



*Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship
For Excellence in the Arts*

The Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Fund

The Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is proud to present the
Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship for Excellence in the Arts
to commemorate the legacy of Ms. Adaoha Chinyere Adzo Thandiwe Hamilton.

Very early in her life, Adaoha's intellectual promise was evident. At the age of 13, the Washington Post did a feature story on Adaoha for her role as a tutor to Washington D.C. elementary school children. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Columbia University. Upon graduation, Adaoha went on to start her own successful business endeavor, worked for a Fortune 500 company, and conquered the world of real estate with her mother through the joint venture of Adaoha Properties based in Washington, D.C.

Still -despite her professional and academic success- Adaoha's true love was her passion for the Arts. She was an accomplished poet, writer, actress, and dancer. During her time at Columbia University Adaoha was not only involved with the Black Theatre Ensemble, she also wrote, produced, and starred in a production during her senior year. Adaoha continually impressed both friends and colleagues with the power of her written word. She produced art that was at once incredibly relevant and meaningful, as it was startling beautiful. Yet, most importantly, she produced work that touched upon larger issues that spoke to the human condition.

Love. Friendship. Family. Sorrow. Injustice. Hope.

In keeping with Adaoha's sincere commitment to both the Arts and community service, her family and friends established the Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Fund in March of 2008. The scholarship is meant to honor a young woman who exhibits the same qualities of excellence in the Arts that marked Adaoha C. Hamilton's own life. Like Adaoha, applicants can be involved in one of any artistic endeavors.

Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Application

Amount: \$1,500 made payable to student

Note: Funds should be used to offset educational expenses such as tuition, room/board, books, travel, etc. This award is non-renewable.

Deadline: All submissions must be **postmarked** by **Wednesday, April 11th, 2018**.

Eligibility criteria:

- ! Demonstrated leadership and excellence in the arts.
Note: You must be a woman of color to be considered for the Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Award.
- ! High School Senior with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. (78 average out of 100)
- ! Pending acceptance into a post-secondary college or university.
- ! Complete application including copy of recent transcript, at least 1 letter of recommendation and supplementary essay.
- ! Able to attend the Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Luncheon on **April 28th, 2018** at Columbia University from 12:00-3:30pm.

Send all application materials, recommendation(s), transcript and supplementary documentation in a sealed envelope to:

Rho Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship Selection Committee
C/o Nepheta Smith
P.O. Box 2125
New York, NY, 10025

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Please direct any questions or queries to
Nephetari Smith | rhopresident1923@gmail.com
Subject heading: ACH Scholarship

(Type or Print Legibly)

Name: _____

High School: _____ D.O.B ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email (if applicable): _____

Cumulative GPA or Average: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Anticipated College or University _____

Anticipated Major or Program of Study _____

Race (Please check all that apply):

_____ African-American/Black
_____ Latino/Spanish
_____ American
_____ Indian

_____ Asian/Pacific Islander
_____ White
(Caucasian)
_____ Other ()

Estimated Gross Annual Family Income:

_____ under \$20,000
_____ \$21,000-\$40,000
_____ \$41,000-\$60,000

_____ \$61,000-\$80,000
_____ \$81,000-\$100,000
_____ over \$100,000

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Parent or Guardian Contact Information

Name: _____

Telephone (Day): _____

(Evening): _____

I hereby certify that I meet all eligibility requirements and that the above questionnaire has been completed accurately and to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information provided is subject to further verification and if deemed false, may result in the dismissal of my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Page 2: Short Answer Component

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. Responses found outside of the designated area will not be considered by the selection committee.

1. List your extracurricular involvement in school or the community. Please specify any leadership roles, offices or positions of responsibility you may have held.

2. List any honors, awards or recognition you have received during high school.

3. How will this scholarship award help you meet your educational and professional goals?

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4. On another sheet of paper, please submit a personal statement (not to exceed 500 words) to help the selection committee get to know you better. Be sure to discuss your involvement in the arts (Be specific). You may use the following questions as a guide.
 - ! How does art function in your life? How might art aide in your self-expression and personal development?
 - ! What contribution(s) does your art make to society? How do you see your talent as a tool for inspiring change?
5. Attach a copy of your most recent transcript.
6. Submit 1 letter of recommendation (see official form) from a school teacher/ administrator, community leader, coach, artistic director, mentor or professional reference.
7. Optional: Attach any additional information that you would like the selection committee to consider when reviewing your application. This may include, but is not limited to, an explanation of extenuating circumstances, up to 2 additional recommendation letters from individuals of your choice, art/writing samples, pictures, etc.

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Page 3: Recommendation Form

The Scholarship Selection Committee appreciates your evaluation of this scholarship applicant's strengths. Please complete the following form in its entirety and return to the student in a sealed envelope. While you may continue on the back, additional sheets will not be considered.

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to student: _____

You have been chosen by the student because you are an adult (non-family member) who can attest to the student's character, achievements, academic potential, artistic promise and/or other capabilities. In the space below, print or type a response that addresses the following.

- ! Length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity.
- ! Academic and artistic promise (Keep in mind that the Adaoha C. Hamilton Scholarship is awarded to young women who have excelled in the arts.)
- ! Demonstrated leadership and service to the community.
- ! Additional comments as deemed necessary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____