

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Call to Conference

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51ST MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE | COLUMBUS, OHIO

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GREETINGS & WELCOME

A Message from the Regional Director



Greetings Sorors!

It is with a great deal of excitement that the invitation to attend the 51st Midwest Regional Conference is being extended to the Sorors of the Mighty Midwest Region! We are overjoyed to call you to **The Delta Takeover: Connecting Champions of Change**.

Our four hostess chapters—Columbus Alumnae Chapter, Epsilon (The Ohio State University), Epsilon Iota (Ohio University) and Pi Kappa (Denison University) are working to ensure our Regional Conference experience goes Above and Beyond! Thank you to each of these chapters leadership as well as chapter members for being willing to offer your time, talents, resources, expertise, and gifts so that the 51st Midwest Regional Conference is a success. “Thank You” are two words which do not give the extent of the appreciation felt for your sacrifice of love.

Please take time to read this Call to Conference fully as it has important information to help you prepare for our time together. Our theme is **The Delta Takeover: Connecting Champions of Change**. We are planning for an eventful time that includes insightful workshops, engaging activities, and a time to come together and celebrate the work we have championed in our chapters and region over this last biennium as we have elevated to new heights!

As I envision Deltas taking over the city of Columbus, I not only see the beauty and sea of red that will flood its popular downtown location, the Short North District, but I also see the connection of new friendships being explored, the reuniting of the relationships that span across the Midwest Region, while focusing on being who Deltas have been since our inception in 1913: agents of change.

The very definition of Delta means change. The essence of what our illustrious sisterhood was founded on can continue to be our steppingstone, as we build our armor of knowledge on how to defend and fortify our communities. Whether big or small, minor or major, evolutionary or revolutionary, one element continues to be clear: change demands champions. As Deltas, we are not only the catalysts of change, but also the champions who orchestrate it. As we gather in Columbus, we will be intentional about our focus, continuing our role as change agents, and gaining knowledge and momentum on how to better defend our communities.

Sorors, we know that you are ready to TAKEOVER Columbus and the chapters and region are going to be ready to welcome you. You have been steadfast, immovable, and continuing the work of Delta in your communities. You have planned transformative programs, hosted community-driven events, and coordinated with other chapters in your geographical area to make the Delta difference. The Midwest Region has hosted several State of the Regions, virtual and in-person regional meetings, planned collegiate retreats, the inaugural president symposium/retreat, clusters, and now it is time to come together for our regional conference.

As you continue the work this sorority year, remember that we are excited and anxiously awaiting your arrival in Columbus, Ohio. Come prepared to enjoy the celebrations planned for your stay, as we continue to Champion Change as only Deltas know how.

See you in Columbus!

Sincerely yours,

Brittani N. Blackwell

Brittani N. Blackwell
Midwest Regional Director



A Message from the Regional Representative



Greetings Sorors of the Mighty Midwest Region,

It brings me joy coupled with excitement to bring you greetings and to invite you to the 51st Midwest Regional Conference in Columbus Ohio! This Regional Conference is going to be an experience you will never forget! As a proud Ohioan, I am excited that the 51st Regional Conference will be held in the state where my Delta journey began.

I am reminded of my first Regional Conference in 2022 in Minneapolis, Minnesota where I was elected to serve in this role. Since being elected as your Regional Representative I have been so proud of collegiate chapters for making impactful programming, shifting the atmosphere on their campuses and in their communities, and prioritizing mental health. Thank you for your hard work while improving your GPA and dedicating yourselves to impactful programming including your participation in MIDS. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to all of the initiatives focused on our collegiate sorors including Destination 22, collegiate retreat, workshops during cluster, and inclusion of the collegiate voice in advisor training.

I encourage each collegiate soror to plan now to register and attend the 51st Regional Conference. Serving in this role has changed my life in unexpected ways and has exceeded my expectations. I am blessed to have experienced the personal and professional development as well as long lasting relationships the position of Regional Representative has granted me. I urge you all to think of the future of our region and imagine your place in regional leadership or how your gifts and talents can be utilized.

These opportunities to connect and strengthen relationships are critical to the professional development and overall functionality of your chapter but also for yourself. We have some exciting events planned, including **Collegiate Day and the Subscription Event**. I ask for you to read all the details included in the Call to Conference so you can begin to prepare yourself for an amazing experience.

I must acknowledge the sorors of the collegiate hostess chapters: Epsilon (The Ohio State University), Epsilon Iota (Ohio University) and Pi Kappa (Denison University). Thank you for EVERYTHING! Your time is treasured and appreciated.

Midwest Region... we are MIGHTY! Let's show up and show out!

I cannot wait to see you in Columbus!

Aleyah Oliver

Aleyah Oliver
Midwest Regional Representative



A Message from the 21st National President



Greetings my Sorors of the Mighty Midwest,

I look forward to welcoming you to my home State of Ohio! Thank you for accepting the invitation to join me, our regional leadership, and national leaders, in the capital city of Columbus for our 51 st Midwest Regional Conference. This conference is designed to support your development, not only within our beloved Delta, but also as you strive professionally and thrive personally.

Columbus will forever hold a special place in my heart. A city rich in history, it was here that I found my way to our glorious sisterhood at THE Ohio State University. Epsilon Chapter was the fifth chapter chartered by our illustrious sorority, and where I pledged to excel academically, serve our community, uphold the ideals of our sisterhood, and live a life committed to social action.

Chartered on November 19, 1919, Epsilon Chapter was the FIRST National Panhellenic Council sorority on campus at the university. From our dedicated charter members and other sorors who have since joined the ranks of the Epsilon lineage, the legacy of spearheading change, blazing new trails, and working to ensure both the campus and community at large are more equitable, lives on.

Deltas understand the need to work together to create the society we want to live in, and we lead the way for others. That critically important planning work happens when we convene to handle Delta business. Sorors, I am excited to welcome you all to my home state, and I look forward to an empowering and enriching conference. So, journey to Columbus, connect with champions of change, and let **The Delta Takeover begin.**

Yours in Delta,

Marcia L. Fudge

Marcia L. Fudge, Esq.
21st National President
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated



A Message from US Congresswoman of Ohio



Dear Sorors of the Mighty Midwest:

It is my pleasure to invite you to join me for the 51st Midwest Regional Conference, taking place in my home city and state, Columbus, Ohio. I extend a warm welcome to sorors from all over the region to join us for a transformative conference with an engaging itinerary, designed to take over our city by Connecting Champions for Change.

As a United States Congresswoman, I can attest that our city has created a strong history of connecting people to policy, and perseverance through change. We do not accept the status quo; our focus is to be trailblazers and catalysts for change, in an effort to build a better tomorrow, for all Americans, especially Black Americans not only for this generation, but also for generations to come. Our city is committed to diversity and inclusion, and creating groundbreaking research and development, which you will see in industry headquarters in Columbus such as Battelle Research, The Ohio State University Medical Center, the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Nationwide Insurance, and Intel Semiconductor Corporation. The city of Columbus is constantly elevating the world of innovation and cutting-edge developments. This dynamic conference will be no different.

Sorors, come to Columbus and experience change. Join us in my city, and encounter top-tier facilitation, professional plenaries and engaging special events. Meet us in Columbus, where change agents reside. Allow the champions of my chapter, Columbus (OH) Alumnae, and our sparring partners of Epsilon Chapter, Epsilon Iota Chapter, and Pi Kappa Chapter to host you as we lead captivating workshops, mesmerizing events, and memorable occasions that are sure to have lasting impressions.

Our city is full of cultural diversity and experiences that are sure to provide you an immersive and unforgettable time.

I am eager to greet you at the 51st Midwest Regional Conference. It is my sincere hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity, which is sure to enhance your development, create friendships that will last a lifetime, and renew your continued commitment to our illustrious sisterhood.

Yours in Delta,

Sincerely,

Joyce Beatty

Joyce M. Beatty
Ohio's Third Congressional District
United States Congresswoman



A Message from the Conference Coordinators

To Our Esteemed Sorors of Mighty Midwest Region,

We bid you greetings and heartfelt salutations on behalf of the host chapters! It is with joy and anticipation that we extend our warmest welcome to you for the 51st Midwest Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., which will take place in Columbus, the capital city of Ohio. We are thrilled to host this extraordinary gathering and look forward to sharing a memorable and enriching experience with each of you.

Columbus is a city of innovation and diversity, and the state of Ohio also boasts a rich history intertwined with the pioneering spirit of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We are proud of the long legacy Delta women making meaningful contributions, including but not limited to:

- Elsie Austin, J.D., 8th National President and the first African-American woman to become assistant attorney general of the state of Ohio
- The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, 21st National President, and United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- The Honorable Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, immediate past chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and member of the Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter

It is in this spirit that we are excited to welcome you to the Buckeye State, where we will celebrate our history, recognize our accomplishments, and leave with a renewed commitment to service.

There are so many facets to explore in Columbus, from a vibrant arts scene to world-class dining, attractive shopping districts including Tanger Outlets, three professional sports teams, world-class museums, vibrant neighborhoods, beautiful parks, and so much more.

Most importantly, the Midwest Regional Conference will offer an incredible opportunity to engage in the business of Delta, participate in enlightening workshops, and strengthen the bond of sisterhood. The conference activities have been thoughtfully curated to build lasting memories as we unite to promote sisterhood amongst sorors, scholarship in academic pursuits, service in our communities, and advocate as pillars for social action.

