

DES MOINES ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

**HELEN LEMME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**ATTENTION: AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS!**

If you are a high school graduating senior and live in the toll-free calling area of Des Moines and Boone, Iowa, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship. To be considered, you **MUST** do all of the following:

1. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
2. Submit an application online or print the application and submit a typed application via the U.S. postal service
3. Submit two (2) letters of reference from individuals who are not relatives. At least one letter of reference must be from a current or former teacher. Letters should include specifics on the student's academic performance, how they adapt socially and their overall attitude about school and their future.
4. Submit an **OFFICIAL** copy of your high school transcript from the registrar. Copies **WILL NOT** be accepted if they state "Issued to the student." The transcript should identify your African American or Black heritage.
5. Submit a typed one page essay discussing your future plans and why you feel you deserve the Helen Lemme Scholarship. The essay should be 1 page. Essays should be typed using Times New Roman, 12-point font, and double spaced.
6. Submit a recent photograph along with the consent to publish
7. Participate in a ZOOM interview

If you submit your application via mail, you can mail your essay, transcript, and letters of reference to the address listed below. You will receive a confirmation email once all parts of your application are received.

**Des Moines Alumnae Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Maria J. Barnes  
P.O. Box 4706  
Des Moines, IA 50305**

**The application packet must be submitted online or postmarked on or before May 8, 2024**

For additional information, [contact Maria J. Barnes at dsmdstscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:dsmdstscholarships@gmail.com)

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- (High school **SENIORS** only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than address above)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than address above)

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Total annual household income (including SSI, Military benefits, FiP, Retirement, Pension, Child Support): \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of other dependents in the home: children \_\_\_\_\_ adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of other family members in the home that attend college \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Education History** (List schools attended)

<i>School</i>	<i>Grade Point Average</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>ACT Score</i>	<i>SAT Score</i>

\* Income must be included for application to be considered

Information in this application is confidential and shared only with members of the Scholarship Committee.

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**School and Community Involvement**

*(Please list and describe. Attach a resume or additional sheet if necessary.)*

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**College Plans**

(Indicate choice of higher education/training)

- Vocational/Trade School
- Community College
- University or College (four year)

**Name of institution(s) to which you are applying, applied or are attending.**

(List no more than three (3) in priority order) - Mark with an X to identify if you have or have not been accepted

<i>Name</i>	<i>Tuition Cost</i>	<i>Room &amp; Board Cost</i>	<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	<i>Accepted by the School</i>	<i>Have Not Been Informed of Acceptance</i>
1.					
2.					
3.					

**Financial Assistance**

**Family financial assistance:**

Did you complete a Family Financial Assistance Form? (i.e. FAFSA form):

- Yes
- No

How much are you expected to pay toward your college expenses?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much are your parents, if applicable, expected to pay?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships and Grants: (List all those for which you have applied. Use an additional sheet if necessary.)

<i>Scholarship/Grant (List Iowa tuition &amp; grants. i.e. Pell, or other Scholarships)</i>	<i>Requested Amount</i>	<i>Amount Awarded</i>	<i>What does it cover? (i.e., tuition, room &amp; board, other)</i>	<i>Have you been notified that amount was awarded?</i>

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**Employment Opportunities:**

*Do you plan to seek employment to help finance your education? Please explain.*

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**References**

Please list names and addresses of two (2) references. One must be a current or former teacher (not related).

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Relationship to Applicant</i>
1.		
2.		

**NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

*I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate*

*I certify that I am a graduating senior*

*I certify that I am African-American or of Black heritage*

*I certify that all statements and essays submitted are my own work*

*I consent to having my photograph published on Des Moines Alumnae's website*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

*Thank you for your interest in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Helen Lemme Scholarship.*

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**Application Check-List**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Current high school senior
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed, signed, and dated application. The application must be typed if printed and mailed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay. The essay should be 1 page explaining your future plans and why you deserve the Helen Lemme Scholarship. Essays should be typed using Times New Roman, 12-point font and double spaced
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Reference Letter (Sent directly to address below)  
Required – current or past teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Reference Letter (Sent directly to address below)  
Examples – Employer, mentor, pastor, family friend
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official High School Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current photograph
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consent to have photograph published on Des Moines Alumnae's website

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**Mailing Address::**

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