



Washington DC Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Dear Prospective Contestant:

The Washington DC Alumnae Chapter (WDCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in partnership with the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) is hosting its Sunday's Best Gospel Brunch on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770 from 12:00 noon – 3:30 pm with an estimated 300-500 attendees.

WDCAC and DREF are looking for area wide (DC, Maryland & Virginia) high school solo vocalist to compete for a chance to be featured at the event and be selected to win one of three cash prizes:

- 1st Place \$500
- 2nd Place \$300
- 3rd Place \$200

All Parent/Guardian forms must be completed, signed, and returned in order for the youth to participate in the competition. Interested participants are required to do the following:

1. Record an audition video showcasing your vocal abilities with a **Gospel** song of your choice but limited to 6 minutes in length.
2. Upload the video to YouTube, marking it private
3. Complete the enclosed application and include the address to uploaded file
4. Have your parent or legal guardian sign the application.
5. Submit the application either electronically as a PDF file by **OCTOBER 22, 2018** to

Audition@wdcacdst.org or by mail to:

Washington DC Alumnae Chapter
Attn: Sunday's Best
P.O. 90202
Washington, DC 20090

WDCAC has serviced the Washington, DC community for over 97 years by providing college scholarships and various community programs. DREF is a public charity supporting scholastic achievement, public service programs, and research initiatives focused upon African American women. The proceeds from this event will fund scholarships along with community service programs in the District of Columbia.

Thank you for your interest in being a contender for our Sunday's Best Gospel Brunch. If you have questions, please submit them to Audition@wdcacdst.org

Sincerely,

Cherie Brown Jackson

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President, WDCAC

Juanita Price

Juanita Price, Chair

Norma Stewart

Norma Stewart, Co-Chair

Sunday's Best Gospel Brunch

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APPLICATION FOR SUNDAY'S BEST YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

High School: _____ City/State: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Full Name: _____

Song Title Selection: _____

Artist: _____ Length of Selection: _____

YouTube Video Upload Address:

If selected as a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place Winner you are **required** to perform the submitted selection in front of a live audience on Sunday, November 18th, 2018. Check to acknowledge this requirement?

Provide brief bio for possible inclusion in program (limited to 200 words):

We are open for Video Auditions. No live auditions will be conducted.

Here are some guidelines for a successful video audition:

- Videos should be no longer than six (6) minutes in length.
- It is important that we can see and hear you! Please check the audio on your video before uploading.
- Do not over-edit your video or use professional sound equipment. We prefer stripped down performances. We would much rather see a straightforward, un-edited performance that shows both your personality and talent, even if it's just you introducing yourself on camera and performing right in your living room or backyard.
- Please do not use auto-tune apps such as Smule or StarMaker.
- If you have any additional questions, please submit via email to Audition@wdcadst.org.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 22, 2018



PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AFFIRMATION

I, _____, hereby give my permission to Washington DC Alumnae Chapter (WDCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) for _____ to participate in the Sunday's Best Competition and live performance, and I hereby attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have the legal authority to authorize such participation.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Date: _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I, _____, Parent/Guardian, on behalf of _____ ("Participant Minor Child") do hereby release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue and agree to hold harmless Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated ("DST"), its officers, National Executive Board, employees, members, local Chapters, representatives, agents, affiliates, and assigns (collectively "Releases"), from any and all claims, demands, and actions of any and every kind directly or indirectly arising out of, or relating in any respect to Participant Minor Child's participation in The Sunday's Best Competition and live performance Youth Initiative.

My waiver and release of all claims, demands, actions, and liability shall include without limitation, any injury, illness, death, property damage or loss to the Participant Minor Child which may be caused by any act, or failure to act, by the Releases, unless such injury, illness, death, property damage or loss is a direct result of the willful misconduct of any Releases.

