprised of predominately African-American women who are college-educated professionals residing throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

Since taking the Delta helm, Dr. Rice has embarked upon fulfilling the Sorority's mission by employing the theme: "One Mission, One Sisterhood: Empowering Communities through Committed Service" for the 2006-2008 biennium. With more than 24 years of national experience and committed leadership to the Grand chapter of DST, Dr. Rice was elected to the Delta presidency in July 2004. During her first term of office, on behalf of the Sorority, Dr. Rice presented a \$1 million donation to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in support of its exceptional work for civil rights. She was elected to a second term in 2006 during the 48th National Convention held in Philadelphia.

In the area of civic and community involvement, Dr. Rice serves on the Board of Directors for the Richmond County Department of Family and Children Services, where she formerly served as chair; and is a Board Member of Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Economic Opportunity authority, Inc., where she served as treasurer. She is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Richmond County Board of Education and a member of the Augusta Chapter of the Links, Inc., formerly serving as President. She holds a Life Membership in the National Council of Negro Women and is a member of Leadership Augusta.

After earning her bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education from Tuskegee University, she earned a Master's degree in Remedial Reading and Psychology of School Subjects from Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. Dr. Rice was awarded the Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Reading Education from University of Georgia in Athens and is certified at the doctorate levels in educational administration and supervision. An educator for 40 years, Dr. Rice taught on both the secondary and university levels. Educating students and providing service are indeed two of her passions in life.

She has received numerous honors and awards from such entities as the City of Milledgeville, Georgia; the State of Kentucky; the County of Dade, Florida; the Tennessee House of Representatives; the City of Augusta; the United Negro College Fund; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; the American Association of University Women; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; the CSRA Council of Girl Scouts of America; and others.

Application Deadline: **January 13, 2017**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, international public service sorority comprised of more than 200,000 predominately African- American, college educated women. Since its founding in 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has established itself as an organization that strives to confront the problems, primarily of African Americans, thereby benefiting the global community. A wide range of programs addressing education, health, international development, and the strengthening of the community have emerged and evolved over the years. Encouraging young women to achieve excellence through higher education is a primary focus of our organization and local chapter.

The Greater Columbia County Alumnae Chapter (GCCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. supports this focus by awarding scholarships to young women who exemplify academic excellence, strong leadership, and community involvement. GCCAC is currently seeking applicants for its annual scholarship(s). The chapter will award financial funds as scholarships for the **2017-2018** academic years to talented young women who are graduating high school seniors.

Thank you for taking the time to review the attached scholarship information. All applicants interested in the scholarship award must write two 500 word essays; must meet delineated criteria; and must complete and mail (postmarked) the application packet by **January 13, 2017**. A complete application packet, including all supporting documentation, should be mailed in one package.

Who May Apply

- △ Applicant must be a female student who meets the following criteria:
- △ High-school senior graduating in **May 2017**.
- △ Currently attending high school in Appling, Chennault, Evans, Grovetown, Harlem, Lincolnton, and/or Martinez
- △ Has a minimum 3.0 grade point average
- △ Shows evidence of scholastic achievement, good moral character, and community service involvement
- △ Plans to attend an accredited college or university beginning **Fall Semester 2017**.

How To Apply

- △ Complete an application
- △ Write on both topics listed below (an essay of 500 words each) typed and double spaced, citing at least two references. Spelling and grammar will be considered in reviewing the essay.
- △ Submit one Scholastic letter of recommendation and one Community Service letter of recommendation.
- △ Submit an official school transcript.
- △ Attach copy of college acceptance letter if available.

Essay Topics

- “The Impact of a College Education on My Future Career Goals”
- “Describe or Discuss Your Need for Financial Assistance”

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When To Apply

- Δ **January 13, 2017** is the deadline for submitting a completed application and supporting documentation. Finalists in the review process will be asked to participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee. Award recipients will be notified no later than **April 29, 2017**.
- Δ Mail completed application and supporting documents to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Greater Columbia County Alumnae Chapter
Scholarship Committee Chair
Joylind Beverly
P.O. Box 204512
Martinez, GA 30917

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Personal Profile:

Name of Applicant: _____
Last, First Initial

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Academic Profile

School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Collegiate Goals

Prospective Major: _____

Please list in order of preference the top four colleges to which you have applied or plan to apply:

- 1. _____ 3. _____
- 2. _____ 4. _____

Please list any scholarships for you have applied or been awarded:

What are your career interests?

Honors/Awards/Achievements:

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Extracurricular Activities/Sports:

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Church and Community Related Activities:

Academic References

Reference A: Community/Church Service

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Reference B: Academic

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Please have references submit a typed letter of recommendation. Each letter of recommendation should be signed, typed on letterhead, placed in a sealed envelope and returned to the applicant to be included in the application package. Letters should be addressed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Greater Columbia County Alumnae Chapter and include

- Δ Name of Reference
- Δ Relationship to Applicant
- Δ Length of time reference has known applicant
- Δ Reason reference believe applicant should be awarded this scholarship

Disclaimer

I certify that all information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate and that all statements and essays are my own work. I give the Greater Columbia County Alumnae Chapter (GCCAC) permission to verify any information contained in this package, as necessary. A scholarship from the Greater Columbia County Alumnae Chapter (GCCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. may be denied or revoked and my application can be considered for disqualification if any information contained herein is found to be inaccurate, incomplete or misrepresented. Should I receive an award, I hereby grant unrestricted rights and permission to GCCAC to utilize my name, photo and award amount in all publications, publicity and or marketing materials for its own purposes.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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