As we prepare for your arrival, please know that we are committed to ensuring that your visit is memorable, invigorating, and enjoyable. Our host chapters and conference committees are eager to provide you with the warm hospitality that Columbus is known for as we celebrate the enduring legacy of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Let the countdown begin! We can't wait to welcome you and experience the magic of the Mighty Midwest Regional Conference together.

Yours in Delta,

Kristin Harper

Kristin Harper
Conference Co-Coordinator

Kendrea A. Moorer

Kendrea A. Moorer
Conference Co-Coordinator



A Message from the Host Alumnae Chapter President



Greeting Sorors of the Mighty Midwest Region!

We extend our warmest greetings to you as you prepare to attend the 51st Midwest Regional Conference. We are so excited you will be coming to the 14th largest city in the country! Columbus is known as one of the nation's most creative and innovative destinations for so many one-of-a-kind events. Columbus boasts of being an up-and-coming culinary destination with numerous James Beard Award-winning chefs and restaurants. We have a beautiful downtown riverfront on the Scioto Mile, and we are home to the newest technology with the building of Intel, just east of Columbus. The Pyramid Pin was designed by Epsilon Chapter at The Ohio State University and was adopted in 1920 at the 2nd National Convention. Our great state is affectionately called, "The Buckeye State."

Our downtown area, adjacent to The Greater Columbus Convention Center, has numerous restaurants, boutiques, art galleries and more. One unique experience is the CBUS Soul Sculpture Trail which celebrates African American culture and artistry while inspiring future generations to contribute heavily to the progression of the arts.

Our Regional Conference will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, which is downtown, close to the Arena district and the Short North. Each of these areas has unique and varied entertainment and restaurant options. The Convention Center is connected by overhead walkways to 5 major hotels, so you won't have to worry about rain or heat.

We will invite the surrounding chapters to work together with us to ensure this will be an exciting and wonderful experience as we are One Delta, celebrating our sisterhood and elevating our community! We look forward to welcoming each and every one of our dynamic, sensational and tenacious sorors to the Capital City, Columbus, Ohio.

Sisterly,

Tamara Staley

Tamara Staley

Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter President



A Message from the Host Collegiate Chapter Presidents



Greetings our Beloved Sorors!

On behalf of our collegiate chapters, Epsilon of THE Ohio State University, Epsilon Iota of Ohio University, Pi Kappa of Denison University and Nu Phi City-Wide Chapter, we are so pleased to greet you as you attend the 51st Midwest Regional Conference in our capital city of Columbus, OH! We welcome you with open arms to our home and hope that you gain momentum and experience from **The Delta Takeover: Connecting and Championing Change in Columbus.**



Our chapters, along with the other wonderful host chapters and Conference Coordinators, have united in strength to provide you a MIGHTY conference here in the Mighty Midwest! Here in the heartland of Ohio, you are sure to experience heartfelt memories, renew your bond with our illustrious Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, while also enhancing your Delta knowledge at informative workshops.

We assure you that you will not leave empty after setting foot on Columbus soil.



As you prepare to make your way to Columbus, OH, please rest assured that the adventure of a true Doll, Diva, and DEAR awaits you. Columbus is home to rich history, culture, nearby to incredible shopping excursions, and the food sits in culinary heights in downtown CBUS. We cannot wait to share our activities with each of you!

We are confident that our MIGHTY Midwest sorors will bring passion, excitement, and love as we come together to conduct Delta business, while still making this an exhilarating experience! We commit to you that you will experience love, laughter, sisterhood, and so many memories as you experience Columbus.

Sorors, we look forward to seeing you in CBUS!

Nia Tilford

Nia Tilford
Epsilon Chapter President

Brianna Jones

Brianna Jones
Epsilon Iota Chapter President

Ravionna Johnson

Ravionna Johnson
Pi Kappa Chapter President



A Message from the State Coordinator and State Facilitator



Greeting Sorors.

It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome you to the Buckeye State, home of the 51st Midwest Regional Conference! We welcome you on behalf of the 26 chapters in the State of Ohio, home of so many esteemed trailblazers such as former U.S. Representative for the 11th congressional district, the late Stephanie Tubbs Jones, our 21st National President, Marcia L. Fudge, and a host of other phenomenal leaders and change agents.

The State of Ohio has a long lineage within our illustrious sisterhood. It was here that our second chapter, Beta was founded on the campus of Wilberforce University, in Wilberforce, OH in 1914. It was here that the fifth chapter of our beloved sisterhood was founded at The Ohio State University, Epsilon in 1919. So, Ohio has seen the richness of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., its focus on being agents of change since the start of World War I. Ohio is no stranger to the social actions and prevalence of our movements. You will quickly see how we Ohioans did our part in placing the "Mighty" in the Midwest!



As we welcome you to our State, let's continue to bring forth the same energy and resilience as our ancestors when they came into this heartland decades ago. Sorors, we encourage you to come with the excitement of being empowered at the 51st Midwest Regional Conference. Be prepared to engage with other sorors, while learning from their wisdom and experience at dynamic workshops, during our Sisterhood Luncheon, and other exhilarating events. Take home with you the knowledge of how to engage, elevate, and empower the local communities in which you serve. As we renew our bond and commitment to our beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, take the time to see the beautiful city of Columbus. Sorors, invite your family to participate in this wonderful experience in Columbus, OH. Take advantage of its rich culinary skills, downtown attractions near the Convention Center, as well as local attractions that are sure to entertain you and your family as you spend time in Discovery City.



The State of Ohio welcomes you. Columbus is your home away from home during our conference. Rest assured that our dedicated host chapters, committees, and leadership have worked tirelessly to offer you a memorable and captivating experience. You are sure to leave Columbus with new memories, exciting ideas, and a host of knowledge sure to shake up your community.

We look forward to seeing each of you in the capital city!

Yours in Delta,

Michelle Toney

Michelle Toney
State Coordinator

Shakyra Bentley

Shakyra Bentley
State Facilitator

Welcome from the Midwest Regional Secretary,
Coordinators & Facilitators!



Midwest Regional Secretary

Dr. Shondra L. Marshall



Coordinators



Regina Greer
Illinois



Arlene Mitchell-Pace
Indiana



Nakia Strickland
Kentucky



Katrenia L. Camp
Michigan



Carlondrea Hines
Minnesota



Michelle Toney
Ohio



Janelle McCarthy
Ontario

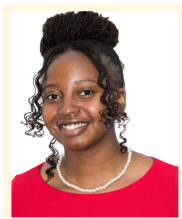


Luciana Britton
West Virginia



Michelle Brown
Wisconsin

Facilitators



Winter Stubblefield
Indiana



Britney Bailey
Indiana



Aniyah Chambers
Kentucky



Chase Johnson
Michigan



Shakrya Bentley
Ohio



Kayla Thomas
West Virginia



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

- All registrations for the 2024 Regional Conference Cycle will be online. Financial members will be able to register “anywhere and anytime” on any web connection through a fully secured online system.
- Registration will open for the Farwest, Southwest, South Atlantic & Southern Regions on Thursday, March 14, 2024, 12:00 noon EDT, and close on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 11:59 pm EDT, or until capacity is reached.
- Registration will open for the Central, Midwest & Eastern Regions on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 12:00 noon EDT, and close on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11:59 pm EDT, or until capacity is reached.
- Virtual registration will open on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 12:00 noon EDT and close on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 11:59 pm EDT.
- Registration will NOT be processed until full payment has been received via credit card. This is the only method of payment, please do not mail in cashier's checks, money orders or personal checks to National Headquarters. Partial payments will not be accepted.
- In order to register and attend, members must be financial for calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) through a local chapter or as a member-at-large.
- Our registration system uses your email address as your unique identifier. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE EMAIL ADDRESSES. If you need to update your contact information, log into the Member Portal and update your information. If you do not have an email address in your profile or need to update your email address after you have registered, email dstconferences@deltasigmamatheta.org for assistance.

FEES

In-person Registration Fees - Delegate Categories

- Alumnae - **\$410**
- Collegiate - **\$275**
- Alumnae Hostess - **\$400**
- Collegiate Hostess - **\$275**
- Members of International Chapters - **\$275**

Virtual Registration Fees - **\$250**

SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS FEES

- Members may also purchase tickets for all subscription events during online registration. Tickets for all subscription events are non-refundable.
 - Social Action Luncheon - **\$85**
 - Friday's Subscription Event (comedy show) - **\$45**
 - Collegiate registration fee includes access to Friday's Subscription Event.
 - Tickets will be sold on-site based on availability and will cost an additional **\$10** per ticket per function.
 - There is no reserved seating/section for Delta Dears at the subscription events.
 - Subscription tickets must be purchased at the time of registration.

TRANSFER POLICY

While Delta will allow members to transfer registrations, the transfers and all payments associated with the transfers must be managed directly by the members. National Headquarters will not assist or intervene with payment or other disputes and shall bear no liability with respect to such transfers.

Delta will provide a **special transfer period only for voting or alternate delegates** prior to the start of the conferences. Chapter Presidents will receive specific details about this special transfer period at a later date. **Transfers for all non-voting delegates** will be accepted/completed/processed **ON-SITE ONLY** during the open registration hours. Conference registrations may be transferred in full from one Delta to another provided the transferee is financial for calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) through a local chapter or as a member-at-large.

