



ROSA L. POSTON AND JEANETTE B. SHERROD SCHOLARSHIPS **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The Rosa L. Poston and Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarships provide financial assistance to deserving young African-American women who are graduating high school seniors and who will pursue post-secondary education in an accredited four-year college/university. These scholarships commemorate the achievements of two members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Union County Alumnae Chapter, who have made major contribution to the children and families in Union County. Rosa L Poston is a retired educator who spent over forty years teaching the Monroe City and Union County Public Schools. She was one of the first African-American teachers to integrate the Monroe City Schools. Jeanette B. Sherrod (1930-2017) retired after 29 years with the North Carolina's Agricultural Extension Service as a County Extension Agent. She spent her career educating homemakers and forming 4-H clubs throughout the county. She was an influential member of the Quality Hill Community and received many awards for her dedication and commitment in serving our community. In 2009, she received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the highest awards given to a citizen of North Carolina by the Governor.

Eligibility/Criteria

- 1) Applicant must be a senior scheduled to graduate in the spring of the current year.
- 2) Applicant must be a resident of Union County and attend one of the high schools within the Union County Public School District.**
- 3) Applicant must submit an acceptance letter from at least one accredited four-year college or university with the application.
- 4) Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- 5) Applicant must enroll as a full-time student at an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall of 2020.
- 6) Applicant must have leadership potential as evidenced by her school and community activities.

(Note: The children and siblings of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Union County Alumnae Chapter members are not eligible for this scholarship.)

***Applications from private and charter schools will not be accepted.*

Application Procedures

To be considered for the Rosa L. Poston or Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarship, the applicant must:

- 1) Submit a completed application packet with a **postmark** no later than **March 19, 2021** (***hand delivered and/or late packets will not be accepted***). The packet **must** include:
 - a. A completed and signed application form.
 - b. Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher or school official and the **second** recommendation from an adult in the community (e.g., an employer, minister – *relatives cannot submit recommendation letters*). The letter of recommendation should include, but not be limited to, the length of time reference has known the applicant and in what capacity, applicant's strengths and weaknesses, and why the reference believes the applicant deserves the scholarship. The letters of recommendation must be **original, signed by the writer and placed in a sealed envelope** (***photo copies and faxes are not acceptable***).
 - c. A sealed official transcript.
 - d. A typed essay not to exceed 250 words stating why the applicant is applying for the scholarship, her qualifications, educational and career goals and why the applicant chose the career she intends to pursue.
 - e. A copy of a letter from an accredited four-year college or university verifying acceptance for the fall of 2021.
- 2) Attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Union County Alumnae Chapter, if chosen as a finalist.

Mail the completed application packet to:

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Union County Alumnae Chapter
Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box 2095
Indian Trail, NC 28079*

Please direct questions to Althea Richardson-Tucker at **scholarship@unioncountydst.org**. To download an application, go to **www.unioncountydst.org** and click on the scholarship link.

Awards

Scholarships are a onetime award and will be paid after the recipient submits official proof of enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university.



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APPLICATION FORM

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| Applicant Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Email Address: | Telephone #: |
| Parents/Guardians: | |
| High School: | |
| Class Rank (as of 1 st semester 12th grade) | |
| Unweighted GPA: | |
| College Preference (1) | (2) |
| Anticipated Major or Field of Study: | |
| First Generation to Attend College: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

CURRENT AND PAST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS (You may attach an additional sheet if needed)

| Activities | Honors |
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND HONORS (Non-School Affiliated Activities)

| Activities | Honors |
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COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

(Please do not include community service performed as part of membership requirements in other organizations – i.e. National Honor Society service hours.)

| Organization | Contact Person | Telephone # | # Hours |
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Is your essay attached? Yes No

Interviews: Personal interviews will be required of scholarship finalists. Finalists will be notified of the interview date and time.

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that false statements in this application may disqualify me from consideration of this scholarship. I also understand that all information submitted will become property of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and Union County Alumnae Chapter and will be kept confidential.

Applicant’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR APPLICATION: DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING:
Missing required information or documents, may result in your application being rejected.

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| Are you a Resident of Union County and Attend a School within UCPS District | Yes | No |
| Application Form Completed and Signed | Yes | No |
| One Page Typed Essay | Yes | No |
| 2 letters of Recommendations from: (1) your school and (2) the Community | Included in Packet Yes No State the names of the Recommenders <hr/> | Mailed Yes No <hr/> |
| Sealed Official HS Transcript | Included in Packet Yes. No <hr/> | Mailed Yes No <hr/> |
| College Acceptance Letter from a 4 Year Accredited College | Yes | No |
| Postmark Deadline: Before <u>March 19, 2021</u> | Yes | No |



ATTENTION APPLICANTS:

OPTIONS IN SUBMITTING REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONS

You may follow the application instructions as it is written on the Application Instructions/Procedure Form.

The application procedure requires you to include all required documents in one packet and mail the complete packet to our post office box by March 19, 2021.

However, due to COVID-19, you may request third parties to send required documents as follows:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You may request the writers of your letters of recommendation to directly send the letter of recommendation to our post office box address.

SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

You may request your school to send your **official** transcript directly to our post office box address.

If an **official** electronic transcript is provided by your school, it must be emailed to:
scholarship@unioncountydst.org.

All documents from third parties must be postmarked by March 19, 2021 to the post office box listed below:

Please Note: You are responsible to ensure third parties submit the required documents by the deadline date.

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