



# Denbigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Post Office Box 2954 Newport News, Virginia 23609

Dear Graduating Senior:

The Denbigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on December 21, 1997. Our members are a collective group of college-educated women with diverse backgrounds, who are dedicated to making a positive impact in the community. Our main purpose is to provide services to the community in the areas of economic development, educational growth, international consciousness and involvement, physical and mental health wellness, and political awareness and involvement.

We are pleased that you are considering applying to one of our scholarship awards. The 2023 scholarship categories and criteria are listed below:

**Vikki Irvette Richardson Memorial Scholarship (\$1000.00 per year for four academic years)**  
Award disbursement of \$4,000

**Yvonne Veneble Memorial Scholarship (non-renewable, one time award)**  
Award disbursement of \$2,000

**Community Impact Award (non-renewable, one time award)**  
Award disbursement of \$2,000

**Two (2) Fortitude Scholarships (non-renewable, one time award)**  
Award disbursement of \$1,500 each

All applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior who identifies as Black or African American
- Attend one of the following high schools: Denbigh, Grafton, Menchville, Tabb, Woodside, or York.
- Show evidence of acceptance to an accredited college, university, or vocational program for the ensuing year.
- Meet GPA requirements (See Application Packet Requirements.)
- Submit an official transcript.
- Be actively involved in community service.
- Be available to receive the award at our Annual High Tea Event on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

**Applications must be received on or March 15, 2023 and can be submitted to the following email address: [denbighscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:denbighscholarships@gmail.com).**

For further information, please email: [scholarships@dac-deltasigmatheta.net](mailto:scholarships@dac-deltasigmatheta.net)

Sincerely,

*Princess Walls*

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Chairperson, Scholarship Committee

Attachments: Scholarship Application Packet Requirements  
Essay Questions  
Scholarship Application



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# Vikki Irvette Richardson Memorial Scholarship Requirements

Vikki Irvette Richardson attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she majored in Political Science. Ms. Richardson then furthered her education at Hampton University and earned a Master in Business Administration. The Ford Motor Corporation in Detroit, Michigan employed Ms. Richardson in 1993. She took advantage of numerous opportunities to travel statewide and abroad. Until her death in 2006, she continued to serve as the After Market Manager for Ford Motor Corporation in Dallas, Texas. She was greatly loved and respected by all that knew her. In loving memory of Ms. Vikki Irvette Richardson, this scholarship was created by the Denbigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. This is a continuous scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will receive a financial reward in the amount of \$1000 per year for four academic years. Scholarship recipient is required to submit proof of school enrollment every year in order to receive the award.

### Eligibility:

- Black or African American female

### Completed packet to include:

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Electronic official transcript
- Copy of college acceptance letter
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (One must be from your school counselor, one from a community representative for example minister, civic leader, Sunday school teacher, etc and one from another school personnel ) \*\*Letters must be dated after January 4, 2023. We will accept signed, electronic recommendation letters in PDF format.
- Completed essay questions

### Essay Questions

Respond to the following questions using 150-200 words per question. The essay must be typed and double-spaced. Sign your name at the bottom of each page.

- What is the best recipe for success and how do you plan to implement it?
- If you could go anywhere in the world and setup a business, where and what would it be?
- Why do you feel you should be a recipient of a Denbigh Alumnae Chapter Scholarship? (Include any financial circumstances you would like us to consider)



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# Yvonne Veneble Memorial Scholarship Requirements

Yvonne Venable attended Winston-Salem Teachers College where she majored in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, she provided years of service to Newport News Public Schools. She later opened her very own childcare center, "The Garden of Children". She took advantage of numerous opportunities to serve the youth. Until her death in 2001, she continued to serve the Newport News community and surrounding areas as well. She was greatly loved and respected by all that knew her. In loving memory of Yvonne Venable, the Denbigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is offering a scholarship to a deserving young lady who will commit her life to education or pursuing a degree in STEM related field, to increase African-American female representation in this dynamic career path.

### Eligibility:

- Black or African American female
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Pursuing a degree in Education or STEM related field (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math)

### Completed packet to include:

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Electronic official transcript
- Copy of college acceptance letter
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from educators (One must be from your school counselor) \*\*Letters must be dated after January 4, 2023. We will accept signed, electronic recommendation letters in PDF format.
- Completed essay questions

### Essay Questions

Respond to the following questions using 150-200 words per question. The essay must be typed and double-spaced. Sign your name at the bottom of each page.

- Reflect on a person or experience that has influenced you to pursue a career or degree in Education/STEM. Please elaborate
- How will your education aid your career goals after college?
- Why do you feel you should be a recipient of a Denbigh Alumnae Chapter Scholarship? (Include any financial circumstances you would like us to consider)



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# Community Impact Award Requirements

**Awarded to a student that is or has worked on a community service project or is participating in an activity that has made a major impact in our community. Has identified a problem within the community and worked to provide a solution.**

### **Eligibility:**

- **Black or African American female or male**
- **GPA of 2.8 or higher**
- **Must not be paid or required volunteer experience**
- **Project currently being worked on or completed within the last 2 years.**

### **Completed packet to include:**

- **Completed and signed scholarship application**
- **Electronic official transcript**
- **Copy of college acceptance letter**
- **Three (3) letters of recommendation: Community service letter from someone familiar with your project, Character/academic reference from school educator, School Counselor**  
Letters must be dated after January 4, 2023. We will accept signed, electronic recommendation letters in PDF format.
- **Completed essay questions**

### **Essay Questions**

**Respond to the following questions in 5 or fewer pages, including attachments, photos, portfolio, videos, links social media, websites, etc. Responses must be typed and double-spaced. Sign your name at the bottom of each page.**

- **In 250 words or less, describe how your community service experience has made you think differently about yourself and others?**
- **We want to learn about what you have done to make your community a better place. Detail the need you saw in your community and what you did to meet that need and make an impact. Include:**
  - **The steps you took to begin your service project and timeline,**
  - **A listing of project goals and expected outcomes,**
  - **Who is involved in the project with you and/or what organizations have provided support for the project,**
  - **If the project is complete or has ended, list a description of actual outcomes, whether project goals were met and a brief reflection on the service project.**
  - **If the project is still ongoing, what accomplishments have been made/met?**



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# Fortitude Scholarship Requirements

### Eligibility:

- Black or African American female
- GPA of 2.8 or higher

### Completed packet to include:

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Electronic official transcript
- Copy of college acceptance letter
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from educators (One must be from your school counselor) Letters must be dated after January 4, 2023. We will accept signed, electronic recommendation letters in PDF format.
- Completed essay questions

### Essay Questions

Respond to the following 3 questions using 50-100 words per question. Responses must be typed and double-spaced. Sign your name at the bottom of the page.

- What are your goals, aspirations, and/or dreams and how will you work toward achieving them over the next five years?
- What does public/community service mean to you and how have you been involved with public/community service in recent years?
- Why do you feel you should be a recipient of a Denbigh Alumnae Chapter Scholarship? (Include any financial circumstances you would like us to consider)



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## Scholarship Application

**Scholarship Type: Circle all that apply**

Yvonne Venable Memorial Scholarship

Community Impact Scholarship

Fortitude Scholarship

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Race \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Physical Address (please include city and state)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent or Guardian's Name and Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings in: Public School \_\_\_\_\_ Private School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to any members of the Denbigh Alumnae Chapter? Please circle Yes or No

If yes, who and how are you related? \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Intended Educational Major? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any extracurricular activities that you have been or are currently involved in an any honors, awards, recognitions and achievements you have received over the last three years. (use additional sheets if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Public/Community Service activities:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_