In order to transfer a registration, the Delta to whom the registration is being transferred must present the Registration Confirmation letter and a letter signed by the soror whose registration fees are being used. This letter must clearly state that the bearer has authorization for the transfer of the conference registration and must include both member's full name, chapter name, member number, phone number, and email address. The contact information provided must match the information in the member portal.

- Registrations **must** be transferred in full, i.e., any subscription tickets associated with the original registration will be transferred in full.
- Registration transfers from a collegiate member to an alumnae member **does not** include any subscription tickets. The alumnae member receiving the transfer is required to **pay the fee difference via credit card**.
- If a Delegate Category transfers her registration to a different Delegate Category where the Registration Fees are less, there will be **no refund**.
- If a Delegate Category transfers her Registration to a different Delegate Category where the Registration Fees are **greater**, the recipient of the transfer will have to **pay the balance due at the time of the on-site transfer via credit card**.

For a smoother registration transfer process, it is highly recommended that transfers occur amongst same delegate fee categories, i.e., Collegiate to Collegiate, Collegiate Hostess to Collegiate, Collegiate to a Member of an International Chapter, and/or Alumnae to Alumnae.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM REGION TO REGION OR FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL OR VICE VERSA.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Only those who registered in person are eligible to receive a 40% refund of their registration fee or transfer their registration to another financial member. Please consult the transfer policy for further details.

For example: If a member paid \$410 and cancels her registration, her refund would be **\$164.00**. If a member paid \$275 and cancels her registration, her refund would be **\$110.00**.

- The cost of tickets for subscription events are **non-refundable**.
- Guest registration fees are **non-refundable**.
- Registrations **will not** be transferred from region to region or from in-person to virtual or vice versa.
- Virtual registrations are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable**.
- There is no on-site registration.

In-person registrants must log into the registration system with their unique email address and confirmation number and select the cancel button within 10 business days of the start of the specific conference to receive the **40% refund** or transfer the registration to another financial member. See the transfer policy for additional details.

NO REFUNDS will be issued after the deadlines below:

- Farwest – May 9, 2024
- Southwest – May 30, 2024
- South Atlantic – June 6, 2024
- Southern – June 20, 2024
- Central – June 27, 2024
- Midwest – July 18, 2024
- Eastern – August 1, 2024



THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE PATH : 2024

Start *Saving* in January!!

“Ways to Save” 2024 Plan



Collegiate			
	Biweekly Payday	Amount to Save	Total
5-Jan	1	\$20	\$20
19-Jan	2	\$25	\$45
2-Feb	3	\$30	\$75
16-Feb	4	\$35	\$110
1-Mar	5	\$40	\$150
15-Mar	6	\$45	\$195
29-Mar	7	\$50	\$245
12-Apr	8	\$60	\$305
26-Apr	9	\$70	\$375
10-May	10	\$80	\$455
24-May	11	\$95	\$550
7-Jun	12	\$100	\$650
21-Jun	13	\$105	\$755
5-Jul	14	\$105	\$860
19-Jul	15	\$110	\$970
2-Aug	16	\$110	\$1,080

Alumnae			
	Biweekly Payday	Amount to Save	Total
5-Jan	1	\$20	\$20
19-Jan	2	\$30	\$50
2-Feb	3	\$40	\$90
16-Feb	4	\$50	\$140
1-Mar	5	\$60	\$200
15-Mar	6	\$70	\$270
29-Mar	7	\$80	\$350
12-Apr	8	\$90	\$440
26-Apr	9	\$100	\$540
10-May	10	\$110	\$650
24-May	11	\$120	\$770
7-Jun	12	\$125	\$895
21-Jun	13	\$130	\$1,025
5-Jul	14	\$135	\$1,160
19-Jul	15	\$140	\$1,300
2-Aug	16	\$140	\$1,440

Savings Tips & Increase Income Ideas

- Save Spare Change
- Setup Savings Account with Employer
- Save a portion of Tax Refund/Bonus
- Cancel Unused Subscriptions
- Utilize the Acorns App and Round-Up feature
- Sell items you don't use (e.g., clothing)
- Compare Car Insurance Quotes
- Reduce Credit Card Spending
- Fast from Shopping
- Plan Meals to Eat at home
- Split Living Expenses with Roommates
- Start a Side Hustle/Pickup Gig work

Additional Expenses to Consider

- Travel & Lodging Expenses
- Meals and Snacks
- Incidental Expenses (e.g., tips)
- Grooming Expenses (e.g., hair, nails, etc.)
- Attire
- Pet Boarding

2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCES HOUSING PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has partnered with MCI USA to administer Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's room block for the 2024 Regional Conferences. Once you have registered for the conference online, you will be linked to MCI USA to make your housing reservation. Please keep in mind that you cannot reserve housing until you have registered for the Conference. Online reservations are available 24 hours/day.

2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCE RATES: To receive Delta's 2024 Regional Conference rate as listed, you must make reservations after you have registered online for the conference.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS The Delta/MCI USA Housing Bureau will provide an easy and convenient way for you to make your hotel reservations online. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. MCI USA Housing Bureau has been instructed to honor requests received once registration is open until the cut-off date. Requests received after the cut-off date will be processed by the hotels and based on the current hotel rate and availability.

DEPOSIT REQUIRED The MCI USA Housing Bureau will collect a ONE (1) NIGHT NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT for each room plus appropriate taxes at the time of the reservation. Deposits are required for all reservations. Major credit cards (Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and Discover) are accepted.

CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS AND WIRE TRANSFERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. Credit cards will be charged the advance deposit as well as a one-time non-refundable \$7.00 fee per reservation at the time of booking. Attendees will only be able to book a maximum of one (1) room during the Voting Delegate Registration and two (2) rooms during General Registration.

RESERVATION DEADLINE DATE All reservations must be made by the cutoff date. Please note that after the cutoff date, MCI USA cannot guarantee availability or discounted group rates for the Sorority's block of rooms.

REFUND OF DEPOSIT Please note that deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE. If your reservation is canceled, your deposit will be forfeited. Failure to check in to your hotel on the designated arrival date will result in a no-show charge by the hotel, your entire reservation will be canceled, and your deposit will be forfeited.

MODIFICATIONS/CHANGES Customer service agents will assist with any changes to your room reservations, cancellations, or other questions regarding your hotel reservation. For modifications/changes, call 888-889-6405 (US/Canada), 972-349-7477 (International) Monday – Friday, 8AM - 5PM CST or email delta@mcievents.com.

2024 REGIONAL CONFERENCES HOUSING PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations of reservations may be processed via the web and/or must be submitted in writing and forwarded by email to: delta@mcievents.com prior to cutoff date. Please keep in mind that if your reservation is cancelled, your deposit will be forfeited. If you are not able to honor your reservation, you may sell your room to another soror; however, the seller and buyer are responsible for working out the deposit transaction. The conference hotels will not refund any deposits. Please remember to modify the name on your room reservation to reflect the change.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Confirmation: Your hotel acknowledgment will be generated online upon completion of your hotel reservation and automatically sent to the email address provided. Your confirmation (Record ID) number is assigned by MCI USA and assures that the hotel will honor the reservation. You may receive another confirmation from the hotel with their unique hotel internal confirmation number.

If you have not received acknowledgment of your reservation within seven (7) days, please contact the Delta Housing Bureau (MCI, USA) at 888-889-6405 (US/Canada), or 972-349-7477 (International/Local).

ROOM TAX/RATES Quoted rates do not include room taxes. All taxes are subject to change.

GENERAL QUESTIONS Please note that new reservations will not be made via phone. Attendees must first be registered for the conference before they are allowed to secure housing with the official hotels. For questions you may use the numbers below: 888-889-6405 (US/Canada) 972-349-7477 (International) Monday – Friday, 8:00AM - 5:00PM CST



THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOKING YOUR ROOM THROUGH DELTA

Most Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Housing

Why should I book a room through Delta?

Anticipated room block pickup, which is projected based on our history, is Delta's strongest tool when negotiating future sleeping room rates and meeting space. Anticipated room block pickup is a group of guest rooms that the hotel puts on hold at a specific negotiated rate for a group of people. If Delta is unable to achieve its room block commitment because attendees are making reservations outside of the official room block or canceling/shortening their length of stay at the hotel, the hotel charges Delta an attrition fee to make up for its loss in anticipated room revenue per our signed hotel contract. An attrition fee will increase registration fees and/or other expenses related to the conference. Delta's goal (when feasible) is to keep our registration fees under the standard \$700 registration rate currently being charged by similar organizations. Delta wants to ensure attendees are offered the most economical rate possible for their stay.

What other benefits are there to reserving a room through Delta?

Delta and our official housing company, MCI USA, will work on your behalf to help resolve any issues. If there is a dispute with the hotel, or if you are dissatisfied with your accommodations, MCI USA will assist in those efforts. Transportation will only be provided from "Official Conference Hotels." When you factor in cab fares and travel time to an alternate hotel, you may discover the benefits are not as great as you originally planned. Staying at an official hotel allows you to better network with your peers and remain in the center of the activity surrounding the meeting. In addition, Delta hotel contracts include clauses that protect our attendees in a variety of areas. For example, if the hotel is oversold and must relocate an attendee to another hotel, the hotel must provide complimentary transportation to the alternate hotel and pay for one-night accommodations. This benefit is only extended to attendees at the "Official Conference Hotels."

