



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Saint Louis Alumnae Chapter
 Ariya Rites of Passage & Scholarship Program



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 program meets bi-weekly between the months of October and April and will be comprised virtual meetings and events until further notice. The program consists of 3 phases:

Phase 1: Pathway Trainings & Community Involvement

Pathway trainings are learning sessions presented by leaders in the community on carefully selected topics geared toward enhancing self-esteem, appreciating cultural heritage, imparting the value of higher education, promoting community involvement and other areas of special interest. Community learning activities are a combination of bonding experiences and community service projects designed to promote a village mindset and teach the importance of connecting and giving back to the place and people around you.

Phase 2: Rites of Passage Program

Participants are presented to the community in a ceremony to signify their readiness to transition to the next level of social and educational development.

Phase 3: The Ariya Celebration

ARIYA is a Swahili word meaning celebration. The program’s culminating activity is a grand public celebration where the participants are formally introduced to the community as a young woman ready for the next phase of her life.

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 female high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale).
- △ 2 letters of recommendation from: a) high school teacher or principal and b) non-family member adult
- △ An essay introducing yourself, explaining your future aspirations, and how you would benefit from the Rites of Passage program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- △ There is a non-refundable participation fee of \$200.00 payable in 3 installments after acceptance into the program.
- △ All qualifying applicants will be contacted for an interview.

CONTACT INFO

Please direct any questions or comments to dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com
 We look forward to an exciting and enriching year.

IMPORTANT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Saturday, October 23, 2021**

Please complete all sections of the attached application, including the essay, letters of recommendation, and an electronic copy of a current transcript. Applications can be emailed (preferred) to dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com or mailed to:

DST-St. Louis Alumnae Chapter
 Attn: Ariya Committee
 P.O. Box 410844
 St. Louis MO 63141



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Rites of Passage - ARIYA Application

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION							
LAST NAME (LEGAL)		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 introducing yourself, explaining your future aspirations, and how you would benefit from the Rites of Passage 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							