I understand that, without limitation of the foregoing, neither Delta, nor the Program, shall be liable and each is hereby released from all claims that may arise from loss or damage to the Participant Minor Child's personal property.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA AND VIDEO AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM

I/We, ("Parent/Guardian"), _____ as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of, _____ give permission for the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter (WDCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) to publish on the Internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images ("Images") taken of my child during participation in The Sunday's Best Competition and live performance Youth Initiative Program activities, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance.

I/We also give permission for the Chapter to highlight my child's achievements and activities in efforts to promote the youth initiative program through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media without payment or any consideration and without notifying me.

I/We understand and agree that these Images will become the property of the Chapter, which shall have complete ownership of the Images. I hereby irrevocably authorized the Chapter to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the Chapter's programs, including The Sunday's Best Competition and live performance Youth Initiative Program or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my child's likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images.

I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; its officers; National Executive Board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I/we hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of, _____ authorized legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

Parent/ Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Parent/Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA AND VIDEO AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM

I/We, ("Parent/Guardian"), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, ("Child") hereby grant Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (the "Chapter") and Delta Research and Educational Foundation ("DREF") the right to record and publish my child's voice and/or image, including moving images and if applicable, any sound recordings accompanying the images ("Images") on videotape, film, photographs, in digital media and in any other form of electronic or print medium, taken of my child while auditioning and/or participating in activities or performances related to the Chapter's Sunday's Best Gospel Brunch ("Event"), without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance.

I/We understand that my Child's audition does not guarantee she/he will be selected to perform at the Event. I/We agree that the Chapter, in its sole discretion, shall make the final selection of performers for the Event, which may or may not include my Child, and its decision shall be final.

I/We also give permission for the Chapter and DREF to highlight my child's achievements and activities in efforts to promote the Event through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media, including digital and electronic media, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me.

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I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter, DREF and any of their officers and members; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; its officers; National Executive Board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity. I/we hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of _____, authorized legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

This Release Form shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia, The courts of the District of Columbia shall have exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate any dispute arising under or in connection with this Release Form.

Parent/ Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Parent/Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Respect all participants (other youth and adult volunteers) by not using foul, hurtful or obscene language or engaging in physical violence, bullying (including cyber-bullying) or other aggressive behaviors that threaten the safety of others.
2. Respect the property rights of others. This means do not damage or deface the building or property within the building where chapter activities are held; do not damage or take the personal property of any other participant or volunteer; and do not use Delta's name or any symbol or logo (Delta's intellectual property) on any clothing, books, bags, or other items.
3. Return supplies to their proper place after using them.
4. Clean up all work areas properly.
5. Listen carefully to directions and when someone else is talking.
6. Respect designated quiet areas, such as homework/reading area.
7. Stay within the program's designated areas within the building.
8. Cooperate and participate in organized activities.
9. Assume full responsibility for all personal belongings. Please leave valuables at home.
10. Do not bring any weapons, cigarettes/drugs, alcohol, or anything illegal to any activity at any time.

Sanctions for Violating Code of Conduct

Bad Language/Abusive Teasing and Related Acts:

1st Time: Verbal warning, *parent or guardian notified from this point forward*

2nd Time: Loss of privileges

3rd Time: 1-week suspension from program

Next occurrence youth is removed from the program.

Physical Violence and Other Misconduct:

1st Time: Removal from situation, loss of privileges, *guardian notified from this point forward*

Next occurrence youth is removed from the program.

Illegal Substances or Dangerous Weapons:

1st Time: Youth is removed from the program. If a youth is in possession of an illegal substance or dangerous weapon, the police will be notified as well.

(Student Participant)

With my parent or other adult, I have read the *Code of Conduct* and sanctions for violating the Code. I understand the Code and the sanctions. I will follow the *Code of Conduct*.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

(Parent)

I have read and understand the *Code of Conduct* and sanctions for violating the *Code of Conduct*. I understand that my child's compliance with the *Code of Conduct* is a condition of her/his participation in The Sunday's Best Competition and live performance. I agree that the sanctions for violating the *Code of Conduct* are reasonable and will help my child comply.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____