What is Delta doing to reduce its exposure to attrition fees?

Delta has teamed up with a housing agency, MCI USA, who tracks sleeping room reservations and cancellations for the Regional Conference and works with future hotels in adjusting sleeping room blocks to match current trends.

Why should you not use a debit card to book a hotel room?

Using a debit card to book a hotel can be very costly. It's better to use a credit card rather than a debit card when checking into a hotel. The hotel will place a hold on the money in your checking account to cover the potential balance of your stay. The room rate, taxes and estimated incidentals (~\$50 per day) such as meals, telephone calls, internet charges and mini-bar fees will all be used to calculate the hold. Such holds can remain for several days (up to more than a week) after you check out and can cause your card to be declined or charged hefty overdraft fees for purchases you perceive to have sufficient funds in your account to cover. Hotels also put holds on credit cards, but unless you're up against your credit limit, that usually is not a concern.

It is important to note that the non-refundable one-night deposit will be deducted from the card that you enter at the time of booking your hotel room. The card entered at the time of booking will also be on-file with the hotel once our official housing company submits the final rooming list to the hotel.

What if I don't have a credit card?

Don't have a credit card to use? You'll need to keep a high balance in your checking account to cover debit card holds when traveling. Additionally, it is advised to safeguard the checking account where your bill payments and other transactions are withdrawn, open a second checking account used only for debits. Most hotels will accept cash for payment of your stay and incidentals. If using a debit card for incidentals it can take up to 10 days for those funds to release once, you check out.

What to do if all of the rooms are sold out?

If all of the rooms are sold out, you will need to add your name to the waitlist. The Sorority has secured an official housing company, MCI USA, for the Regional Conferences and will work in conjunction with the vendor to ensure that we always have rooms available for registered attendees. If at any point, all of the rooms in the block are sold out, please do not go outside of the block to book a room. Our housing company will work on your behalf to secure a room within Delta's official room block. The wait list allows you to walk through the process of booking your room, which includes providing a form of payment that will be charged at the time the additional housing is secured. Once your housing accommodations have been secured through the housing company you receive an official email identifying the hotel selection and room rate. You will be given an opportunity to decline the reservation and not be penalized.



CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Conference at a Glance

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

- VIP Reception (By Invitation Only)

Thursday, August 1, 2024

- Golf Outing
- Community Service
- Membership Intake Training Registration
- Membership Intake Training (By Invitation Only)
- Conference Registration
- Heritage & Archives
- Exhibit Trade Show Grand Opening
- Conference Choir Rehearsal
- Delegate Orientation/Working in Conference
- Sponsor Reception (By Invitation Only)
- Public Meeting
- Hostess Chapters' Welcome Reception

Collegiate Day

- Registration
- Opening Session
- Collegiate Day Workshops (AM)
- Lunch
- Collegiate Day Workshops (PM)

Youth Summit

- Registration
- Opening Session
- Youth Workshops (AM)
- Lunch
- Youth Workshops (PM)
- Closing Ceremony

Friday, August 2, 2024

- Candidates' Corner
- Chaplain's Corner - Meditation
- Fitness
- Conference Registration
- Plenary I, Formal Opening Ceremony
- Sisterhood Luncheon
- Exhibit Trade Show
- Plenary II, National Updates
- Plenary III, Meet the Candidates
- Membership Services Room
- Delta DEARS Reception
- Comedy Show (Subscription Event)
- Club Delta

Saturday, August 3, 2024

- Chaplain's Corner - Meditation
- Fitness
- Plenary IV, Elections
- Conference Registration
- Membership Services Room
- Memorial Observance
- Concurrent Workshops (AM)
- Social Action Luncheon (Subscription Event)
- Concurrent Workshops (PM)
- Plenary V, National Updates/Final Committee Reports
- Plenary VI, Closing Banquet
- Afterglow
- Club Delta

Sunday, August 4, 2024

- Ecumenical Service
- Transition of Officers (Attendance is Mandatory for all Incoming and Outgoing Officers.)





51st Midwest Regional Conference | Columbus, Ohio

Champions for Change Celebration

Welcome Reception

Greetings Sorors,

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for our Midwest Region Welcome Reception - a spirited celebration.

This grand event will serve as a unique blend of warmth, camaraderie, while embodying the essence of our sorority's commitment to social and racial justice. This will be a dynamic showcase of our dedication to being catalysts for positive transformation in our communities.

In Sisterhood,

MWRC Welcome Committee Co-Chairs
Soror Judy Wright & Daechanea Williams

Immediately following the public meeting

Location:

Greater Columbus Convention Center

Attire: Conference T-Shirts

Host Chapters:





REGIONAL AWARDS

2023-2024 Midwest Region Program Awards



Brittani N. Blackwell, Midwest Regional Director
Aleyah Oliver, Midwest Regional Representative

Awards & Recognition Committee

Cathy J. Walker Murray, Awards & Recognition Chair

Simone Haywood, Awards & Recognition Co-Chair

Ramona Benson, Lynisha Oliver, Kimberly Bentley Walton - Committee Members

Regional Committees

Advisors, Arts and Letters, Collegiate Connection, Communications/Public Relations, Delta DEARS, Emergency Response Team (ERT), Leadership Midwest, Reclamation & Retention, Social Action, Technology

Visit the [**Midwest Region Website**](#) to download the full awards packet.

The Midwest Region Leadership Team is pleased to announce the criteria for the 2023-2024 Program Awards to be presented during the 51st Midwest Regional Conference. Questions regarding the contents in this award packet should be directed to Midwest Region Awards and Recognition Chair/Co-Chair at awards@dstmidwestregion.com.

The following award categories will be recognized:

Alumnae Chapter Awards to be recognized in three categories:

Small Chapter < 80 members | Medium Chapter 81 – 150 members | Large Chapter >151 members

Collegiate Chapter Awards to be recognized in three categories:

Small Chapter < 5 members | Medium Chapter 6 – 15 members | Large Chapter >16 members

Exemplary Program Awards (Alumnae & Collegiate)

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- International Awareness & Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- Political Awareness & Involvement
- Midwest Impact Day of Service
- Social Media

Alumnae Chapter Awards

- 5-Star Chapter of the Year
- Arts & Letters
- Emergency Response Team (ERT)
- Leadership Circle of Excellence
- Most Innovative Collegiate Connection Program
- Reclaim to Fame

Individual Alumnae Awards (*Individual Awards will be recognized across all chapters.)

- Soror of the Year
- Delta Dear of the Year

Collegiate Chapter Awards

- 5-Star Chapter of the Year
- Highest Chapter GPA

Individual Collegiate Awards (*Individual Awards will be recognized across all chapters.)

- Soror of the Year
- Advisor of the Year



CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

A Call for Conference Committee Members

Greetings Sorors!

As we prepare for our 51st Regional Conference, we are seeking applications for sorors to serve on our Regional Conference Support Committees. If you are registering for the conference and would like to serve, please review the descriptions of the committees and complete the request form. The application deadline is March 29, 2024.

I look forward to seeing you and working with you in Columbus, OH!

Credentials Committee

The duties of the Credentials Committee are to report during the regional conference: the number of voting, alternate and non-voting delegates; the number of Past National Presidents; National Executive Board Members; Honorary Members; Hostess Chapter Members; National Staff members; the number of absent chapters; and any other attendance categories deemed necessary (e.g., press, guests, VIPs, speakers).

Elections Committee

The duties of the Elections Committee are to implement the process for certifying voting delegates to participate in the election of duly certified candidates for office in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Protocol Committee

The duties of the Protocol Committee are to assist with the seating arrangements for the dais and reserved areas; and prepare and place cards and seating charts for dais participants (for holding room and dais).

Recommendations Committee

The duties of the Recommendations Committee are to receive recommendations from delegates, chapters, committee reports and the recorder's sheets; make recommendations based on observation of the conference program (optional/at the committee's discretion).

Rules Committee

The duty of the Rules Committee is to recommend the rules for the conference sessions. Such rules shall include: general rules, rules covering motions, and rules covering discussions.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistants to the Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and Assistants to the Sergeant-at-Arms have the responsibility of monitoring the meeting rooms and the doors to enforce order; checking the credentials of the delegates; denying entrance to unauthorized and improperly dressed persons; collecting fines at the door from Voting Delegates who are late or absent from a session without being excused or replaced by their Alternates.

Pages

The Pages have the responsibility of serving as floor attendants who service the Regional Officers, National President, other officers, the delegates and the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistants by assisting with checking attendance, delivering messages, running errands, and performing any other tasks as assigned.

Choir Director, Choir, and Other Musicians

The choir and other appointed musicians (pianist, instrumentalists, etc.) are under the direction of the Eastern Region Choir Director and have the major responsibility for providing all music for the conference, including during ritualistic ceremonies, plenary sessions, special programs, and any other event/activity as requested by the Regional Director.

Liturgical Dancers

The Liturgical Team (Eastern Region Praise Dancers) will minister throughout the conference to include accompanying the choir with high praise and worship during special programs and any other event/activity requested by the Regional Director.

