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Dear Potential Delta GEMS:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter has been servicing the Brooklyn area for the past 50 years and more. Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter is now accepting applications for participations in the Delta GEMS (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully) program. The Delta G.E.M.S program is designed for young predominately African American females between the ages of 14-18 years old. Our main objective is to serve as a motivational tool that targets female teenagers in an effort to increase knowledge and awareness of issues and concerns that affect young women in our society today.

 The goals for Delta GEMS are:

* To instill the need to excel academically
* To provide tools that enable girls to sharpen and enhance their skills to achieve high levels of academic success
* To assist girls in proper goal setting and planning for their futures – high school and beyond
* To create compassionate, caring, and community-minded young women by actively involving them in service learning and community service opportunities.

Applicants must be female students who reside in Brooklyn, NY, are enrolled in grades 9-12, be 14-18 years old in age and have a sincere interest and willingness to participate in activities provided by the Delta GEMS program. The opening session and first activity for this program will be held on October 14th, 2017. You will be notified of the time and location. Further information about the program will be discussed at this meeting. **It is mandatory for parents/guardians to attend the opening session only.**

If you are interested in becoming one of the BAC Delta GEMS, please complete the online application and risk management documents (information packet).

Application and risk management documents must be received by October 14th, 2017 to gems@brooklynalumnaedst.org. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our chairs at the above email. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your interest in the Delta GEMS program.

Sincerely,

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President

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

# Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter