



# DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

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## OFFICIAL STEPSHOW RULES FOR THE 54th NATIONAL CONVENTION

### DELTA SIGMA THETA 54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION STEPSHOW GUIDELINES

Guidelines/Call for Applications Released-----	March 29, 2019
Application, Waiver Form, and Video Deadline-----	<b>May 20, 2019</b>
Costume/Attire Submission Deadline -----	June 14, 2019
Step Show Event Date-----	July 12, 2019

### GUIDELINES

1. The official Step Show Application Package is due on **May 20, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. EST.** Click [here](#) for the link to the application.
2. No more than nine teams shall be approved, and each team shall not exceed more than 20 members including helpers. All members of the team must be present at a mandatory meeting on-site; date and time will be provided. Members not in attendance will not be allowed to step unless they provide a written excuse prior to the meeting.
3. An audition video (youtube or vimeo link) will be required as part of the application process. Submitted videos become property of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and could be utilized as promotional material prior to and during the 54<sup>th</sup> National Convention. A photo of the costume or attire must be submitted by June 14, 2019.
4. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) teams. **First Place: \$2000, Second Place: \$1500, and Third Place: \$1000.**
5. **In the event that a team withdraws after applying, the team will no longer be able to participate and will not be refunded the \$250 application fee.**

## ELIGIBILITY

1. All Step Show participants must be financially active and in good standing with their respective organizations. \*Financially active indicates that dues have been paid for the fiscal year in which the 2019 National Convention takes place\* (Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. must be financial for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to participate in the National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana). Organization/Chapter President's signature confirms each individual's eligibility and will be verified to assure all are in good standing and eligible to participate.

2. Chapters of participating teams must be in compliance for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 Fiscal Year and in good standing with your organization.

3. Selected teams must pay a non-refundable \$250 fee in order to participate. This is a **ONE TIME ALL INCLUSIVE TEAM** fee. Payments in the form of cashier's checks or money orders should be made out to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc  
ATTN: Finance Department - National Convention Step Show  
1707 New Hampshire Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20009

5. Every member of each team must sign and submit a liability waiver.

6. An application and waiver form will be required of each team. These forms must be completed and submitted by **Monday, May 20, 2019 to [dstnational2ndvp@gmail.com](mailto:dstnational2ndvp@gmail.com)**. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

7. Access/backstage passes will be issued to all official participants during the on-site Step Show meeting. Participants are to remain backstage before, and immediately following performances. No reserved seating is available for show participants and or stagehands.

\*Collegiate teams are permitted to include members that have recently graduated in December 2018 and May/June 2019 to participate on their team. However, all other above stated requirements (i.e. financial and in good standing) must be met.

## **COMPETITION**

1. Performances and outfits must be of good taste and decency.
2. Music lyrics may not contain profanity or be in poor taste.
3. No element of the show should be disrespectful to other organizations or political parties.
4. The performance time limit is 10 minutes. Teams that exceed the allotted time will be penalized five points for every 30 seconds over time.
5. Teams must bear the expenses for all approved special effects and will be responsible for all logistics associates with any props. Smoke is not permitted.
6. Any monetary winnings will be made payable to and mailed via check directly to the chapter's official mailing address as outlined in the application after the close of the 54<sup>th</sup> National Convention

<b>Originality/Creativity</b>	<b>15 pts.</b>
<b>Complexity/Degree of Difficulty</b>	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Transitions</b>	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>Precision (stepping ability)</b>	<b>15 pts.</b>
<b>Vocal Delivery and Clarity</b>	<b>10 pts.</b>
<b>Overall Performance (Stage Presence, Enthusiasm, Appearance)</b>	<b>30 pts.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 pts.</b>

### **DELTA SIGMA THETA 54<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION STEP SHOW VIDEO GUIDELINES**

- **The video submission serves as a sample for your chapter and will be used in the selection process of teams.**
- **Record and submit a clear, quality, video, representing more than 50% of the current chapter participants that will be performing at the actual show.**
- **Audition links (via youtube or vimeo only) required.**
- **Video submissions must be a minimum of 2.5 minutes and must not exceed 4 minutes.**
- **Only one submission per team.**
- **Accepted video submissions include previous performances (2017-present), formal rehearsal or original audition**

### **SCORING:**

1. Each video will be reviewed by the official Step show Committee.
2. Videos will be evaluated based on a scoring scale of 5-points (1 = poor and 5 = excellent).
3. Videos will be scored by a panel of judges in the categories of: Precision, Creativity, Originality, Difficulty and Overall Showmanship

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[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS APPLICATION AND WAIVER RELEASE FORM](#)

**APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:  
DSTNATIONAL2NDVP@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN Monday, May 20, 2019  
AT 11:59 PM EST.**