Timekeepers

Various duties as requested by the Regional Director.

Clergy Members

Delta Clergy will work with and under the direction of the Midwest Regional Chaplain.

Visit the [**Midwest Region Website**](#) to register.

Dr. Shondra L. Marshall

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Midwest Regional Secretary

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

A Call for Conference Choir

All members interested in participating in the **51st Midwest Regional** choir must complete and return this form by March 29, 2024. We are seeking singers for our conference choir, dancers, and musicians. All needed material will be forwarded to each of the chosen members prior to conference rehearsals. Musicians must attach a two-minute recording. Please indicate on the form if you are interested in participating in the regional conference choir.

Please complete this form on the [Midwest Region Website](#).

Please complete:

Chapter Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Home Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

Member #: _____

Please Circle All that Apply:

Instruments You Play: Keyboard Drums Bass Saxophone Violin Harp

Choir Section: Soprano Alto Tenor

Talent: Section Leader Choir Director Lead Vocalist Dancer Spoken Word Visual Artist

Other {please detail}:

Questions should be directed to Dr. Shondra L. Marshall at
RegionalSecretary@dstmidwestregion.com.

A Special Call for Clergy

All Delta Clergy interested in participating in the 51st Midwest Regional Conference must complete this form on the [Midwest Region Website](#).

Contact Information	
Prefix	Dr. ____ Rev. ____ Minister ____ Chaplain ____
Clergy Status	Ordained ____ Licensed ____ Military Chaplain ____
Religious Affiliation/Denomination	
Member Number	
Current Chapter	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Cell Phone Number	

Highlight Delta Clergy Council Experience/Previous Convention/Conference Experience:

Questions should be directed to Rev. R. Janae Pitts-Murdock, Midwest Regional Chaplain, at chaplain@dstmidwestregion.com.

2024 Midwest Regional Public Service Project



Choices Domestic Violence Relief Donation

(<https://lssnetworkofhope.org/choices/>)

On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. For one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.

One in four women and one in nine men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking with impacts such as injury, fearfulness, post-traumatic stress disorder, and contraction of sexually transmitted diseases.

In addition, as many as one in four survivors have reported returning to an abusive partner out of concern for their pet.

Unfortunately, our sorority has also been impacted by this issue here in the Midwest Region, and beyond.

What we're asking Sorors to do:

For those attending regional conference:

1. Bring care kit donations for mothers and children including:

- Collegiate Sorors: Feminine products (pantiliners, sanitary napkins, tampons)
- Alumnae Sorors:
 - FOR MOTHERS: Soap (bar or body wash), shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, combs/brushes, makeup, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand towels, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent.
 - FOR CHILDREN: Baby wipes, baby shampoo, onesies and pajamas, non-scented lotions, toothpaste, school supplies, children's books, coloring book and crayons, games or toys, combs and brushes, grooming products.

2. Make a monetary donation to CHOICES Domestic Violence Shelter on location or by visiting the [Midwest Region Website](#).

Sorors, we look forward to your participation and support for this important cause.

Tanica Jeffries, Community Service Co-Chair
Dawn Tyler-Lee, Community Service Co-Chair
communityservicedstmidwest24@gmail.com

Collegiate Day

Cultivating Collegiate Champions



Collegiate Day includes a series of enlightening workshops, panels, and awards designed to celebrate and unleash being a champion for yourself, on the yard, and within your chapter.



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Youth Summit



Mighty Midwest Youth Xplosion: “Fight Like The Ancestors Sent You: Empowering Young Champions to Win”



In the Mighty Midwest, we are clear that champions are not born, they are developed. Midwest Regional Director, Brittani Blackwell & Regional Representative Aleyah Oliver have a vision to develop young people by equipping them with the training they need to be champions in every area of their lives. Professionalism, self-defense, mental wellness, financial literacy, service, social action, food trucks, DJs, and plenty of fun are just a few of the things youth will experience when they step in our ring.

Family Activities



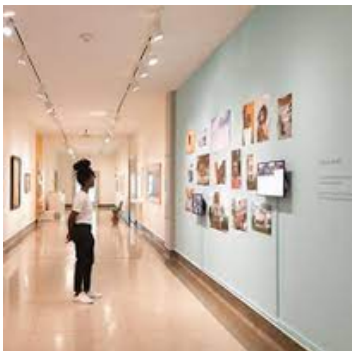
CBUS Soul®

Soul is inspiration, feeling, energy and animation. Soul is a flame that lives in us all. CBUS Soul® is a platform that amplifies the rich, historic, innovative, and forward-moving Black culture that helps to fuel the vibrancy of Columbus. Celebrate and explore custom itineraries, food, music, people, events, and experiences the Columbus Black community has to offer. <https://www.experiencecolumbus.com/cbussoul/>



Professional Soccer & Baseball

With three professional sports teams and stadiums in the Arena District, you're never far from the action. Along a half-mile stretch of Nationwide Boulevard, you'll find the Columbus Crew (MLS), the Columbus Clippers, the Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians (MLB), and the Columbus Blue Jackets (NHL). <https://www.columbuscrew.com/>
<https://www.milb.com/columbus>



Columbus Museum of Art

Celebrate, cultivate, and champion the creativity within you at the Columbus Museum of Art. The museum houses the world's largest collections of works by beloved local African American artists Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson, Elijah Pierce, and George Bellows; and acclaimed collections such as The Photo League and the Philip and Suzanne Schiller Collection of American Social Commentary Art. The Museum is wheelchair and stroller accessible and has an on-site Museum Store and Café. Photography is encouraged. <https://www.columbusmuseum.org/>



Columbus Zoo & Aquarium / Zoombezi Bay

Named the number one zoo in America by USA Travel Guide, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium is a world of adventure. The Zoo is home to more than 9,000 animals representing 650 species from around the globe. Watch a polar bear swim above your head, meet the world famous gorilla family, say "G-Day" to the koalas, ponder the giant pachyderms and be amazed by the manatees. Adjacent to the Zoo is a 22-acre Zoombezi Bay water park and 18-hole Safari Golf Club.

<https://www.columbuszoo.org/> <https://www.zoombezibay.com>



Center of Science and Industry

COSI combines science, learning, and fun with 300-plus hands-on exhibits. The recipient of the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries, COSI houses Ohio's largest Planetarium, Giant Screen Theater, live shows and seasonal exhibits. Located near downtown, a 6.5-acre park outside of the museum features a splash pad, playground, picnic tables, swings and much more. <https://www.cosi.org>



Easton Town Center

No. 1 Retail Center Experience in America, Easton is the Midwest's premier destination for shopping, dining and entertainment. Located 15 minutes Northeast of downtown, Easton is home to an eclectic assortment of restaurants, entertainment venues, a 30-screen movie theater, and over 150 best-in-class and luxury brands. From Nordstrom and Macy's to Apple, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and more, Easton offers open-air, pedestrian-friendly, indoor and outdoor shopping and abundant free parking. <https://eastontowncenter.com/>



Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Franklin Park offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork in a botanical garden, and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's Light Raiment II, which illuminates in the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk to dawn.

<https://www.fpconservatory.org/>



Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Located along the Scioto River a mile and a half from downtown sits the only urban nature center in Columbus. Unplug and connect with nature with the Columbus skyline on the horizon. Visitors can learn about conservation, and participate in daily programs on birds, wildlife, and native plants. Bird watchers of all types will delight in discovering some of the 212 bird species recorded to be seen around the center. <https://grange.audubon.org/>



Hocking Hills Canopy Tours

For thrill-seekers and nature lovers alike, Hocking Hills gives thrill seekers the unique opportunity to zipline through the treetops on a network of cables and adventure sky bridges suspended high above the forest floor, overlooking the natural features of the Hocking Hills River. With over 30+ zip lines, and 40 minutes Southeast of downtown, there's something for everyone!

<https://www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/>



Kelton House Museum and Garden

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the Victorian Era through the eyes of the Kelton family. Built in 1852, this historic landmark incorporates elements of the Greek Revival and Italianate styles and was part of the Underground Railroad. Rooms are decorated to display the style and materials that were available during this time period; most of the furnishings that visitors see were owned by the Kelton family. The gardens feature statuary, lattice work, hedges and diverse plant specimens that demonstrate a Victorian sensibility. <https://keltonhouse.com/>



The King Arts Complex

Located in the historic King-Lincoln District just minutes from downtown, the Martin Luther King Jr. Performing and Cultural Arts Complex preserves, produces, and presents cultural expressions of African Americans. The King Arts Complex engages visitors through performing, cultural and educational programs of high artistic merit that increase and disseminate knowledge regarding the vast and significant contributions of African-Americans to the culture and history of America and the world. The Elijah Pierce Gallery presents a wide range of historical and contemporary exhibitions that include painting, sculpture, graphics, photography, and decorative arts. The gallery is named in honor of the late Columbus Near East Side resident Elijah Pierce, America's foremost wood carver of 20th century folk art. <https://kingartscomplex.com>



LEGOLAND Discovery Center

The ultimate indoor LEGO playground, this 36,000 square-foot attraction features 2 rides, a 4D Cinema, themed LEGO play areas, MINILAND Ohio, and more! LEGOLAND is located in the Easton Town Center shopping district. <https://www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/columbus/>



