



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter
2026 Theresa A. Pradia
HBCU Book Scholarship Application

Application Period: January 5, 2026 - April 30, 2026

Background

The Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (largest predominantly African American Sorority), proudly announces the 2026 Theresa A. Pradia HBCU Book Scholarship Application for deserving high school students from Sacramento or Yolo Counties that have been admitted (or currently attending) an accredited Historically Black College or University for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. This scholarship fund was created in memory of Theresa A. Pradia who was a proud HBCU Alumni of Southern University, where she was initiated at Alpha Tau Chapter, and a long-standing member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for over 60 years!

Available Scholarships for 2026 - 2027: \$500 HBCU Book Scholarship (multiple scholarships to be awarded).

Scholarship Eligibility

- Current graduating African American (male or female) high school senior as of Spring 2026, at any high school in Sacramento or Yolo County are eligible to apply; OR a current matriculated student at an HBCU that attended high school in Sacramento or Yolo County.
- Must be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited Historically Black College or University (HBCU) by the Fall of 2026.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale) and demonstrate financial need.
- Applicants should demonstrate their motivation to attend an accredited HBCU and potential for continued matriculation.
- Selected recipients will receive their scholarship directly after enrollment verification is received from HBCU Registrar's Office with proof of Fall Enrollment.

Students Are Eligible to Apply if they are currently enrolled in any high schools in any School District within Sacramento or Yolo Counties.



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Application Process

The following items must be submitted between January 5, 2026 through April 30, 2026.

- Completed and **typed** Scholarship Application (pages 3-4).
- Signature of applicant on statement of accuracy page.
- Unofficial high school transcript (mailed or sent from school via email). Students selected for scholarship will need to provide a final completed official high school Transcript. Official HBCU Transcripts for matriculated college students.
- Documentation of financial need as determined by their submitted FAFSA.
- In lieu of an in-person interview, you must submit a video recording that answers the appropriate question below. Video recording should be 5 minutes or less using a streaming platform (i.e. YouTube unlisted link, Zoom recording, Vimeo, etc.).

High School Senior Question:

“How have your past experiences influenced your decision to attend a Historically Black College and University?”

HBCU Undergraduate Question:

“Please share a specific experience, person or critical moment at your Historically Black College and University that has positively impacted your future endeavors?”

Email All Questions and Documents To:

EGACScholarships@gmail.com

Or Mail:

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter
Attention Scholarship Chair
4801 Laguna Blvd
Suite 105, Box 257
Elk Grove, CA 95758**

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First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> City: State: Zip Code: </div>	
Daytime Telephone Number:	
Alternate Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Name of High School:	Name of High School Counselor:
Date of Birth:	Date of High School Graduation:
HS Cumulative GPA:	College Cumulative GPA:
Name of Parent or Legal Guardian:	
Email Address of Parent:	Phone Number of Parent:
List HBCU You Expect to Attend/Attending:	
List Your Intended Major:	
Do you have any talents? If so, please list them?	
Will you be at our Scholarship Brunch on June 6, 2026?	

List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school (an extra sheet can be attached):
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List any volunteer activities, hobbies, outside interests or any extracurricular activities (an extra sheet can be attached):

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture/video may be taken and used to promote the Elk Grove Alumnae Theresa A. Pradia HBCU Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, it is my responsibility to remit to the Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter proof of enrollment for my scholarship to be paid directly to me for my first semester in Fall 2026.

I hereby understand that this application will not be considered without my signature, school/college transcript, documentation of financial need, and submitted video recording not to exceed 5 minutes in length to the Scholarship Chairperson:

EGACScholarships@gmail.com

Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

Signature of HBCU Scholarship Applicant (Electronic Acceptable):

Date:

Video Recording Link:

Thank you for your submission!

