

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Initial Steps For Chapter Establishment

Applications for chapter establishment must be submitted for processing between September 1 and March 1 of each year, and all related activities must be completed by April 30.

COLLEGIATE

Students who are interested in chartering a campus-based chapter at their college/university can only do so if Greek organizations are already established on their campus. If not, they will need to contact the Student Affairs Office to determine if the school is receptive to establishing a chapter.

An official representative from the college/university interested in establishing a chapter must contact the Regional Director and indicate the school's desire. Contact information can be acquired from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's official website.

A college/university can request to become a part of an existing core or city-wide chapter, however, a letter of approval from each college/university listed on the charter must be obtained on official letterhead and submitted to the Regional Director.

*If it is the desire of the college/university to **re-establish a retired chapter**, a strong rationale for doing so would have to be submitted to the Regional Director expressing why they feel the chapter would now be able to sustain itself. The Regional Director will then assess the group's sustainability; if viable, she will notify the Member/Chapter Information Specialist at National Headquarters via email and request an **Application for Collegiate Chapter Re-Establishment** be mailed to the contact person.*

The Regional Director will assess the school's ability to sustain and provide ongoing support of a chapter. If viable, she will notify the Member/Chapter Information Specialist at National Headquarters via email and request an **Application for Collegiate Chapter Establishment** be mailed to the appropriate contact person. Contact information for our Membership Department staff is also posted on the website.

Collegiates interested in membership **must first** have the required cumulative 2.75 grade point average, verifiable via an official transcript. All other requirements will be shared during the scheduled Rush activity which will orient the interested group on the various policies and procedures of the organization as it relates to membership intake, which includes the viewing of the Rush video.

The minimum number needed to establish a chapter is seven, but preferably there should be at least 15 interested women. If there are interested persons of senior classification, they are not counted in the minimum number required.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a national service sorority, therefore applicants should be aware that there is a public service requirement; and it also necessitates a letter of recommendation from a financial member in good standing with the organization.

ALUMNAE

The contact person for the proposed chapter must contact the Regional Director and indicate the group's desire to establish a new chapter. All members of the group must be duly initiated members of the Sorority.

The Regional Director will assess the group's sustainability; if viable, she will notify the Member/Chapter Information Specialist at National Headquarters via email and request an **Application for Alumnae Chapter Establishment** be mailed to the group's contact person.

Note: Members of the group (proposed charter members) should not conduct any collective activities prior to the completion of the chapter's charter.

There must be a minimum of 12 financial Deltas, preferably 15, applying for the new chapter. However, if the proposed chapter is to be established within 40 miles of the city or county line of an existing alumnae chapter, it is then considered an additional chapter. This means that the application for chartering must consist of 24 members. If this is considered a third chapter, 36 members are needed ($24 + 12 = 36$); a fourth chapter, 48 members ($36 + 12 = 48$); and so on.

All members to be listed on the application for the proposed chapter, must live in the area where the chapter is designated to serve. Also, any new members initiated, must reside in the area being served.

The contact person for the group submitting the **Application for Chapter Establishment** must provide evidence that the proposed chapter is capable of meeting continuing requirements of Grand Chapter; the community can support a chapter; and the proposed chapter is capable of meeting community needs.

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Please know that collegiate and alumnae chapter establishment and/or re-establishment is subject to approval by the Regional Director, National First Vice President and National President.