Polaris Fashion Place

Polaris Fashion Place is a premier shopping, dining and entertainment destination in Columbus. Just off of I-71 and 20 minutes North of downtown Columbus, Polaris offers over 150 retailers including Sak's Fifth Avenue, and Von Maur, and specialty retailers like Madewell, Swarovski, lululemon, Altar'd State and The Spice & Tea Exchange. Dine at first-class restaurants like Benihana, Cameron Mitchell's Molly Woo's and BRIO Tuscan Grille, or stop by Dave & Buster's or the Big Air Trampoline Park for a good time. www.PolarisFashionPlace.com



Tanger Outlets

Located 25 minutes North of downtown Columbus, you can experience incredible savings and head-turning style at more than 70 brand-name and designer stores. <https://www.tanger.com/columbus>



The Ohio State Fair

July 24 – Aug. 4, 2024! Discover the Ohio State Fair, a favorite family tradition since 1850! Come for the Midway, featuring exhilarating rides, and unleash all the fair flavors on your tastebuds with your favorite goodies from one of the amazing food vendors! <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/>



Top Golf

Whether you are an experienced golfer or have never swung a club, Topgolf is the place where everyone can play. Located 20 minutes North of downtown Columbus in the Polaris area, Topgolf is adjacent to IKEA. <https://topgolf.com/us/columbus/>



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE

The Mighty Midwest 51st Regional Conference Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 1, 2024



We are excited to host a golf tournament and a fun time for golfers of all skill levels. In addition to the tournament, we hope to offer a beginner clinic for those interested in pointers from local golf pros.

We're challenging each member of our D9 family to bring a team and join the fun. This is also an opportunity for Conference participants and their families to engage in a joint activity.

There will be opportunities for sponsorship, great prizes, and of course good food! Transportation will be provided to the Golf Course from the Conference hotels.

More information will be announced as details are finalized.

Tickets \$100 per person; visit the [Midwest Region Website](#) to sign up.

Questions may be directed to the MRC Family Activities Committee at FamilyActivitiesDSTMidwest24@gmail.com.

2024 MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Celebrate *The Delta Takeover: Connecting Champions of Change* with an ad in the 51st Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal. By purchasing an AD in the souvenir journal, you will assist the host chapters in making this Conference an epic and enjoyable occasion. For additional information, please read the established AD guidelines and specifications below. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to receiving your AD!

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

- Please submit “camera ready” ads in PDF, JPG, EPS, or TIFF formats with 300 dpi or higher resolution. Files submitted in Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and any other file types will NOT be accepted.
- All typefaces and images must be embedded or linked and submitted with the graphics.
- To ensure quality photos, it is recommended that professional photos be submitted.
- All Ads and logos will be in full color.
- Ads should be submitted via the **JOT FORM**.
- The file name should be in the following format:
 - Chapter_AD SIZE or Business Name_AD SIZE
Example: ColumbusAlumnae_FullPage
 - All ADs must be uploaded in the electronic AD Request Form.
 - The deadline for all AD submissions and payment is May 17, 2024.

* Please NOTE: All ADs and payments received after the deadline will not be featured in the journal.

Complete the AD Request Form and preferred PayPal payment via the **Midwest Region Website**. For mail in payments, cashier’s checks or money orders should be made payable to Columbus Alumnae Chapter. Please mail a printed copy of the AD Request Form confirmation email and payment to:

MAIL TO:
Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
ATTN: 51st MRC - Souvenir Journal
P.O. Box 163304
Columbus, OH 43216

Questions may be directed to the MRC Souvenir Journal Committee at SouvenirJournalDSTMidwest24@gmail.com.

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DIGITAL SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD REQUEST FORM

Purchaser/Chapter Name:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

Ad Type	Dimensions	Price	Selection
Covers			
Back Cover*	7" x 10"	\$750	
Inside Back Cover*	7" x 10"	\$650	
Full Page	7" x 10"	\$400	
Half Page- horizontal only	7" x 10"	\$250	
Quarter Page	3 ½" x 4 ⅞"	\$150	
Business Card	3 ⅝" x 2"	\$100	
DST Patron List		\$50 or more	
Pearl Patron List		\$25	

* Subject to availability. Please confirm before submitting your ad.

Payment must be received to confirm your ad purchase. Acceptable forms of payment: cashier's checks, business checks and money orders made payable to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter.

Mail Payment To:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter

ATTN: 51st MRC - Souvenir Journal

P.O. Box 163304

Columbus, OH 43216

Please upload camera-ready, high resolution PDF ads in the correct size with a completed electronic order form via the [Midwest Region Website](#) by May 17, 2024

Please direct questions to SouvenirJournalDSTMidwest24@gmail.com.

INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM TO CONFIRM SPACE RESERVATION:

Name of Business/Organization: (if not associated with a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.):

Contact Name:

Phone:

Email:

Questions may be directed to the Souvenir Journal Committee at SouvenirJournalDSTMidwest24@gmail.com.

Individual Soror Donations

What an exciting time to show support and give an individual donation for our 2024 Mighty Midwest Regional Conference. There are two levels of sponsorship.

Type	Amount	Benefit
MWRC Pearl Sponsorship	\$500	<p>Special lanyard/ribbon</p> <p>Recognition during the Sisterhood luncheon</p>
MWRC Crimson Sponsorship	\$1,000	<p><i>LIMITED EDITION</i> Beautiful pearl and jewel Midwest necklace for the first 100 Sorors</p> <p>Early Conference registration and special lanyard/ribbon</p> <p>Recognition during the Sisterhood luncheon</p> <p>Free conference t-shirt</p>
MWRC Champion Sponsorship	\$2,500	<p><i>EXCLUSIVE</i> Midwest Region Delta Box</p> <p>Early Conference registration and special lanyard/ribbon</p> <p>Recognition during the Sisterhood luncheon</p> <p>Reserved seating for two during Welcome event reception</p> <p>Attend VIP/Regional leadership dinner as RD's special guest</p> <p>Free conference t-shirt</p>

INDIVIDUAL SOROR DONATION FORM

Soror Name: _____

Delta Member Number: _____

Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Individual Soror Donation Package:

Place a checkmark by your selection. Response due by March 8, 2024. Payment must be received by April 30, 2024, to receive sponsorship gifts prior to the Midwest Regional Conference.

Pearl Sponsorship \$ 500

Crimson Sponsorship \$1,000

MWRC Champion Sponsorship \$2,500

Complete the form and preferred PayPal payment via the **Midwest Region Website**. For mail in payments, cashier's checks or money order should be made payable to Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter.

Please scan a printed copy of the form confirmation email and payment to:

Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ATTN: 51st MRC Individual Soror Donation

P.O. Box 163304; Columbus, OH 43216

For questions, email fundraisingdstmidwest24@gmail.com.

For those who would like to pay a 501(C)3 and/or increase your impact with a matching donation, please make checks payable to:

The Delta Foundation of Greater Columbus

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Do you know a potential corporate sponsor?

Complete the sponsorship form to extend your network for a good cause.



SCAN ME

Partnering with the Midwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated provides corporate sponsors the unique opportunity to work directly with our members to create meaningful and impactful community service programs and initiatives while demonstrating the company's commitment to public service and corporate social responsibility.

A partnership with Delta means access to thousands of these influencers who have a passion for making a measurable impact in the communities where they live, work, and serve.

For questions, email CorpSponsorshipDSTMidwest24@gmail.com.

Chapter Challenge Sponsorship Opportunities

Illinois - Indiana - Kentucky - Michigan - Minnesota - Ohio - Ontario - West Virginia - Wisconsin

We are excited to share this unique opportunity for the 125 chapters of the Mighty Midwest Region to assist the host chapters in raising funds to support the 51st Midwest Regional Conference in Columbus, Ohio. We are asking all chapters to pledge their support by contributing to one of the partnership levels described below. With your support, we can ensure an unforgettable weekend of regional conference activities and events.

Suggested Amounts to be contributed by Chapter to the CHALLENGE:



Contribution Level	Donation Amount	Benefits
Featherweight	\$300	Chapter will be recognized at the 51st Midwest Regional Conference.
Lightweight	\$500	Chapter will be recognized in the 51st Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal.
Welterweight	\$1,913	Chapter will be recognized in the 51st Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal with a half page ad. Additionally, the chapter will be recognized during the Sisterhood Luncheon.
Middleweight <i>(Limited to 10 chapters)</i>	\$2,200	Chapter will be recognized in the 51st Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal with a half page ad. Additionally, the chapter will be recognized during the Sisterhood Luncheon with a special trophy and picture with Midwest Region Leadership.
Heavyweight <i>(Limited to 2 chapters)</i>	\$5,000	Chapter will be recognized in the 51st Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal with a full-page ad and signage to be displayed in a designated area during the conference. Additionally, the chapter will be recognized during the Sisterhood Luncheon with a special trophy, picture with Midwest Region Leadership, and 5 tickets to the Regional Director's VIP/Regional leadership dinner.

CHAPTER CHALLENGE

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ACCEPTANCE FORM

Chapter Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Partnership Packages:

Place a checkmark by your selection.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Featherweight | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lightweight | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Welterweight | \$1,913 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Middleweight | \$2,200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Heavyweight | \$5,000 |

Response due by Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Complete the form and preferred PayPal payment via the **Midwest Region Website**. For mail in payments, cashier's checks or money order should be made payable to Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter.

