

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC
CERRITOS AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER



In partnership with



CRIMSON & CREAM
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026
Scholarship Application

Application Deadline:
All Application documents must be **SUBMITTED & RECEIVED**
by:

**Friday, March 6, 2026
11:59 PM (PST)**

The application **MUST** be **SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL** to
dstcerritos.docs@gmail.com

The Official Transcript and Recommendation Form **MUST** be **submitted via**
email to dstcerritos.docs@gmail.com by
school official/recommender **ONLY**

This one application can be used to apply for up to 3
scholarships listed in this document.

A Brief History

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INCORPORATED **Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the African American community. The sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913 by 22 visionary young women. The organization has grown to include more than 1000 chapters throughout the United States, England, Germany, the Caribbean, Japan and the Republic of Korea. The sorority provides public service in the Five Point Programmatic Thrusts of:

Educational Development, Economic Development, Physical & Mental Health, Political Awareness, and International Awareness & Involvement.

The Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter was chartered on May 1, 1999, by 21 Sorors dedicated to carrying on the mission of the sorority and public service to the community. The Chapter's service area includes Cerritos, Artesia, Hawaiian Gardens, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier.

The Chapter has grown to include more than 100 members. We provide a diverse range of community service projects including youth enrichment programs, educational scholarships, Thanksgiving food and Christmas toy drives, voter awareness and registration, financial workshops and other activities that aid in the progress of our service area.

Crimson and Cream Community Foundation

Crimson and Cream Community Foundation (CCCF) was established on January 26, 2015. CCCF has a very diverse board of directors and members committed to public service. Our board consists of educators, entrepreneurs, corporate executives, and community activists with a broad depth of knowledge regarding non-profits. We have collaborated with Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and Olive Crest, a 501C3 in Bellflower in numerous activities. CCCF is committed to helping our youth through providing annual scholarships for selected high school graduating seniors to further their opportunities to attend institutions of higher learning.

The mission of the Crimson and Cream Community Foundation (CCCF) is to support our community's efforts to promote economic and educational development, mental and physical health, political and international awareness.

The Crimson and Cream Community Foundation has collaborated with the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., to award scholarships for selected youth, men and women, to further their opportunities to attend institutions of higher learning.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

All of the scholarships listed are administered by or managed by the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., or by the Crimson and Cream Community Foundation (CCCF).

All of the scholarships listed are for graduating high school seniors, male or female, currently enrolled in one of the schools in the service area of Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. One is specifically for a male.

This service area includes schools in the following communities: Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier OR be an active participant in a Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter Youth Program (GEMS or EMBODI).

For each of the scholarships listed, the applicant must be of African American/Black heritage.

#1 – Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC Scholars)

The CAAC Scholars Scholarship was established by the membership of the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence while in high school.

Scholarship Amount: varied amounts – non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Recipient must register in an accredited four-year university as a full-time freshman in the Fall of the year the scholarship is awarded.
- May **NOT** be the child or grandchild of a member of the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.

2- The Jones Family Scholarship

Raymond and Anita Jones created *The Jones Family Scholarship*, a scholarship on behalf of The Jones Family. This scholarship is intended to benefit students who are being raised in a single parent household.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000 non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Recipient must register in an accredited four-year institution of higher learning or community college in the Fall of the year receiving the award.
- Student must be living in a single parent household.
- Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

#3 - The League Family Middle Class Scholarship

Nia and Anthony League have created, *The League Family Scholarship*, a scholarship on behalf of The League Family w/consultation from their children, Ayah & Amir. This scholarship is intended to benefit middle class families that are often excluded from need-based scholarships.

Preference given to student attending Mayfair High School in Lakewood, CA

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000 non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.75
 - Recipient must register in an accredited four-year institution of higher learning in the Fall of the year receiving the award. Student must be at least 2nd Generation College Student (one/both parents have earned a college degree).
 - Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.
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#4 – Crimson and Cream Community Foundation Male Scholarship

The Crimson and Cream Community Foundation Scholarship is designed to encourage a male student of African American/Black heritage to pursue an education in an institution of higher learning; either a two year or four-year institution.

The target area is students who are enrolled in one of the schools within the service area of the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., or be enrolled in the CAAC EMBODI program.

