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**Delta GEMS:**  
*Growing and Empowering Myself  
Successfully*

A natural outgrowth and expansion for the continuation of the highly successful Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy: Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow, Delta GEMS was created to catch the dreams of African-American at-risk, adolescent girls aged 14 - 18. Delta GEMS provides the framework to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a CAN DO attitude.

**Delta GEMS**



**Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter**

**Tomica Stone, President**

**Sonja Love Felton, Chair**

**Jacqueline West, Co-Chair**

**Now accepting applications!**  
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**Delta Sigma Theta  
Sorority, Inc**

**Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter**

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**2021 - 2022**



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## Mission

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

## Purpose

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding more than 200,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

## Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter

The members of the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. have pledged a commitment of service, time, and expertise to serve the Delta GEMS. The Delta Youth Programs committee will plan programs and activities for GEMS participants.

The goals for Delta GEMS are:

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

The Delta GEMS program offers a road map for college and career planning through activities that provide opportunities for self-reflection and individual growth. Delta GEMS is implemented by chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Delta GEMS participants have the opportunity to define and **“Discover their individual Brilliance.”**

## Program Criteria

The Delta GEMS program is currently accepting applications for candidates.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Participants who will be in grades 9-12 in September 2021. Participants must be between the ages of 14-18 and are
2. Participants must remain enrolled in high school and be in compliance with all rules and regulations governing the Delta GEMS. Those participants who are ‘homeschooled’ are allowed to participate provided that they are in a legitimate home school program.
3. Must live in Washtenaw County. The Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter’s official service area is Washtenaw County.
4. Time Commitment. Minimum of 2 hours per month.
5. Attend monthly meetings which are held for 2 hours on one Saturday or Sunday per month. During COVID19, meetings will be held via Zoom.
6. Parent/Guardian commitment to encourage and support participation in all activities and events.