


DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
AKRON ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA ACADEMY APPLICATION
P.O. BOX 1252
AKRON, OHIO 44309-1252



**The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy
Akron Alumnae Chapter**

The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy is designed to assist young women in the community, ages 11-14 (grades 6 - 8), in their discovery of themselves rather than leave so much to chance. Our mission is to challenge and motivate adolescent females to strive to achieve their academic, moral, and personal potential. The Academy covers three broad areas of study: sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

In the past, the Akron Alumnae Chapter has volunteered in the community with the Mychal Clayton Sickle Cell Awareness Walk, the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, The Harvest Community Fest, Haven of Rest, and the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Additionally, the Academy has a focus on encouraging participants in pursuing excellence in education and ultimately careers in Engineering, Math, Science, and Technology. The Akron Alumnae Chapter has a strong focus on basic STEM activities.

Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS Institute

GEMS is an acronym for *Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully*. Since its inception in 2004, the Delta GEMS Institute was designed to provide a vehicle of change for young African-American women between the ages of 14 and 18 to enhance their abilities and increase their self-worth, in order to achieve academic and Black girl excellence.

Young American-American women in this demographic have made great strides in academic achievement, and even entrepreneurial excellence.

In this current political climate, our girls are facing systemic issues and social microaggressions at alarming rates, particularly the notion that our girls are less innocent than their counterparts.

Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated are poised to provide safe and healthy environments where optimism, faith, fortitude, genius, self-worth and self-love, exist without boundaries. It is a must that we continue to elevate and motivate our young women into worlds well beyond what they could ever dream of.

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July 1, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please complete the attached application, along with a sealed letter of recommendation from your child's school principal or school counselor.

Applications, sealed letter of recommendation from your child's school principal or school counselor, and a copy of your most recent report card must be received no later than **September 15, 2025** to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
c/o Delta Academy/GEMS Application
P.O Box 1252
Akron, Ohio 44309-1252

Thank you for your interest in the Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS Institute sponsored by the Akron Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sincerely,

Towanda L. Mullins

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President, Akron Alumnae Chapter

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Chair, Educational Development

AKRON, OHIO 44309-1252

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

EDUCATION

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES (Church, Sports, etc.):

Who referred you (include name and phone number)?

Write briefly why you want to be in the program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPECIAL NOTE:

1. YOU **MUST** ATTACH YOUR CHILD'S MOST RECENT REPORT CARD and
2. A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM **EITHER** YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR.

Both must be included with application to be considered complete.

CERTIFYING STUDENT SIGNATURE:

I certify that this application has been filled out completely and correctly to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am required to keep a grade point average of at least **2.4** to remain in the program and to attend special activities such as field trips. I understand that Delta Academy/GEMS is **NOT** a program for **at-risk youth** and have no prior convictions, truancy, drug/alcohol, violence or behavioral issues.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/STUDENT

DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE _____