

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

National Social Action Commission

52nd National Convention “ACTION AWARD” Application

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out all the fields as it pertains to the “Action Award”. Once completed, please return this form and documentation via email to Shambulia Gadsden Sams at sgadسدensams@deltasigmatheta.org no later than **April 30, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. EST (no exceptions)**. To ensure the proper processing of submission, please email all applications in Microsoft Word 2003-2007/2010/2013/ Vista or Adobe Acrobat 6.0 (PDF). All Mac documents must be converted to the above format before submission.

(Only electronic submissions will be accepted)

(Do not send electronic links to your documents (i.e. Google Docs, Google Drive, etc.))

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chapter Name	Kansas City (MO) Alumnae Chapter	Region	Central
Chapter President	Jacqueline A. Dillard	Email	president@dstkcmo.org
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 5272	City	Kansas City
State	Missouri	Province (International Chapters)	
Zip Code	64112	Country	United States
Number of Active Chapter Members	249	Number of Active Participants	various

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT/ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

PHOTOGRAPHS: Send no more than 3 “action shots” of participants in the social action project or activity. All photographs must accompany the application, delayed photos and photos sent in the mail will *not* be accepted. **Please Note:** Photos will not be returned once submitted. Click on the section below to insert photos.

Insert photos here:



DESCRIPTION: Please give a description (300 words or less) of the **social action** project/activity, including the topic(s), goals, objectives, and other relevant information that accurately depicts the strength and success of the project/activity. Supporting documentation **MUST** accompany the entry. Documentation includes, but is not limited to: copy of program; newspaper articles; letters of support from other organizations; photographs; etc. (You may attach additional sheets)

Chapter President Signature: *Jacqueline A. Dillard* Date: April 12, 2015

Project Description (300 words or less)

The Kansas City (MO) Alumnae Chapter took an active interest in the welfare of our city by focusing voter registration and education efforts in the Kansas City Area Schools. Voter Education was very important for our Social Action Committee in which they hosted a Deputy Registrar training to ensure sorors had the tools and knowledge to properly register our young voters. (picture #1) The participants represented charter and public institutions.

In addition to registering more than 68 African American and Latino high school students (picture #2), Sorors actively mentored the students on the voting process. This initiative also allowed us to speak to hundreds of younger students about the importance of registering and voting.

On Election Day members of the Social Action Committee volunteered with the Election Protection Program that was co-sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and the KCMO Branch of the NAACP. Additionally, the chapter used social media to give people information and messages about the importance of voting (picture #3). A different message appeared each day for twenty-two days. Sorors, family members, and even our 24th National President Cynthia Butler-McIntyre and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II held messages urging the community to vote on election day. The messages were on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Medicare expansion was also a focus of the committee. We partnered with State Representative Gail McCain-Beatty to host a panel of participants, from health care administrators to health care facilities to discuss Affordable Healthcare Act and implications on the regional and national level.

Whether it was rallying at the state capital, a community parade for Medicare outreach, informational tables at community events or forums with high school students our social action efforts were intentional.