Scholarship Amount: \$1000; non-renewable

Requirements

- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Applicant must identify as a male.
- Recipient must register in an accredited four-year or two-year institution of higher learning in the Fall of the year receiving the award.
- Enrollment verification is required via an official university or college document.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

#5 – The Mama EJ Family Scholarship

The Mama EJ Family Scholarship was created by Dr. Kabretta Wright in memory of her mother, Charyl Wright-Roberts, affectionately known as “Mama EJ”. Mama EJ’s passion was working in the Film Entertainment industry. This scholarship is intended to benefit an African American male graduating senior, who is being raised by a single mother who has matriculated in college and earned at least a BA or BS degree. The graduating senior must be pursuing a degree leading to a career in Film/TV/Entertainment. This scholarship will be administered by the Crimson and Cream Community Foundation (CCCF), in partnership with the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter (CAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Recipients of the scholarship MUST attend a 4-year college/university.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500 - non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Student must identify as Black/African American male.
- Applicant must be raised by/living with a single mother.
- Applicant must be majoring in degree program leading to a career in Film/TV/Entertainment.
- Student must be at least a 2nd generation college student (one/both parents have earned a college degree).
- Recipient must register in an accredited four-year institution of higher learning in the fall of the year receiving the award.
- Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.

#6 – Auwali Scholarship

The Auwali Scholarship was established by the 1st Line of the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This scholarship is specifically designed for those who plan to attend a 4-year college or university, recognizing the importance of a comprehensive education in achieving one’s aspirations.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000 – non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.75
 - Student MUST identify as Black/African American
 - Recipient must register in an accredited four-year university or two-year community college as a full-time freshman in the Fall of the year the scholarship is awarded.
 - Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.
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#7 – Jamal Michael Jones Scholarship

The Jamal Michael Jones Scholarship was created by Daryl Lynn Farris in memory of her son, Jamal Michael Jones. This scholarship is intended to benefit a male graduating senior who is of African American/Black heritage and is being raised by a single parent. This scholarship will be awarded in 2024 and will be administered by the Crimson and Cream Community Foundation (CCCF) in partnership with the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Recipients of the scholarship MUST attend a 4-year college/university.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,250 – non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a 2.75 or higher GPA in high school.
- Applicant must be raised by/living with a single parent.
- Student must register at a 4-year college/university in the fall of the year receiving the award.
- Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.

#8 – Jernigan Legacy Scholarship

The Jernigan Legacy Scholarship was established by the Jernigan Family for graduating seniors who are pursuing careers as teachers.

Preference given to Cerritos High School students

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000– non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a 2.75 or higher GPA in high school.
 - Must identify as Black/African American.
 - Student must register at a 4-year college/university in the fall of the year receiving the award.
 - MUST be enrolled in a major leading to teaching i.e. Liberal Studies or a secondary school subject i.e. Biology
 - Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document.
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#9 Branchify Emerging Leaders Scholarship

The Branchify Emerging Leaders Scholarship honors young people who are committed to shaping a more just, equitable, and civically engaged society. This scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate a deep interest in public service, political science, community organizing, or civic engagement. It is designed to support emerging leaders who believe in the power of policy, advocacy, and community voice to create meaningful change.

This scholarship seeks applicants who are not only academically driven, but who also show initiative outside the classroom—whether through student government, community service, voter engagement efforts, issue-based organizing, or leadership in school and neighborhood programs. Ideal candidates possess a strong sense of purpose, a spirit of service, and a desire to positively impact their communities, particularly those historically underserved or underrepresented.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000– non-renewable

Requirements:

- Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA in high school.
 - Must identify as Black/African American.
 - Student must register at a 2-year or 4-year college/university in the fall of the year receiving the award.
 - Demonstrate interest in political science, public policy, civic engagement, community organizing, or related fields
 - Show evidence of leadership through extracurricular activities, volunteer service, or community initiatives
 - Enrollment verification will be required via an official university or college document
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APPLICATION REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

	Completed Typed application submitted via email to dstcerritos.docs@gmail.com
	Color copy of school identification card with picture submitted with application
	Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores (optional) submitted with application
	OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT , which includes first semester, senior year grades, EMAILED directly by school counselor/registrar to Scholarship Email dstcerritos.docs@gmail.com by Friday March 6, 2026 11:59pm (PST) Subject: Last Name, First Name (Document Name)
	RECOMMENDATION FORM EMAILED directly by recommender to Scholarship Email dstcerritos.docs@gmail.com by Friday March 6, 2026 11:59pm (PST) Subject: Last Name, First Name (Document Name) *Only the Recommendation Form provided will be accepted, no Letters of Recommendation
	COMMUNITY SERVICE LETTER on organization letterhead MUST number of service hours completed submitted with application
	Essay – Be sure it addresses the prompt listed, submitted with application

If any items are omitted or not received by due date via email, the application will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered.

