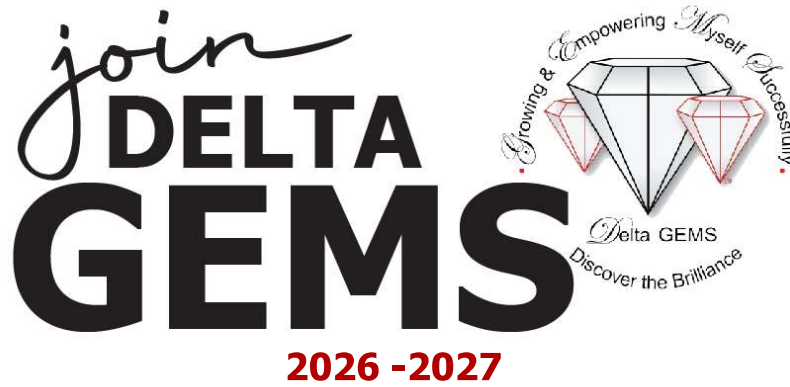


The Charleston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
invites you to...



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	Leadership Development	Financial Achievement
Socialization	Service Advocacy	Educational Preparation
Self-Awareness	Skills for Success	Career Preparation
Disaster Preparedness	Healthy Lifestyle Habits	
	Financial 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 **May 15, 2026**. 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 2026**. **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 2026 through May 2027**. 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 **May 15, 2026** 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 **May 15, 2026.** 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.
- Commitment to display a positive attitude and follow the guidelines as set forth by the Delta GEMS program.

ACTIVITIES

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:	
Date of Birth:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	Facebook: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Instagram/Twitter: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a previous Delta GEMS participant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: Email		Facebook: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Instagram/Twitter: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



Is your child a previous Delta GEMS participant?

Yes No

If yes, list your favorite activity:

Student Essay

Respond to the following question in a typed essay and attach to an application in at least 250 words.

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: