

# DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. OKINAWA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

## Okinawa Alumnae Chapter YVONNE HATTIE BROWN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE for SUBMISSION: **17 April 2026**

**PURPOSE:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 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. Since its chartering in 1991, the Okinawa Alumnae Chapter has acknowledged outstanding SOFA status students by awarding financial assistance towards their education, in any field of study, at an accredited U.S. college or university.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Yvonne Hattie Brown Scholarship, an applicant must be:

- a dependent of a sponsor with SOFA status.
- enrolled in a high school on Okinawa.
- a graduating senior with a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5.
- accepted for admission to a U.S. accredited college or university.

### WHAT TO SUBMIT:

1. One (1) signed letter of recommendation (may not be a family member)
2. College/University Acceptance letter
3. Written or video response to one of the scholarship prompts (see page 2)
4. High School transcript (may be emailed from the school to oacdtscholarship@gmail.com)

### WHERE TO SUBMIT

Email all items to [educationoac91@gmail.com](mailto:educationoac91@gmail.com). Include your name, mailing address, parent's email address, and preferred phone number in the body of the email. Applicants with complete packets will be contacted to schedule an interview.

NOTE: If awarded a scholarship, scholarship winner must email their college/university enrollment verification letter to the Okinawa Alumnae Chapter at [educationoac91@gmail.com](mailto:educationoac91@gmail.com). Please copy [okinawadst@gmail.com](mailto:okinawadst@gmail.com). The deadline for receiving the enrollment verification letter is 30 September 2024. Items submitted to the Okinawa Alumnae Chapter (OAC) become the property of OAC and will not be returned.

For more information, see the **Scholarship** tab on our website, [www.okialumnaedst.org](http://www.okialumnaedst.org).

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**RESPOND TO ONE OF THE PROMPTS BELOW:**

**Prompt 1:** The rise of artificial intelligence has been met with much ambiguity over the last few years. On the one hand, professionals in many fields lean into its many opportunities for efficiency while seeking to learn new ways to harness its innovative powers. Those in opposition fear that artificial intelligence may result in job displacement for some while threatening academic integrity amongst students. What is your position in this debate? Do you agree or disagree with the widespread use of Artificial Intelligence in various career fields and in the education system? Why or why not? Include supporting evidence with your response.

**Prompt 2:** Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation* has become a hot topic amongst parents, educators, and those who routinely work with adolescent children. The major premise of Haidt's book is that social media and the introduction of smartphones to adolescent children dating back to 2010 has led to an epidemic of anxiety and mental illness amongst adolescents. Haidt's research offers a compelling argument for this theory, but it fails to include adolescent voice and opinion on the issue. Provide a response to Haidt's argument in essay form explaining your perspective on the topic of social media and smartphones causing anxiety and mental illness amongst adolescent children.

Response may be either in writing or as a video oral presentation and as follows:

- a) **If written** – no more than two pages typed, single spaced.
- b) **If video** – no more than 6 minutes long

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Applicants will be scored based on their response to the essay prompt and their interview. Scoring rubrics are included with this document.

**NOTE: The use of AI-generated responses in the application process is strictly prohibited and will result in the applicant's removal from consideration for the Yvonne Hattie Brown Scholarship.**