

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE 2019

OF THE  
DELTA BETA SIGMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
OF  
*SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED*



# Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Delta Beta Sigma Chapter  
Norfolk, VA



## Statement of the Sorority

The History of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated dates from November 12, 1922, when seven young school teachers organized the first chapter at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. These young ladies sought a need for unity among college educated black women, on a predominantly white campus, to uphold the standards of scholarship, personality, character, purpose, self-respect, moral responsibility and rendering unselfish service to make a better society. Collective striving for these qualities of character was necessary for consistently good scholarship. A high standard in scholarship was, and is, directly related to our precepts of quality of character.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is a predominately black, nonprofit, collegiate organization with its focus on community service. She is dedicated to the encouragement and promotion of high scholastic attainment and improvement of the quality of our lives and the society in which we live. Her purpose is expressed in the slogan **"Greater Service, Greater Progress"**. Sigma ladies proudly display their colors of **Royal Blue and Gold**. Membership in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has been found to be a rewarding part of college life and continues for a lifetime.

The Delta Beta Sigma (Norfolk Alumnae) Chapter, Norfolk, VA was chartered on May 18, 1968. In keeping with the goals of the sorority, the focus of all projects is to provide service and funding to the community, local churches, and area schools. The chapter acts as the sponsoring alumnae chapter to the undergraduate chapters of the sorority at Old Dominion University (Theta Chi Chapter) and Norfolk State University (Gamma Nu Chapter).



### **Rosa Alexander Human Development Endowed Scholarship**

Rosa M. Alexander was considered as one of Virginia's largest black business owners. She was also one of Norfolk State University's biggest supporters. In the late 1970s, she decided to start her own business. She had worked as an electronics mechanic trainee, helped manage a restaurant during the day, and also moonlighted as an office cleaner at night. She was definitely a multi skilled woman with many different facets to her approach to begin her career into entrepreneurship.

With her savings, Mrs. Alexander started a cleaning company; first with two contracts for a doctor's office and a day care center; then a contract with the then Norfolk Naval Base. Two years later, she was able to get a \$1.9 million contract with Norfolk Naval Shipyard. This was an amazing accomplishment for an African American woman as a businesswoman. Alexander prided her business on the quality of work that she could offer. She took it upon herself to instill her work ethic in her employees by continuing to work alongside them showing that although she had accomplished a lot in her gains but it was always better to help others and that she was never too good to work hard.

She not only was a business woman by trade but also was a philanthropist in the community. Although she did not attend college herself, she saw the great value in helping others accomplish their dreams of getting an education or having the affordability to attend college at Norfolk State University. She also took an active role in the community by acting as a key fundraiser for the Martin Luther Kings, Jr. Memorial in Norfolk, providing holiday meals for tenants in Park Place Apartments, purchasing books for the Norfolk State University Library.

She embodied the idea of acts of service throughout her life which was a testament to her life legacy that she lived. In 1983, NSU opened the three story Rosa M. Alexander Women's Hall where her picture hangs in its lobby. In 2003, at the age of 74, Rosa M. Alexander passed away after she had channeled so much energy towards being a part of philanthropic endeavors in the local community. In honor of her benevolence, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc, Delta Beta Sigma Chapter's Rosa M. Alexander Human Development Endowed Scholarship was established November 10, 2006 which has provided financial assistance to many students matriculating at NSU.

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Norfolk Alumnae Chapter

**GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP(S)**

1. The applicant shall be an African American female who plans to enter a four (4) year accredited college, in any field of endeavor.
2. The applicant must be a **high school graduating senior from the Norfolk, Virginia Beach, or Chesapeake school system** at the time she submits the application.
3. The high school applicant must submit a transcript of their high school academic record, which shall include their grade point average (GPA) and their SAT or ACT scores.
4. The applicant must apply through the Norfolk Alumnae (Delta Beta Sigma) Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. The application must be **RECEIVED via EMAIL** or **POSTMARKED at the address shown on the application** on or before **April 08, 2019 at 11:59PM.**
5. **The applicant must include all of the following: scholarship application (completed and signed); high school transcript (including SAT and/or ACT scores); two (2) letters of recommendations; signed financial statement (page 2); and a recent picture of the applicant with name on the back of the photo.**
6. *Applications sent in via email can have photos attached as jpg or pdf file.*
7. Failure to adhere to the stated guidelines will disqualify the applicant. **Applications missing one or more of these items are considered incomplete and WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

If you have any questions, please *email* the Scholarship Committee Chair at: [dbsscholarship1968@yahoo.com](mailto:dbsscholarship1968@yahoo.com)



## Rosa M. Alexander Scholarship Checklist



- ☐ **Application Form**
  - ☐ **Section A: Student Information (required)**
  - ☐ **Section B: Education (required)**
  - ☐ *Section C: Other Organizations (optional)*
  - ☐ *Section D: Activities (optional)*
  - ☐ *Section E: Work/Volunteer Service Experience (optional)*
  - ☐ **Section F: Family Information (required)**  
\*(must be completed & signed by parent/guardian)
  - ☐ **Section G: Academics (required)**
  - ☐ **Section H: Autobiographical & Reasoning for Need of Scholarship Essay (required)**
  - ☐ **Section I: Sigma Gamma Rho Alignment Community Involvement Essay (required)**
  - ☐ **Section J: Important Documentation (required)**
    - ☐ **2 Letters of Recommendations**
    - ☐ **Copy of High School Transcript**
    - ☐ **Photo of Yourself with your name on back or attached to your application**

**Application is considered incomplete if all required documentation is not included or any signatures are missing from the packet.**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Sorority Use Only)

The Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of  
**SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INCORPORATED**  
**“ Rosa M. Alexander Scholarship ”**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please type/use pen to fill out application. Application is considered incomplete if all documentation that is required for the application is not included in the packet.

**Section A: Student Information (required)**

1. Name in full (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

3. Home Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Cell Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B: Education (required)**

Please list in chronological order all schools attended during the last four years:

Name of School(s): Location: Date of Attendance:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From what high school will you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_  
When? (date) \_\_\_\_\_

What college do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you plan to major/study in college? \_\_\_\_\_

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List any honors and/or awards received while in high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section C: Other Organizations (optional)**

List other organizations are you are involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section D: Activities (optional)**

List activities in which you have participated:

Activities	Date of Participation	Approx. Hours	Positions/Honors

**Section E: Work/Volunteer Service Experience (optional)**

Please list any volunteer experience and/or jobs (including summer jobs) you have held in the last four (4) years.

Job & Type of Work	Employer/Organization	Summer/ School Year	Dates of Employment	Hours Per Week

**Section F: Family Information (required)**

Income section must be given by applicant/guardian to determine need **and must be signed by parent/guardian.**  
(No additional financial documents are needed.)

Father/Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (net/per year)

Signature (that financial information is correct) \_\_\_\_\_

(parent/guardian)

Mother/Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (net/per year)

Signature (that financial information is correct) \_\_\_\_\_

(parent/guardian)

Names and ages of Sisters and Brothers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (age) (name) (age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (age) (name) (age)

Who do you reside with: Mother; \_\_\_\_ Father; \_\_\_\_ Both; \_\_\_\_ Guardian; \_\_\_\_

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ How many in your family are attending college? \_\_\_\_ How many Sisters  
and/or Brothers are supported by your parent(s)/guardian(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section G: Academics (required)**

GPA= \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank = \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT score: Total = \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading = \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics = \_\_\_\_\_ Writing = \_\_\_\_\_

**Section H: Autobiographical & Reasoning for Need of Scholarship Essay (required)**

Write an essay of 100 words or more about yourself and the reason(s) you believe you should receive this scholarship

**Section I: Sigma Gamma Rho Allignment Community Involvement Essay (required)**

After researching Sigma Gamma Rho at [www.sgrho1922.org](http://www.sgrho1922.org) and learning about the organization, write an essay in **1000 words or more** explaining how your community involvement aligns with the mission, vision, and goals of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

**Section J: Important Documentation (required)**

- Attach a photograph of yourself.
- Copy of your transcripts with ACT/SAT scores
- 2 letters of recommendations (teacher, coach, counselor, employer, community leader, spiritual leader, etc.

These letters can be sent to the committee at the address listed below by mail, emailed, or sealed and attached to your application.

**All these Important Documents must also be received by the scholarship deadline!**

Please check carefully to be sure you have responded to **ALL** categories on this form. Make sure your parent/guardian's financial information/statement is included, and attach a picture of yourself (with your name on the back of the picture), or if application was submitted via email attach a photo.

The Scholarship Application and all required documentation must be Received or Postmarked *at the address/email address below* **by April 08, 2019 at 11:59PM**

By signing this application, I hereby authorize and permit the Scholarship Committee of the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated to release my name and use my picture and/or parent(s)'s/guardian(s)'s names and hometown in the newspaper or any other publication showing award of scholarship.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application package to:**

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated  
Delta Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 41243  
Norfolk, VA. 23541  
or  
Email: DBSScholarhip1968@yahoo.com



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Principal or Counselor

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's name placed here)

SUBJECT: Request for Transcript

The student listed above has applied for a scholarship from the Norfolk Alumnae Chapter Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Applicants for the scholarships are required to submit proof of their high school credentials. Other criteria include: grade point average, ACT or SAT scores, honors, activities, letters of recommendations and financial need.

The records will be kept in strict confidence and used only by the scholarship committee to determine winners.

Please make sure that the student's transcripts include their **SAT or ACT SCORES and GPA'S.**

Transcript information must be received on or before **April 08, 2019**, which is the deadline for the scholarship application, or the entire application will be considered incomplete.

The applicant has indicated by his or her signature below approval of this request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and the information to:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated

Delta Beta Sigma Alumnae Chapter

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 41243

Norfolk, VA. 23541

or

Email: DBSscholarship1968@yahoo.com