REMINDER:

**Applications Must Be Submitted and Received between
January 5, 2026 - April 30, 2026**

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter

2026 JACQUELYN & JIMMIE WARD

AFRICAN AMERICAN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline: April 30, 2026

Scholarship Background:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest predominantly African-American Sorority in the world and is committed to scholarship, sisterhood, and service. Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter was chartered on December 11, 2004 and Mrs. Jacquelyn M. Ward became the first chartering president of the chapter that would serve Elk Grove, South Sacramento, Natomas, and West Sacramento. President Ward was not only a strong visionary, but her background to serve others came from her career as an RN and nurse practitioner alongside her husband. Mr. Ward was a nurse manager for the Department of Veteran Affairs at Mather AFB, and held many managerial roles in health care over the length of his career including Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health Foundation. They both served their communities with strong conviction, at a time when there were very few African American nurse practitioners and male RNs.

Available Scholarship:

Δ \$1,500.00 Nursing student scholarship (Selected applicant is eligible for additional years of funding)

Scholarship Criteria:

- ☐ Students must be enrolled at a Community College or 4 year Institution who have been accepted into a Nursing Program.
- ☐ Students must identify as Black/African American male or female.
- ☐ One applicant will be selected with preference given to newly admitted nursing students.
- ☐ Documentation of financial need as determined by their submitted FAFSA.
- ☐ No Minimum GPA requirement, however, must submit official transcripts and be accepted into an accredited Nursing Program.
- ☐ Applicants must have been a resident of the Sacramento Region while in high school. Sacramento students who are admitted into a nursing program outside the region or state also qualify.

Application Guidelines (Read completely before filling out application)

Application deadline is April 30, 2026 and must be received by The Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Committee.

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

- ☐ In lieu of an in-person interview, you must submit a video recording that answers the appropriate question below. Video recording should be 5 minutes or less using a streaming platform (i.e. Youtube unlisted link, Zoom recording, Vimeo, etc.)

Applicant Video Recording Question(s):

- What inspired you to pursue a career in nursing, and how has your personal background influenced your journey?
- Why is representation of black professionals important in the nursing field?

Awarding of Scholarship:

- ☐ Scholarship funds will be paid after enrollment verification has been received. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter a final official undergraduate transcript and official nursing program enrollment verification.
- ☐ Email All Questions and Documents To: EGACScholarships@gmail.com

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter****2026 Jacquelyn & Jimmie Ward African American Nursing Scholarship Application**

First Name:		Last Name:	
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Daytime Telephone Number:			
Alternate Phone Number:			
Email Address:			
Name of Undergraduate College or Community College:		Major:	
Units Achieved/Academic Standing:		Date of Undergraduate Graduation:	
Nursing School You Plan to Attend or Attending:			
Enrollment Year:			
Name of High School Attended:		Address of High School:	
Is High School in the Sacramento Region? Yes_____ No_____			
Do you have any talents? If so, please list them?			
Will you be at our Scholarship Brunch on June 6, 2026?			

Please attach your resume or cv that list any academic honors, volunteer activities, awards and membership activities.

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I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture/video may be taken and used to promote the Elk Grove Alumnae Jacquelyn M. and Jimmie Ward African American Nursing Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, it is my responsibility to remit to the Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter proof of enrollment for the year that I select to receive scholarship funds that will be paid directly to me.

I hereby understand that this application will not be considered without my signature, school/college transcript, documentation of financial need, and submitted video recording not to exceed 5 minutes in length to the Scholarship Chairperson:
EGACScholarships@gmail.com

Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant (Electronic Acceptable):

Date:

Video Recording Link:

Checklist

- ☐ Signed Application
- ☐ Video Recording Link
- ☐ Attached Resume or CV
- ☐ Copy of Submitted FAFSA
- ☐ Undergraduate or Community College Transcript
- ☐ Nursing Program Admissions Letter or Enrollment Verification

Send application materials to the Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter to:

EGACScholarships@gmail.com Or Mail to:

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter
Attention Scholarship Chair
4801 Laguna Blvd
Suite 105, Box 257
Elk Grove, CA 95758**

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received is:

April 30, 2026

Thank you for your submission!

