



Dear Potential Delta GEMS Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Delta GEMS Program hosted by the Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, serving Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties for over 47 years! The Delta GEMS (Growing, Empowering, Myself, Successfully) is a national program for African American high school girls ages 14-18.

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

Delta GEMS Criteria

To be a participant in the Delta GEMS the applicant must:

- Be a resident of Somerset, Wicomico, or Worcester Counties, and
- A female high school student aged 14-18

Delta GEMS is designed for young ladies who exemplify one or more of the following characteristics:

- She has potential, but needs guidance, support, and skills to achieve success
- She is interested in developing leadership skills
- She is actively pursuing college and/or career options
- She needs encouragement and support in the pursuit of higher learning

The Delta GEMS activities include community service projects, cultural events, and attending educational workshops. The workshops will address topics such as choosing the perfect college, career choices, social and professional etiquette, self-esteem building, wellness, and financial management.

Applicants must have a sincere interest, dedication, commitment, and willingness to participate in this program. All activities will be held in the 3 counties of Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset. It is important to note that transportation to and from meetings/local events is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

If you are interested in becoming one of the PAAC Delta GEMS, please complete the [online application here](#). Please submit your completed application by Monday, September 14, 2026. Parents/Guardians are required to attend orientation on September 20, 2026 at The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Ave Salisbury, MD 21804, at 3 PM. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the chairs of the program at paacgems@gmail.com.



We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your interest in the Princess Anne Alumnae Delta GEMS program.

Best Regards,

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