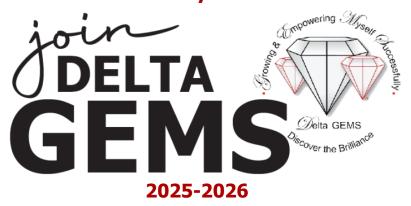
# The Charleston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites you to...



### Dear Prospective Delta GEMS:

Thank you for your interest in our esteemed program designed to assist young ladies in growing and empowering themselves successfully. The Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS Program is an extension of the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy Program. Delta GEMS was created to "catch the dreams" of adolescent girls aged 14-18 and/or grades 9-12th. Delta GEMS provides the framework to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a "CAN DO" attitude. The goals for Delta GEMS are:

- to instill the need to excel academically;
- to enhance girls skills to achieve high levels of academic success;
- to assist girls in proper goal setting and planning for their futures, including high school and beyond; and
- to create compassionate, caring, and community minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

The GEMS framework is composed of eleven major components, forming a road map for college and career planning. Topics within these components are designed to provide interactive lessons and activities that provide opportunities for self-reflection and individual growth. The components are:

The Aha! Moments
Socialization
Self-Awareness
Disaster Preparedness

Leadership Development
Service Advocacy
Skills for Success
Healthy Lifestyle Habits
Financial Preparation

Financial Achievement Educational Preparation Career Preparation



For consideration into the Delta GEMS program, all applicants must complete the provided application, including a personal reference and essay as detailed. All application components must be emailed by <u>August 30</u>, 2025. Space is limited. Only accepted applicants into the Delta GEMS program will be notified by phone and/or email.

GEMS Member & Parent must attend the virtual mandatory Orientation via zoom in September 2025 (Tentative dates 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup>). Failure to attend orientation will result in GEMS Member not being able to participate this year. The Delta GEMS program is scheduled to meet once per month from October 2025 through May 2026. These meetings will be held in-person, and location will be announced at the orientation

Like a gemologist who can see the hidden treasure in unpolished jewels through the use of certain tools, the Delta GEMS logo uses the polished jewels as a symbol of the many facets that shine and glow within our young African-American women. Thank you again for your interest in Delta GEMS and we look forward to building lifetime relationships and implementing exemplary programs.

Please email all components of the completed application to:

CAC-Delta GEMS Chair cacdst.educationaldevelopment@gmail.com
Applications emailed after <u>August 30, 2025</u> will not be reviewed.

Mamie Bush, Chapter President Nicole Middleton, Educational Development Chair



## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

All participants must meet the following criteria: ☐ Entering or attending high school in the fall (grades 9-12) □ Submit a completed Delta GEMS application \*Only completed applications emailed by August 30, 2025. will be reviewed. ☐ Submit all signed forms. (Letter of Consent & Waiver form, Code of Conduct form, Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization form, and Media Release form) □ Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from one of the following: \*Only for new applicants • Teacher or Guidance Counselor, Employer, Minister, or A Sponsor /Advisor of any affiliation/organization • The Personal Recommendation Letter should include the following information: The student's demonstrated academic and leadership ability, comments regarding the student's character, length of time in which the recommender has known the applicant and in what capacity and any other pertinent facts. ☐ Submit a typed essay; 250 words or less. \*Only for new applicants ☐ Commitment to attend at least 80% of the monthly meetings and scheduled activities, or be removed from the program. GEMS Member with any concern, problem or who cannot attend any function for any reason will contact a GEMS Committee Member.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

☐ Commitment to display a positive attitude and follow the guidelines as set forth by the Delta GEMS program.

The following activities may include, but not limited to the organization's participation:

- Teen Community Forums
- Presentations and Seminars
- Black History Month Observance
- Cultural and Community Events
- Academic Workshops
- End of the year event



# **DELTA GEMS Application**

Applicant Information					
Name:		Address:	Address:		
Date of Birth:	Home Phone:			Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	Facebook:	Yes □ N	0	Instagram/Twitter: □ Yes □ No	
Are you a previous Delta GEMS participant?   Yes No  If yes, list favorite activity:					
Employment Information					
Employer:		Position:			
Employer Address:				How Long?	
Hours Worked Per Week:			Days Unavailable:		
School Information					
School Name:	City:			Grade Level:	
Student Involvement & Ambitions					
List extracurricular activities including community, church, school and organizations. Please note positions held and meeting days/times.					
Please list any honors, awards, hobbies or special interest you have.					
What are your goals or plans after high school?					
Reference					
Name:	Relationship:			Phone:	
Parent Information					
Parent/Guardian's Name:	Address:				
Email Address:	Cell Phone:				
Preferred Contact Method:	Facel	oook: □ Ye	s □ No	Instagram/Twitter: □ Yes □ No	



Is your child a previous Delta GEMS participant?  ☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, list your favorit	e activity:				
Student Essay						
Respond to the following question in a <u>typed</u> essay and attach to an application in <u>at least 250 words</u> .  What are your career plans and what steps are you taking towards meeting them? And, how do you feel the GEMS program can help you accomplish them?						
Signature						
Signature of applicant:		Date:				