Please mail a printed copy of the form confirmation email and payment to:

Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ATTN: 51st MRC Chapter Challenge/Partnership

P.O. Box 163304; Columbus, OH 43216

For questions, email fundraisingdstmidwest24@gmail.com.

Mighty Midwest Region

Sisterhood Sponsorship Opportunities for Member Business Owners

Δ The Knockout Level at \$2,000 is available only to financial members of our Sorority who are business owners that wish to support the 51st Midwest Regional Conference as a sponsor.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Δ Company will be listed on signage during the regional conference
- Δ Company logo, short description, and URL link will be included in a Midwest Regional Conference newsletter
- Δ Company and Owner (Soror) will receive a full-page ad in the 51st Midwest Region Souvenir Journal
- Δ Reserved seating for two at the Public Meeting and Welcome Reception
- Δ Recognized by the Midwest Region as a Minerva sponsor. (Sponsoring soror must be registered to receive this benefit)
- Δ Ticket(s) to the Subscription Event of your choice with reserved seating, either one ticket to Social Action Luncheon or two tickets to the Comedy Show Subscription event.
- Δ A 51st Midwest Regional Minerva ribbon and a specially designed piece of jewelry
- Δ Invitation to attend the Corporate and Member Sponsors Reception on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Δ The Heavy Hitter Level at \$1,500 is available to all financial members of our Sorority who are business owners and desire to support the 51st Midwest Regional Conference as a sponsor.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Δ Company will be listed on signage during the regional conference
- Δ Company and Owner (Soror) will receive a half page ad in the 51st Midwest Region Souvenir Journal
- Δ Reserved seating for one at Public Meeting and Welcome Reception. (Sponsoring soror must be registered to receive this benefit)
- Δ One ticket to the Social Action Luncheon with reserved seating
- Δ The Heavy Hitter Level Sponsor ribbon and a specially designed piece of jewelry
- Δ Invitation to attend the Corporate and Member Sponsors Reception on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Δ The Ringside Level, at \$1,000 is available to all sorors who are business owners and wish to donate and support the 51st Midwest Regional Conference.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Δ Company and Owner (Soror) will receive a quarter page ad in the 51st Midwest Region Souvenir Journal

Δ The Ringside Level level sponsor attending the Conference will receive a Violet level sponsor ribbon and a special and a specially designed piece of jewelry.

For questions, email CorpSponsorshipdstmidwest24@gmail.com.



SISTERHOOD SPONSORSHIP FORM

Company/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Authorized Company Representative: _____

Partnership Packages:

Place a checkmark by your selection.

Knockout Level \$2,000

Heavy Hitter \$1,500

Ringside Level \$1,000

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P.O. Box 163304; Columbus, OH 43216

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**Mighty Midwest Regional Conference Fundraiser
Limited Edition**

Delta Sigma Theta Crest Embroidered Handbag with “Mighty Midwest” Wallet Tag



Supplies are limited!

Purse only: \$135 plus shipping and tax

Purse Combo with matching
Delta Sigma Theta Crest Wallet Tag : \$145

Check the **“Midwest News You Can Use”** email
or the **Midwest Region Website** for the link to order!

2024 Midwest Regional Conference Exhibition/Silent Auction Invitation

As the National Arts and Letters Commission celebrates 50 years of highlighting the amazing talents of our people in all art genres, it remains important that we continue to support quality images of ourselves in all forms. For the 2024 Sorority Year the Mighty Midwest Region will be highlighting the Visual and Wearable Arts of Soror Artists and Artisans at our 2024 Midwest Region Conference.

We are looking for Sorors of the visual arts and artisans to donate work for the 2024 Midwest Regional Conference Art Exhibition/Silent Auction format with a percentage of sales to be donated to the Midwest Region to support the 2024 Midwest Regional Conference and State based events.

Midwest Region will be responsible for:

- Space/opportunity to present art of accepted artists
- Market & recognition of work prior to event through social media channels (Facebook, Website, Instagram and Email)
- Midwest Arts and Letters Committee members to provide support throughout the event
- Access to room block for accepted event to make travel and event attendance more manageable
- Display and recognition of art in the 2024 Midwest Regional Conference Souvenir Journal

Accepted Artists will be responsible for:

- Transportation of accepted work to event and shipping/delivery to purchaser
- Display for accepted work
- Proceeds should be paid to Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter and Sellers proceeds will be paid from Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter.

This is a great opportunity to support the Midwest Region and to get ORIGINAL work in front of a captive audience that actively support the Arts in addition this auction will be open to the public.

Additional Notes:

- Sales split: 50% to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Midwest Region, 50% to participating artist.
- Priority will be given to Artists in the following order: Sorors of the Midwest Region, Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., African American Women Artists
- We will request that each artist add Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Midwest Region as an additional insured on their insurance for the duration of the event.

Artists will receive a communication on each submission completed regarding acceptance into the Art Exhibition. Anticipating an outpouring of talent from the region, all submissions will be reviewed in the order received and by the priority listed above until space is filled. Submission deadline is April 5, 2024 via the [Midwest Region Website](#).

Sincerely,

Midwest Region Arts & Letters Committee
arts.letters.dstmidwestregion@gmail.com

Midwest Region Arts & Letters 2024 Midwest Regional Conference Exhibition/Silent Auction Invitation

Artist Waiver Form

Artist Information: _____

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Artwork Information

Title of Artwork: _____

Medium: _____

Dimensions (Height x Width x Depth, in inches): _____

Estimated Value: \$ _____

Terms and Conditions:

Eligibility: I, the undersigned artist, confirm that the artwork submitted is my original creation and I am the sole owner of all rights to the artwork.

Non-Responsibility: I understand that the organizers of the exhibition/silent auction, including Midwest Region, its staff, volunteers, and partners, will take all reasonable precautions to protect the artwork. However, I acknowledge that they are not responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or destruction of my artwork that may occur during the exhibition/silent auction or related events.

Insurance: I am encouraged to obtain insurance coverage for my artwork if I consider it necessary. Midwest Region does not provide insurance coverage for the submitted artworks.

Sales: In the event that my artwork is sold during the exhibition/silent auction, I agree to donate 50 % percentage of the sale price to Midwest Region.

Publicity: I grant permission to Midwest Region to use images of my artwork for promotional and publicity purposes related to the exhibition/silent auction.

Return of Artwork: I understand that I am responsible for collecting my unsold artwork at the end of the exhibition/silent auction. If I am unable to collect the artwork in person, I will arrange for its pickup and bear any associated costs.

Artist's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this waiver form.

Complete the form on the [Midwest Region Website](#).

Midwest Region Arts & Letters 2024 Midwest Regional Conference Exhibition/Silent Auction

Artwork Submission Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Chapter Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Website: _____

- Art*
- Paintings
- Sculptures
- Drawings
- Mixed Media
- Printmaking
- Other

Art Specifications: _____

Title: _____

Art Medium: _____

Dimensions (L x W): _____

Price: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Complete the form on the [Midwest Region Website](#).

Regional Conference T-Shirt

2024 MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE **THE DELTA TAKEOVER** REGIONAL CONFERENCE T-SHIRT



Stay tuned for the link to purchase on the [Midwest Region Website!!](#)

Subscription Event Comedy Show



Join us for a night of hilarious comedy from some of the best in the Buckeye State! This show will feature a variety of comedians, each with their own unique take on life. You're sure to laugh until your sides hurt!



COURTESIES & REMINDERS

Transportation Information

HOW DO I GET TO THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER?

The Greater Columbus Convention Center address is: 400 – 500 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

From I-70 on the East (Wheeling)

Take I-70 West to East Mound Street. Take Exit 101B from I-70 W Continue on E Mound St. Take S 4th to Nationwide BLVD The Turn right onto N High St

From I-71 on the North (Cleveland)

Take I-71 South Travel West on I-670 “109-A” Take Exit “4-B” to the Greater Columbus Convention Center

Or

Take I-71 South to the Spring Street Exit Travel West on Spring Street to Fourth Street Head North on Fourth Street to Nationwide Boulevard Turn Left onto Nationwide Boulevard

From I-71 on the South (Cincinnati)

Take I-71 North to I-70 East Travel on I-70 East to the Fourth Street Exit Head North on Fourth Street to Nationwide Boulevard Turn Left onto Nationwide Boulevard

From I-70 on the West (Indianapolis)

Take I-70 East to the Fourth Street Exit Head North on Fourth Street to Nationwide Boulevard Turn Left onto Nationwide Boulevard

From the John Glenn Columbus International Airport

Take I-670 West Exit at “4-B” to the Greater Columbus Convention Center

As with all growth and progress, construction is a pathway to success.

Please check our website (<https://columbusconventions.com/>) and

Ohio Paving the Way (<http://www.ohiopavingtheway.org/>)

for updates on road construction for the Columbus area.

PARKING GARAGE/LOT ADDRESSES

Click [HERE](#) to purchase advanced parking.

