

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. OKINAWA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Okinawa Alumnae Chapter
YVONNE HATTIE BROWN SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE for SUBMISSION: **8 April 2024**

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 oacdtscholarship@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 oacdtscholarship@gmail.com. Please copy 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.

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RESPOND TO ONE OF THE PROMPTS BELOW:

Prompt 1: *According to the Florida Department of Education, Florida school districts removed 300 books from library shelves last school year due to objections raised by the community. The American Library Association suggests that books are still being banned and challenged today. To what extent do you believe there are valid reasons to ban or challenge books? How should society navigate the delicate balance between freedom of expression and the need to address concerns raised by individuals or communities?*

Prompt 2: *How do the eligibility requirements for becoming President of the United States compare and contrast with those for joining the United States Military? In your view, should the eligibility criteria for one of these roles be stricter than the other, and what rationale would you provide to defend your position?*

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.

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