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2026 CAROLYN N. WATTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Period: January 5, 2026 through April 30, 2026

Guidelines and Application

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest predominantly African-American Sorority in the world and is committed to scholarship, sisterhood, and service. The Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter (EGAC) presents the 2026 Carolyn N. Watts Scholarship. A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior of African American descent that resides in Sacramento County. Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for consideration. This scholarship was created in 2018 in memory of Carolyn N. Watts, a visionary charter member of Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter. She was a long time resident of West Sacramento and raised four children who all attended schools in West Sacramento. She was an active parent and resident in West Sacramento. Mrs. Watts was instrumental in the establishment of the Elk Grove Alumnae Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully (GEMS) Program for African American female students in West Sacramento. She proudly served our beloved sorority for over 60 years.

Please submit any questions to Scholarship Chair at: EGACScholarships@gmail.com

Available Scholarship:

Δ \$1,000 Scholarship towards tuition, school supplies, books, or room and board.

Scholarship Criteria:

Δ A Spring 2026 graduating high school African American female senior who resides in West Sacramento, CA

Δ A scholarship will be granted to a successful candidate who can demonstrate outstanding performance in his/her academic, community service and leadership achievements.

Application Guidelines (Read completely Pages 1-4 before filling out application)

Application must be received by The Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter by April 30, 2026 .

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

- Δ Applicants must be a graduating senior with a record of community service in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- Δ Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) higher and plan to attend an accredited four-year university.
- Δ Applicants must have a typed application, with a letter of recommendation from a school teacher or counselor with their application, and unofficial transcript attesting that they are an eligible candidate for this scholarship (home address on file is in West Sacramento).
- Δ You must submit a video recording that answers one of the questions below. Video recording should be 5 minutes or less using a streaming platform (i.e. Youtube unlisted link, Zoom recording, Vimeo, etc.)

Applicant Video Recording Question:

- 1. How have you used your volunteer work to address an issue in your community, and what positive changes have you seen as a result?**
- 2. Is there a Black woman in your life or a public figure who inspires your commitment to service? How has her example influenced your own volunteer efforts?**
- 3. What do you believe are the biggest challenges facing your community, and how do you hope to address these needs through your volunteer work?**

Δ Scholarship funds will be paid after enrollment verification has been received. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter a final official high school transcript and an official university enrollment verification (University Registrar).

Δ Documentation of financial need as determined by their submitted FAFSA, High School Transcripts, High School Counselor Statement of Support with signature, and Student Statement of Accuracy with signature should be emailed to EGACScholarships@gmail.com or mailed to the Chapter.

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Please **type** your answers.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Home Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)	
6.	Are you the first person in your immediate family to go to college: YES ___ NO ___	
7.	A. On an attached typed sheet, please list any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community: D. Do you have any talents? If so, please list them.	
8.	A. Name of College you will be attending: B. Proposed Major:	
9.	Do you have a letter of recommendation from school teacher or counselor? YES___ NO ___	
10.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.) Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone: Parents Email:	

11. Video Recording Link:

12. Will you be present at our Scholarship Brunch on June 6, 2026?

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I hereby understand that this application will not be considered without my signature, school/college transcript, and submitted video recording not to exceed 5 minutes in length to the Scholarship Chairperson. EGACScholarships@gmail.com

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant (Electronic Acceptable):

Date:

Checklist

- ___ Application
- ___ Video Recording Link
- ___ Additional Awards
- ___ Letter of Recommendation
- ___ School Transcript
- ___ Copy of Submitted FAFSA

Send unofficial high school transcripts, letter of recommendation, and student statement of accuracy with signature to the Elk Grove Alumnae Chapter to: EGACScholarships@gmail.com Or Mail to:

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Elk Grove, CA 95758

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