Advanced parking can be purchased online. This will guarantee you a space at your selected parking facility. Please note if pre-purchased parking isn't available, you can still view our real time parking availability for all of our parking facilities here:

<https://columbusconventions.com/park/parking-availability/>

Transportation Information

Ohio Center Garage

400 N High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
GPS directional address Ohio Center Way
*Height clearance: 8'2"

South Garage

50 E Nationwide Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43215
*Height clearance: 6'4"

Goodale Garage

70 East Goodale Street
Columbus, OH 43215
*Height clearance: 8'2"

Vine Garage

37 Vine Street
Columbus, OH 43215
*Height clearance: 7'6"

North Surface Lot

50 E Goodale Street
Columbus, OH 43215

East Surface Lot

80 East Nationwide Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43215

Battelle Grand Loading Dock

500 N. 3rd St.
Columbus, OH 43215
GPS directional address Ohio Center Way

North Facility Loading Dock

23 Convention Center Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Standard Event Parking Rates*:

Ohio Center Garage: \$17.00
Goodale Garage: \$17.00
South Garage: \$17.00
Vine Street Garage: \$17.00
North Surface Lot (Goodale): \$17.00
East Surface Lot: \$17.00
*Rates subject to change



When you're on the go, the free ParkMobile app makes it easy to find and pay for parking.
Currently the Ohio Center Garage is featured.

Click [HERE](#) for additional transportation options for downtown Columbus.

Transportation Information

BUS



Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)

With over 40 fixed-route lines and 4 on-demand service zones, COTA is the primary bus provider for Greater Columbus.

BY CAR – From the John Glenn Airport to the Greater Columbus Convention Center



Lyft (Ranges from \$21-\$45)

Request a ride on the app and you'll be on your way.



Uber (Ranges from \$26-\$55)

One tap and a car comes directly to you. Your driver knows exactly where to go!



Yellow Cab of Columbus

Traditional taxi company. Download the app and track your ride. Fares range from \$23 - \$25.



ZipCar

On-demand access to drive cars by the hour or day. Apply online ahead of time. Ranges from \$11/hr to \$83/day.

Bikes and Scooters



Bird Scooters

Locate and rent motorized electric scooters in downtown Columbus or on The Ohio State University. Ranges from \$1 to unlock and then \$0.15 per mile of riding.

CoGo Bike Share

(Ranges from \$2.25 for 30 min, then \$0.15/min.) Public transportation system with 600+ bikes at 70+ stations available 24 hours a day, 365 days.



Lime Scooters

(Ranges from \$1 to unlock and \$0.15/min.) Dock-free, smart mobility solutions found on The Ohio State University campus or in downtown Columbus.

GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER

RENT A SCOOTER HERE!

Pride Ride

GUEST SERVICES CENTER

For after-hours assistance please call 614-827-2547

Greater Columbus Convention Center Guests Services: Credit Card Only Pride Ride Scooter Rentals Flat rates are \$50 - \$75 plus tax per day.

Scooters are available at both our North Service Center and South Service Center. Walk-ups are welcomed, however; **it is strongly advised to make a reservation in advance.** Please be advised the scooters do have a weight capacity which can be discussed upon making a reservation.

Terms and conditions of a scooter rental:

- Guests must arrange to pick up the scooter from one of our two Service Centers. Our Friendly Ambassadors will assist when making a reservation. (Scooters cannot be delivered to connecting hotels, guest(s) rooms or parking facilities.)
- A refundable Damage DEPOSIT HOLD of \$100 is required to be paid by the renter at the time of the Pride Ride rental.
- Renter is responsible for the loss, theft, damage, or destruction of the Pride Ride.
- Renters will be required to sign a Guest Waiver Statement at the time of rental.
- The scooters should never go outside of the building, however; guests are welcome to take it to any of our connecting hotels such as:
 - o The Hyatt
 - o The Sonesta
 - o The Drury Inn
 - o The Hilton (401 & 402)
- Guests must notify Guest Services at 614-827-2531 within 24 hours of your reservations of any changes.
- Scooters must be picked up within an hour of the reservations or the scooters will be returned to inventory for rental.

Wheelchairs: If a convention attendee needs a wheelchair, please contact Convention Center Public Safety directly at (614) 827-2547. A member of the Convention Center Public Safety Department will bring the wheelchair to you. They ask that you exchange a photo ID for the wheelchair, which will be returned to you when you are done using the chair. Please note that advanced reservations are encouraged for wheelchairs.

Attire Reminders

- Opening Plenary Session/Formal Opening – White attire (includes wraps and shawls). Regional/chapter scarves and other scarves are not allowed during the formal opening. The violet is the only flower that can be worn during the formal opening. Pants shall not be worn at the opening ceremony.
- Memorial Observance – red, white or black attire – (combinations of any of the colors listed above are not permitted – must be a single color). The violet is the only flower that can be worn during the Memorial observance. Pants shall not be worn at the Memorial Observance.
- Plenary Session – business attire (suits, dresses, skirts/blouses, dressy pant suits).
- Closing Plenary – Formal or after-five attire
- Ecumenical Service – red, white, black or business attire
- National/Regional Meeting – business attire
- Shorts, skorts and capris are unacceptable.
- Hats are inappropriate and not permitted at the formal opening or memorial observance, unless they are worn for medical or religious purposes. If worn, hats should coincide with the color of the attire that is appropriate for the respective session/ceremony.
- Flip-flops and shower shoes are inappropriate and not considered business attire. This does not apply or refer to sandals or open toe shoes.
- Denim (all colors) and khaki must not be worn to any of the formal ceremonies or business sessions. Leggings and jeggings are inappropriate and therefore are not allowed.
- Paraphernalia jackets are inappropriate and cannot be worn as a covering to formal ceremonies and business sessions. A blazer, sweater, wrap or shawl must be worn over tops or dresses without straps during sessions or ceremonies.



Attire Reminders

ATTIRE: WHAT TO WEAR

EVENT	ATTIRE	
Formal Opening / Plenary Session	WHITE Business is REQUIRED (White wraps/sorority pin optional)	
Social Action Luncheon	Business Attire is appropriate	
Public Meeting	Business Attire is appropriate	
Plenary Sessions / Workshops	Business Attire is appropriate	
Memorial Observance	Business Attire: Black, Red, White, <i>only</i>	
Formal Closing / Installation of Officers	Formal / After-Five Attire	
Ecumenical Service	Business Attire: White, Black, Red or Any color	

= business attire

Delta Business Attire

- What is business attire?
Traditionally, business attire is a business suit, dress, skirt, pants, sleeveless blouse, blouse and blazer; clothing and religious head-wraps that reflects a professional style.
- **Leggings** worn as pants **are not considered appropriate** for business attire. Short, Skorts and capris are unacceptable.
- Wearing **denim** of any color and **line jackets** of any kind or color **are inappropriate for any ceremony**.
- Delta business attire must satisfy the Sorority's accepted business, social, and aesthetic standards.



Attire Reminders

ATTIRE: DEFINITION AND FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

BUSINESS

- Sleeveless and cap dresses and tops **ARE** acceptable.
- Spaghetti straps and tube tops are **NOT** acceptable.
- Our sorority colors are **Crimson** (Red), **Cream** (White / Off-White / Ivory).
- Our sorority flower, the **Purple Violet**, is worn during **ritualistic** ceremonies - Formal Opening and Memorial Service.
- Purple fabric corsages are appropriate during the Social Action Luncheon, workshops, business meetings, plenaries, etc. These type of corsages are **NOT appropriate during ritualistic** ceremonies.
- Sneakers/Tennis shoes **ARE** allowed.



FORMAL / AFTER 5

- Your color of choice
- Dressy, evening gown, cocktail dress, formal pant suits, as examples
- Formal Closing

PARAPHERNALIA

- Our sorority colors are **Crimson** (Red), **Cream** (White / Off-White / Ivory).
- Step Show appropriate

Business Attire Shoes

- Sandals or opened toed shoes are acceptable. Sneaker/tennis shoes are allowed.
- Crocs, rubber-soled or foam-bottomed shoes known as beach style flip flops, shower shoes, and sport slides are inappropriate business attire.



Attire Reminders



ACCEPTABLE

Head coverings/head wraps for medical and/or Religious reasons (i.e., Hijabs) are allowed.



Don't Forget...

Personal Items

- Medication (refills on any medication or spare prescriptions).
- Comfortable Shoes
- An umbrella or other rain gear as a precaution
- Photo ID
- Your Red envelope for emergency response, if needed

Registration/ Logistics/Events

- Bring the completed and signed voting and alternate delegates certification form.
- Tickets are needed for admission to all subscription events.
- Attendees arriving 45 minutes after the beginning of a meal function are not guaranteed service.
- There is no reserved seating/section for Delta Dears at the subscription events.
- There are reserved seats on each shuttle bus for Delta Dears.

Protocol items

- Pen Light
- Sorority Pin
- Violets
- Ritual
- Constitution and Bylaws (2023 Edition)
- Membership remains seated during the recessional until the dais and voting delegates have exited.

Special Notes

- *Please be sure to check the Regional website for updates regarding the 2024 Regional Conference Cycle.*
- Plenary Sessions and Regional Luncheons are closed sessions for registered members only; children, babies, spouses and all others are not allowed into these events.
- Sorors should be considerate of the dais and refrain from picture taking during meals.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- A wrap to wear in the halls (white is appropriate for the formal opening).
- Medication (refills on any medication or spare prescriptions).
- Comfortable Shoes
- Bring an umbrella or other rain gear as a precaution.
- Red, White and Black Attire
- Pen Light
- Sorority Pin
- Violets
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