



# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

## Saint Louis Alumnae Chapter

### Rites of Passage – ARIYA Overview

#### ABOUT ARIYA RITES OF PASSAGE

The Ariya Rites of Passage Program is sponsored by the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The participants partake in six months of training where they are exposed to leaders in the community, who present workshops in carefully selected areas geared toward enhancing self-esteem, appreciating cultural heritage, imparting the value of higher education, and promoting community involvement and other areas of special interest.



After completing six months of training, the participants in the Rites of Passage Ceremony are granted permission by their families and the community to transition to the next level of social and educational development.

The ARIYA, a Swahili word meaning celebration, is the program's culminating activity and public celebration where the participants are presented to the community. Participants will also have the opportunity to generate scholarship funds for their college education.

#### PURPOSE

- △ To provide character development and leadership training for young African-American Women,
- △ To encourage them to pursue college after high school graduation,
- △ To empower them to take ownership of their futures by providing an opportunity for them to generate scholarship funds for their post-secondary education.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- △ Must be a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale).
- △ Must submit two letters of recommendation: 1) high school teacher or principal 2) non-family member adult

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- △ There is a non-refundable participation fee of \$200.00 that may be paid in three installments.
- △ All applicants will be contacted for an interview.

#### CONTACT INFO

Please direct any questions or comments to [dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com](mailto:dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com)

We look forward to an exciting and enriching year.

#### IMPORTANT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Saturday September 28, 2019**

Please complete all sections of the attached application, including the essay with two letters of recommendation and a copy of a current transcript. Applications **must** be emailed to [dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com](mailto:dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com) or mailed to below address by the date indicated above.

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**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**  
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**Rites of Passage - ARIYA Application**

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION					
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME			MIDDLE
STREET ADDRESS					DOB (MM/DD/YY)
CITY		STATE	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE		SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS			GPA
		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell			
NAME OF PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)				PARENT/GUARDIAN'S TELEPHONE	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS				<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT)				ROLE	
HONORS AND AWARDS					
POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTION (IF KNOWN)		INTENDED MAJOR		INSTITUTION TYPE	
				<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yr. (Comm. College) <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Yr (College/Univ.)	
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT				CHECKLIST	
On a separate sheet of paper, please complete your typed essay of 250 words or less describing how you would benefit from the Rites of Passage - ARIYA program.				<input type="checkbox"/> Completed application including all required signatures. <input type="checkbox"/> Typed Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript	
SIGN					DATE
PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE					
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE					