

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter



A Public Service Sorority Founded in 1913

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter's *Award Winning* Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS Institute! Delta GEMS is natural outgrowth and expansion for the continuation of the highly successful Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy: *Catching the Dreams of Tomorrow*. Delta GEMS was created to catch the dreams of adolescent African American at-risk teens. Delta GEMS provides the frame work to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a CAN DO attitude. 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; and
- To create compassionate, caring, and community minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

We are seeking young ladies who are interested in developing their leadership skills, interested in learning new things and who want to do all of these things in a fun environment. If you would like your daughter to become part of this rewarding and exciting experience, please complete the attached application package, including:

the **Student Application**,
and **Parent Consent Form**.

The packet should be mailed to the address below by Thursday, September 22, 2016. Completed packets may be submitted at Orientation on Saturday 24, 2016.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Ainye Long at 310.987.8836

Please mail completed application packets to:

LA Delta GEMS
C/O Ms. Ainye Long
3124 Stocker Street, Unit 1
Los Angeles, CA 90008

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@the LA National Council of Negro Women, 3720 W. 54th St., Los Angeles, CA 90043
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Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS

Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
 "Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully"

<p>What is Delta GEMS?</p>	<p>Delta GEMS was created to catch the dreams of African American at-risk, adolescent girls aged 14-18. Delta GEMS provides the framework to actualize those dreams through the performance of specific tasks that develop a CAN DO attitude.</p> <p>Delta GEMS provides an opportunity for local Delta chapters to enrich and enhance the education that our young teens receive in public schools across the nation. Specifically, we augment their scholarship in math, science, and technology, their opportunities to provide service in the form of leadership through service learning, and their sisterhood, defined as the cultivation service learning, and their sisterhood, defined as the cultivation and maintenance of relationships. A primary goal of the program is to prepare young girls for full participation as leaders in the 21st Century.</p> <p>The Delta GEMS program offers a road map for college and career planning conducts activities that provide opportunities for self-reflection and individual growth. Delta GEMS, like Delta Academy, is implemented by chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.</p> <p>It is named for the Sorority's 12th National President, Dr. Jeanne L. Noble, an internationally renowned educator.</p>
<p>How much does it cost to participate in this program?</p>	<p>Participation in this program is FREE!</p>
<p>Is transportation provided?</p>	<p>Transportation is not provided. Parents/Guardians are expected to make arrangements to get their child to/from the location of all program activities. We also encourage parents/guardians to participate in the program activities when invited.</p>
<p>What are the expectations of participating girls?</p>	<p>The participant and parent/guardian will sign a Student Commitment and Pledge contract and adhere to it.</p> <p>Participants are expected to participate fully in all activities.</p>
<p>Why should I participate in Delta GEMS?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be able to participate each year until you graduate high school. At that time you may join our Delta GEMS program as a volunteer mentor. • You will be introduced to positive role models and mentors. • You can participate in college preparation activities with emphasis on math, science and technology based careers. • You can participate in community service and non-traditional social/cultural experiences. <p>Why not participate? Not only is coming to Delta GEMS fun, it's also a</p>

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	great way to meet new friends and try new things!
What are the meeting dates and planned activities	The Los Angeles Alumnae Delta GEMS will generally meet once a month (September - May) on the third Saturday. Activities and dates may change based on our need to adapt to the needs of the participating girls.
About Delta Sigma Theta	<p>Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 300,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 940 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Educational Development • International Awareness and Involvement • Physical and Mental Health • Political Awareness and Involvement <p>22 students at Howard University founded the Sorority in 1913. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.deltasigmatheta.org</p>
About the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter	<p>In 1927, a group of dedicated young Delta women organized a graduate group and petitioned Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Grand Chapter to establish an alumnae chapter in the greater Los Angeles area. The Grand Chapter accepted the request and the Nu Sigma Chapter became the first alumnae chapter in the Farwest Region. With Soror Miriam Mathews as the first president, Nu Sigma was chartered in July, 1929 with ten charter members, including our beloved Founder, Soror Wertie Blackwell Weaver:</p> <p>Under the new nomenclature ruling accepted by the Grand Chapter, all alumnae chapters were renamed for the city/area in which they were chartered. During the late 1950's the Nu Sigma Chapter was renamed the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter.</p> <p>For eighty years, the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter Deltas has worked with vigor, tenacity, courage, and conviction in service to the greater Los Angeles community. Throughout this long and illustrious history, the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter has had notable and historic accomplishments. The Chapter implements the National Five-Point Programmatic Thrust under the public service mandates of the organization in the greater Los Angeles area. In addition to volunteer projects, the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter is the employer of nearly 200 community workers through its Head Start State Pre-schools and senior citizen programs.</p>
Who should I contact if I have additional questions?	<p>Delta GEMS Chair - Ms. Ainye Long, 310.987.8836 Delta GEMS Co-Chair - Ms. Rachel Jordan, 301.237.6283 (301 NOT 310)</p>

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM - 2016-2017 (*Electronic Version available:
<https://goo.gl/forms/Ppea47nV1rC3gDRw1>)

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Current Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

School Name (Please give FULL name): _____

Favorite School Subjects: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Hobbies: _____

Your Talents (What you do best and/or most like to do): _____

What do you want to get from participating in the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS program?

Which school subject do you need help with most? _____ Science _____ Math _____ Other

What new subject would you like to learn about? _____

T-Shirt Size: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL ___ already have Delta GEMS Shirt

Student Signature and Date

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PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM - 2016-2017 (*Electronic Version Available: <https://goo.gl/forms/uExYRP9mRXgdITeq1>)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Numbers: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

How did you learn about the Delta GEMS? _____

By my signature below, I grant permission for my child to participate in the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS workshops, field trips, and other educational or cultural activities sponsored by the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for the period September 24, 2016 through June 15, 2017. I understand that the program participants are females between 14 and 18 years of age; who are residents of the Los Angeles area; and who are currently enrolled in a public, private, or charter school in the Los Angeles County area. I also understand that I am expected to facilitate and support my child's attendance and participation.

Further, I understand reasonable efforts will be made to supervise my child. My child and I understand that certain conduct (for example, unacceptable sexual conduct, unacceptable dress, violent speech or conduct, and the use of controlled substances or alcohol) will not be tolerated in the program and that the commission of any of these acts will result in immediate dismissal from the program. I understand that in the event that one of these acts occurs, the LA Delta GEMS will contact, via the numbers provided, either the parent or emergency contact person on file. I agree that when I, or the emergency contact person is called, the emergency contact person or I will immediately come and pick my child up from the session and/or activity.

Further, I agree not to hold the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

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Sorority, Inc. or the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS and its members responsible and/or liable for any injuries or illnesses that my child may sustain while in attendance at the sessions of the Delta GEMS. I also agree not to hold the above named organizations, or its members or appointees individually, liable for the loss or destruction of my child's property.

Consent to Photograph

I, _____, hereby authorize the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS (Delta GEMS) to photograph or film my daughter, _____ and consent to the use of her likeness in all publications, educational materials, research, advertising, news media, and World Wide Web materials. I understand and agree that such materials, including all negatives, positives, digital images, and prints shall become and remain the sole property of the Delta GEMS and I shall have no right or title to such items. I further understand and agree that these materials may be kept on file and used by the Delta GEMS for potential future purposes and further agree to release the Delta GEMS from all liability arising from or in connection with the taking, use, publication, or dissemination of such materials. Copies of these photos may be distributed to the parent upon request.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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