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**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED
and
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All Documents MUST be submitted to SCHOLARSHIP EMAIL
Subject: Last Name, First Name (Document)

Ex. Doe, John (Recommendation)

For questions regarding the application process contact:
CAACscholarship@gmail.com

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APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name:			
Home Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:		Date of Birth:	
Parent/Guardian Name:			
Relationship to Applicant:			
Work Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			
Do you currently participate in the Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter's Delta GEMS or EMBODI program? YES NO			

EDUCATION INFORMATION		
High School Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Graduation Date:		
If you have taken the SAT and/or ACT, please provide proof of test scores.		

PROJECTED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION	
Name of Institution:	
City:	State:
Intended Major:	

**Please Select Scholarship/s that you are applying for:
(Check up to 3)**

	CAAC Scholars (parent cannot be current member of Cerritos Area Alum)		Mama EJ Family Scholarship
	Jones Family Scholarship		Auwali Scholarship
	League Family Middle Class Scholarship		Jamal Michael Jones Scholarship
	CCCF Male Scholarship		Jernigan Legacy Scholarship
	Branchify Emerging Leaders Scholarship		

List honors and awards received during high school. Please include names and dates of the awards.

HONORS AND AWARDS	
Award/Recognition	Month/Year Received

List community service performed during the past four years.

(While community service may be sponsored by a school or church, the volunteer activity must benefit the greater community and not just the school or church congregation).

Verification of community service letter must be on organization letterhead and clearly state the number of hours performed in the letter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE			
Organization	Service Performed	Year	# of hours

List extra-curricular activities that you have participated in during high school.
Please include a description of activities, positions held, duties, grade, and year involved.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			
Activity/Position Held	Gr/Year	Activity/Position Held	Gr/Year

Describe your work experience during the past four year

WORK EXPERIENCE			
Company/Position	Start Date	End Date	Hours per week

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the **INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, AND THAT ALL STATEMENTS AND ESSAYS ARE MY OWN WORK, free from AI.** Further, I understand that a scholarship award from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter and/or Crimson and Cream Community Foundation may be denied or revoked if any information contained herein is found inaccurate. Should I receive a scholarship award, I hereby give permission to either Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter or Crimson and Cream Community Foundation to utilize my name, photo and scholarship award in any publicity marketing materials.

CERTIFICATION	
Name of Applicant:	
Date:	
Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:	
My parent/guardian is aware of my scholarship submission	
___ Yes ___ No	

If you are applying for the **Jones Family, the Jamal Michael Jones Scholarship**, or the **Mama EJ Scholarship**, indicate which parent you reside with:

Both	Mother	% of time	Father	% of time

If you are applying for the **League Family Scholarship** or the **Mama EJ Scholarship**, indicate which parent (or both) holds at least a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution.

	Mother	Father
Name of Institution		

REQUIRED ESSAY

ESSAY:

Tell us about yourself while also sharing your future education plan and career goals. A part of your statement must address how you will use your education and experience to serve, or make a positive effect in the Black community.

Essays must be a minimum of 500 words and no more than 1,000 words. All submissions should be typed on a separate document, double-spaced, and include your name as the header on each page. Please upload your essay to the same email when you send your completed application.

Please note: All applications and essays will be analyzed for AI-generated content.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

(To be completed by a teacher, advisor or counselor at current school)

Applicant:	
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You have been asked to provide information in support of this applicant. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return this form via Email ONLY to dstcerritos.docs@gmail.com by Friday March 6, 2026 11:59pm PST

4 = Outstanding 3 = Above Average 2 = Average 1 = Unsatisfactory	RATING
The applicant’s choice of a post-secondary education program	
The applicant’s achievement reflects his/her ability	
The applicant’s ability to set realistic and attainable goals	
The quality of the applicant’s commitment to school and community	
The applicant’s ability to seek, find and use learning resources	
The applicant demonstrates a level of curiosity and initiative	
The applicant’s ability to problem-solve and complete tasks	
The applicant’s respect for self and others	

Is there any additional information you would like to share regarding the student?
*Letters of Recommendation are not accepted in lieu of this recommendation form

Recommender’s Name:			
Title:		Phone:	
Email:			
Recommender’s School:			
School Address:			
City:		State:	
		Zip:	

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