



**The Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta,  
Inc. and  
The Durham (NC) Chapter of the Links,  
Incorporated**

**announce their**

**2020 STEM Camp Scholarship Award  
Application Deadline: May 15, 2020**

**Do you have interest in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) and want to expand your knowledge and increase your success in STEM? If so, we invite you to participate in the following:**

- WHAT?** An opportunity to be selected for a STEM scholarship to participate in a 5-day STEM Summer Camp.
- WHY?** This award will enable you to attend a STEM Summer Camp and is intended to expand STEM opportunities and support academic experiences for Durham County students Grades Pre-K-12. Grade eligibility refers to the grade the student will enter for the 2020-2021 academic year. It **does not** refer to the student's current grade.
- WHO?** Funds are provided through a partnership between The Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and The Durham (NC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.
- WHERE?** Please see the attached descriptions of available camp sites and dates, and list your first and second choices within the application.
- WHEN?** The deadline for application submission is 05/15/2020.

**Please note:** You must be a resident of Durham County and attend school (elementary, middle or high school) in Durham County to be eligible for this scholarship.

**We request all 3 parts be completed for scholarship consideration (2 required parts and 1 optional). You must:**

1. complete the application (REQUIRED),
2. provide an essay (minimum of 100 words for Pre-K- 2nd, 200 words for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>; 500 words for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) (REQUIRED), and
3. submit a letter of recommendation from someone who knows your interest in STEM. (OPTIONAL)

### **Application Checklist**

To qualify for a scholarship application, all questions must be answered, and directions followed. If directions are not followed, points will be subtracted, and application may be disqualified. A checklist is below to assist you. Check each item to ensure that you've followed directions.

1. \_\_\_ Application is typed or legibly printed
2. \_\_\_ All questions are answered
3. \_\_\_ Essay is included with the proper number of minimum words
4. \_\_\_ Essay includes the information requested
5. \_\_\_ Letter of recommendation from non-family member (OPTIONAL)
6. \_\_\_ Application is signed by student and parent
7. \_\_\_ You have identified a first, second and third camp choice
8. \_\_\_ Application is free of grammatical and spelling errors

**1. APPLICATION (Please type or legibly print.)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State and Zip Code)

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of parent or guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address if different from above:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this the person to be contacted in case of emergency?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**If no, please provide the name, relationship and all contact information for this individual:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GPA (high school applicant only):** \_\_\_\_\_

**STEM courses completed with grades:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**STEM courses currently taking:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever participated in a Science in Everyday Experiences (SEE) or STEM Camp?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**. **If yes, when did this occur?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person and organization that told you about this scholarship:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Special Medical Condition(s) or Disability:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** **If yes, please describe.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Selection (Refer to attached camp sheet)**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ESSAY QUESTION**

Please prepare your essay, add your name and attach it to this application. (Minimum 100 for Pre-K-2nd, 200 words for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades and a minimum of 500 words for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.) Your essay should address the following:

- Explain why you would like to attend a 5-day STEM camp and what you hope to accomplish. How will this opportunity help you in the future?
- Describe your experiences (e.g., courses, clubs and/or extra-curricular activities) in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**3. FINANCIAL NEED**

While financial need will be taken into consideration along with other eligibility requirements, all factors will be considered in the overall selection decision. From the options below, please select your financial need, if applicable, and briefly explain in your essay (from section 2).

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ I want to attend a STEM Camp, but will be unable to do so if I don't receive a scholarship.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ I want to attend a STEM Camp, and still may be able to do so if I don't receive a scholarship.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ I want to attend a STEM Camp and will be able to attend whether or not I receive a scholarship.

Please indicate if you receive a free and reduced meal (breakfast, lunch) at school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I receive a free and reduced meal at school.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not receive a free and reduced meal at school.

**4. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (OPTIONAL)**

**Name of person who will provide your recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please ask the person above to include in the recommendation why she/he believes you should be considered for the STEM Summer Camp opportunity. This recommendation must be directly emailed to [durhamstemoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:durhamstemoutreach@gmail.com) or mailed to:

Durham Alumnae Chapter  
Attn: STEM Committee  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
PO Box 2882  
Durham, NC 27715

**It is strongly recommended that you provide a copy of this announcement to the person providing the recommendation so that it will be clear what is expected in the recommendation letter (OPTIONAL).**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this, I verify that I am the applicant, I choose to submit this application, and if I receive the scholarship award, I will attend a STEM Camp

**Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this, I verify that the attached essay has been prepared by the applicant. If selected, I agree that she/he will be able to attend the selected STEM Camp and that I will ensure that she/he will have appropriate transportation.

**\*\* The sponsoring organizations will be unable to provide transportation. \*\***

### **Selection Criteria**

To assist you in submitting an application that will increase your chances of receiving an award, we are providing the below criteria that will be used for selecting applicants.

In addition to the previously identified **eligibility requirements**, selection will be based on your:

1. explanation of financial need;
2. interest in attending the STEM Camp;
3. enrollment in and performance in STEM courses;
4. description of how the STEM Camp will enhance your success in STEM courses;
5. attention to sentence structure and grammar relevant to your grade level;
6. completion of the application process;
7. agreement to submit a summary of your camp experience; and
8. adherence to the application deadline date.

**This application, along with your essays, must be submitted by email to [durhamstemoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:durhamstemoutreach@gmail.com) or by mail to:**

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ATTN: STEM Committee  
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**DEADLINE: All materials must be emailed or received via mail by 05/15/2020**