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Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter (FWAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is accepting applications for membership for The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and Delta GEMS (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully) programs.

The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy is one of our sorority's national initiatives to enrich and enhance education of young ladies ages 11-14 (**middle school**) residing in Southern Prince George's and Charles Counties.

The purpose of Delta Academy is to prepare young women for the 21st century by:

- Enriching their future through educational development and personalized attention;
- ◆ Strengthening their skills in math, science and technology, and exposing the ladies to non-traditional careers;
- Providing service learning as a method to which students learn through active participation in organized service experiences that meet actual community needs;
- ♦ Lending the young ladies the tools to help cultivate and maintain interpersonal relationships with female adults.

The purpose of the Delta GEMS program is also one of our sorority's national initiatives to form a roadmap for college and career planning which incorporates five major components: Scholarship, Sisterhood, Show Me the Money, Service, and Infinitely Complete. Each component provides opportunities for self-growth and enables young ladies to function intellectually, responsibly, and socially in today's society. Delta GEMS provides a positive network for teenage girls' ages 14-18 (**high school**) to strengthen and develop their will to achieve residing in Southern Prince George's and Charles Counties. The goals for Delta GEMS are:

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



The mandatory Parent and Student Orientation will take place on <u>Saturday, October 13, 2018</u>, from 10:00 am to 1:00pm at Chesapeake Math & Information Technology Academy South (9822 Fallard Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772). Completed Risk Management forms must be submitted at this meeting.

Please click and/or paste the following link to complete the online application.

https://goo.gl/forms/y6oUhv00hXKKeFgE2

Online applications and Risk Management forms are also available on-line at www.dstfwac.org (under "Community Programs" > "Youth Programs")

Online applications must be submitted no later than **Friday**, **October 5**, **2018**.

For specific program questions, please contact the following:

Betty Shabaaz Delta Academy: <u>DeltaAcademy@dstfwac.org</u>

Delta GEMS: <u>DeltaGEMS@dstfwac.org</u>

We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your interest in the FWAC Youth Programs.

Sincerely,

Millicent L. Hawkins

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