



# 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 November and April and will comprise both virtual and in person meetings and events. The program consists of 3 phases:



#### Phase 1: Pathway Trainings & Community Involvement

Pathway training sessions 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](mailto:dst.sla.ariya@gmail.com)

We look forward to an exciting and enriching year.

#### IMPORTANT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Monday, November 07, 2022**

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](mailto: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	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS					
				<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	
<b>SIGN</b>					<b>DATE</b>
PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE					
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE					



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