

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter



A Public Service Sorority Founded in 1913

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy is a national initiative of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In Los Angeles South Bay Area, it is sponsored by the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Delta Academy is named for the outstanding and accomplished widow of Malcolm X, a registered nurse who ultimately earned a doctorate degree in higher education administration and curriculum development. The Delta Academy was created out of an urgent sense that bold action is needed to address the issues confronting our young females such as academic failure and low self-esteem. The symbol for the Delta Academy is the Dream Catcher. A Dream Catcher, from Native American culture, is believed to possess the power to capture bad dreams, entangling them in the catcher's web, thus allowing only good dreams to pass through and into the person's being. *The Delta Academy is a dream catcher!* It helps its members recognize, receive and plan for reaching their dreams and goals, as well as making their dreams a part of their being and a foundation for their future.

The goals of the Delta Academy are achieved through challenging and fun activities, field trips, and other special incentives. A particular emphasis is placed on math, science, technology, self-esteem, non-traditional careers, community service, learning skills, and leadership development. The Delta Academy specially designed for young ladies 11 - 14 years of age, will provide scholarship, service activities, and sisterhood enrichment opportunities for young ladies to prepare them for the 21st century and beyond. We are seeking young ladies who are interested in developing their leadership skills, interested in computers and technology, interested in learning new things and who want to do all of these things in a fun environment. If you would like your daughter to become part of this rewarding and exciting experience, please complete the attached application package, including the student application, commitment and pledge contract and parent consent form. The packet should be mailed to the address below by Friday, November 11, 2011. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Committee Chair, Cynthia Hunter at **310-365-7075** or email at mrschunter@aol.com.

Please mail completed application packet to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter
Betty Shabazz Delta Academy Committee
P. O. Box 11025
Carson, CA 90749

Sincerely,

Linda Watts Evans

Linda Watts Evans, President

<p>What is Delta Academy?</p>	<p>The Delta Academy was created out of an urgent sense that bold action was needed to save our young females (ages 11-14) from the perils of academic failure, low self-esteem, and crippled futures. Delta Academy provides an opportunity for local Delta chapters to enrich and enhance the education that our young teens receive in public schools across the nation. Specifically, we augment their scholarship in math, science, and technology, their opportunities to provide service in the form of leadership through service learning, and their sisterhood, defined as the cultivation service learning, and their sisterhood, defined as the cultivation and maintenance of relationships. A primary goal of the program is to prepare young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21st Century.</p> <p>The symbol for the Delta Academy is the Dream Catcher, which in Native American culture is believed to possess the power to capture bad dreams, entangling them in a web; thus allowing only the good dreams to pass through the center of the dream hoop into the person's being.</p>
<p>How much does it cost to participate in this program?</p>	<p>Participation in this program is FREE!</p>
<p>Is transportation provided?</p>	<p>Transportation is not provided. Parents/Guardians are expected to make arrangements to get their child to/from the location of all program activities. We also encourage parents/guardians to participate in the program activities.</p>
<p>What are the expectations of participating girls?</p>	<p>The participant and parent/guardian will sign a Student Commitment and Pledge contract and adhere to it.</p> <p>Participants are expected to participate fully in all activities.</p>
<p>Why should I participate in Delta Academy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be able to participate each year until they reach age 14. At that time they can join our Delta GEMS program. • You will be introduced to positive role models and mentors. • You can participate in college preparation activities with emphasis on math, science and technology based careers. • You can participate in community service and non-traditional social/cultural experiences. <p>Why not participate? Not only is coming to Delta Academy fun, it's also a great way to meet new friends and try new things!</p>
<p>What are the meeting dates and planned activities</p>	<p>The Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Delta Academy will generally meet once a month (November - June) on the third Sunday. Activities and dates may change based on our need to adapt to the needs of the participating girls, holidays, and other events.</p>
<p>About Delta Sigma Theta</p>	<p>Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Educational Development • International Awareness and Involvement • Physical and Mental Health • Political Awareness and Involvement <p>The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.deltasigmatheta.org</p>
<p>About the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter</p>	<p>The Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter was chartered August 28, 1966. Sixteen distinguished women, led by first Chapter President Niecyee Robinson, united to plan and implement programs to address those unique needs of the South Bay communities: Carson, Gardena, Compton, Wilmington, Lynwood, Long Beach, and South Central Los Angeles. For forty-five years, the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter Deltas have worked with vigor, tenacity, courage, and conviction in service to the Los Angeles South Bay communities. Throughout this long and illustrious history, the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter has had notable <i>accomplishments</i>.</p> <p>The Chapter implements the National <i>Five-Point</i> Programmatic Thrust under the public service mandates of the organization in the Los Angeles South Bay area in many public service and volunteer projects. Our most notable chapter project, and our longest-running community program, is our annual Sepia Fashion Revue and Luncheon, which is now celebrating over 30 years. This program has helped to fund our Scholarships project for over a quarter century, offering monetary awards to deserving youth.</p> <p>Our newest chapter project is our Debutante Program. Developed in 2004, this community service vehicle brings necessary information to college-bound youth and provides the essentials necessary for presentation to society. The Debutante Program has provided over \$20,000 in scholarship awards since its inception, and has presented 19 young women to society, all of which were accepted to colleges and universities around the country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.LASouthBayDST.org</p>
<p>Who should I contact if I have additional questions?</p>	<p>Delta Academy Chair - Cynthia Giddens Hunter, 310-365-7075</p> <p style="text-align: center;">mrschunter@aol.com</p>

2011 - 2012 Delta Academy Calendar

Date	Activity
November 20, 2011	Orientation / Math / Technology Session
December 18, 2011	Kwanzaa Celebration
January 15, 2012	Etiquette, Charm, and Manners
February	Black History Outing (TBD)
March, 2012	TBD
April 15th, 2012	Book Club
May 20th, 2012	Community Service (TBD)
June 10, 2012	Culmination

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM
2011-2012

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

School Name: *(Please give FULL name and address)* _____

Favorite School Subjects: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Hobbies: _____

Your Talents *(What you do best and/or most like to do)*: _____

What do you want to get from participating in the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy? _____

Which school subject do you need help with most? _____ Science _____ Math

What new subject would you like to learn about? _____

T-Shirt Size: __S __M __L __XL _____

Student Signature and Date

Student Commitment and Pledge Contract

- △ I will strive for discipline and dedication in all that I do.
- △ I will strive to do my best in all that I do.
- △ I will respect others space, opinion and time.
- △ I will listen to what others have to say.
- △ I will respect others property.
- △ I will ask for help and help others when needed.
- △ I will be on time for sessions and activities.
- △ I will take responsibility for my actions.
- △ I will not strike out (physically/verbally) in anger.
- △ I will be willing to open my mind to new ideas.

Student Signature

Date

The packet should be submitted by Friday, November 11, 2011.

**PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM
2011-2012**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers:
(Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

How did you learn about the Delta Academy? _____

By my signature below, I grant permission for my child to participate in the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy workshops, field trips, and other educational or cultural activities sponsored by the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for the period November 13, 2011 thru June 10th, 2012. I understand that the program participants are females between 11 and 14 years of age; who are residents of the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter service areas; and who are currently enrolled in a public, private, or charter school. I also understand that I am expected to facilitate and support my child's attendance and participation.

Further, I understand reasonable efforts will be made to supervise my child. My child and I understand that certain conduct (for example, unacceptable sexual conduct, unacceptable dress, violent speech or conduct, and the use of controlled substances or alcohol) but not limited to, will not be tolerated in the program and that the commission of any of these acts will result in immediate dismissal from the program. I understand that in the event that one of these acts occurs, the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy will contact, via the numbers provided, either the parent or emergency contact person on file. I agree that when I, or the emergency contact person is called, the emergency contact person or I will immediately come and pick my child up from the session and/or activity.

Further, I agree not to hold the Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. or the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and its members responsible and/or liable for any injuries or illnesses that my child may sustain while in attendance at the sessions of the Delta Academy. I also agree not to hold the above named organizations, or its members or appointees individually, liable for the loss or destruction of my child's property.

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Consent to Photograph

I, _____, hereby authorize the Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy to photograph or film my daughter, _____ and consent to the use of her likeness in all publications, educational materials, research, advertising, news media, and World Wide Web materials. I understand and agree that such materials, including all negatives, positives, digital images, and prints shall become and remain the sole property of the Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy and I shall have no right or title to such items. I further understand and agree that these materials may be kept on file and used by the Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy for potential future purposes and further agree to release the Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy from all liability arising from or in connection with the taking, use, publication, or dissemination of such materials. Copies of these photos may be distributed to the parent upon request.

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