

*JABBERWOCK
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM*

2023

INFORMATIONAL

**DELTA SIGMA THETA
SORORITY, INC.
KANSAS CITY (KS)
ALUMNAE CHAPTER**

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

A PUBLIC SERVICE SORORITY

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA

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History of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 250,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of:

- Economic Development
- Educational Development
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- Political Awareness and Involvement

The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

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JABBERWOCK'S ORIGIN AND LEGACY

- The **Jabberwock**, a traditional Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. scholarship fundraising endeavor, has been staged annually by hundreds of Delta chapters in communities throughout the United States for over eighty (80) years and for over 40 years in the Kansas City, Kansas area.
- The word, "**Jabberwock**," is a portmanteau (a work which fuses two or more words or parts of words to give a combined meaning) work which was coined by Lewis Carroll, author of the famous children's classic, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1965). The name comes from the two words, "talk and walk." The sequel to this book is a mock-heroic tale called, "Through the Looking-Glass" (1872) which contains "**Jabberwocky**," a ballad of fantastic illogicality. Curious about the world behind the mirror, Alice climbs through the looking-glass and discovers a fascinating kingdom in which everything is reversed, just as reflections are reversed in a mirror. **Jabberwocky**, then, connotes the whimsical, the absurd, the non-sensical, and fantastic.
- In 1925 Delta Sorors Marian Conover Hope and Lola Wilson Hayes conceived the Jabberwock as a means of generating funds for scholarships, and the first ever Jabberwock was presented that year in Boston, Mass. The first ones, held in auditoriums, were theme-centered talent/variety shows with scholarship awards. Since that time, Jabberwock has become copyrighted and synonymous with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In 1971 the Kansas City Kansas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. decided to hold its last Jabberwock program of the theme-centered talent/variety show. Jabberwock now represents an evening of elegance and entertainment that showcases the gifts and talents of young people while advancing the goals and objectives of the Delta scholarship program.
- Since Jabberwock 1984, the KCK Alumnae Chapter has hosted many Jabberwocks of this nature. The Contestants Committee continues to be the backbone of the "Jabberwock Experience." Each year members of Delta Sigma Theta spearhead educational, social, and public service activities to help broaden student horizons as we assist in preparing them for their next step in life.
- In 1984 we first stepped "Through the Looking-Glass" Delta Sigma Theta's **Jabberwock** legacy lives on and over the years Jabberwock has changed its look; however, it has never changed its purpose.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR JABBERWOCK CONTEST AND PAGEANT

Sponsored by:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Kansas City (KS) Alumnae Chapter
2022-2023

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- For consideration as a Jabberwock contestant, an applicant must complete **all** of the following requirements:
 - Payment of a \$20, non-refundable application fee. Application and application fee are due no later than Sunday, **October 9, 2022**, 5pm. The application and fee can be completed online or mailed to the chapter address: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kansas City (KS) Alumnae Chapter, Post Office Box 12663, Kansas City, KS 66112-0663, they must be postmarked no later than October 9, 2022.
 - The Jabberwock presentation fee shall cover the cost of the contestant's attire, shoes, accessories (including earrings and necklace), pictures for the souvenir booklet, one (1) Jabberwock Pageant ticket, meals for Jabberwock contestants on the day of the event, flowers, corsages and the costume for the pageant dance routine.
- **Presentation Fees**
 - Each contestant and/or their parent(s) must pay a **\$350.00** presentation fee by **Wednesday November 9, 2022 (location to be determined)**, and adhere to all financial guidelines or the contestant will be terminated from the Jabberwock contest and pageant. Payment of the presentation fee shall be paid in one lump sum.
 - All monies shall be in the form of Paypal, cashier's check or money order. **No personal checks will be accepted.** However, checks from a duly licensed business will be accepted where the business check is imprinted with the business name and drawn on a business account.
- **Requests for Scholarships and Awards**
 - The contestant must, upon graduation from high school in 2023, be enrolled in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning for the academic year beginning in the Fall of 2023.
 - Proof of matriculation shall be an official written confirmation from the Registrar or appropriate representative of the institution, which verifies the contestants' current enrollment in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning.
 - All scholarship monies unclaimed within two (2) years after high school will revert to the Kansas City (KS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- **Responsibilities of the Sorority**
 - The chapter shall guarantee that a minimum of 60% of all monies raised for the Jabberwock contest and pageant will be awarded to all contestants who participate in the Jabberwock Pageant.

DELTA SIGMA THETA JABBERWOCK EXPECTATIONS

- We expect you to be punctual
- We expect you to wear appropriate attire
 - workshop days- business casual
 - dance rehearsal- casual
- Call when you will be late
- Absentees are to be called in 24 hours in advance to:
 - Ms. Erica 913-636-0515
 - Ms. Jill 913-908-5455
- Always use appropriate language
- Encourage and lift up one another
- Cell phones:
 - Need to be turned off or on vibrate during meeting times
 - Can be used only during breaks
- Be respectful of each other and their opinions
- **ALWAYS CONDUCT YOURSELF AS AN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT, WHO EXHIBITS HIGH MORAL STANDARDS**

FUNDRAISING



POINT SYSTEM

- **Workshops/Community Service Projects/Fundraising/Miscellaneous:**

- Each contestant will get a maximum of (2) points for attending each workshop, (4) points for each community service project, and (2) points for participating in each fundraising and miscellaneous activity.
 - One (1) point will be deducted for **tardiness and excused absences**.
 - Zero (0) points will be given for **unexcused absences**.

- **Dance Rehearsal:**

- Each contestant will get one (1) point for attending each dance rehearsal, (1/2) point will be deducted for tardiness and excused absences. No (0) points will be given for unexcused absences.

- **Fundraising:**

- In addition to participation points, fundraising points will also be given for the dollar amount raised:

- \$601 - \$1200 - 2 points
- \$1201 - \$1800 - 4 points
- \$1801 - \$2400 - 6 points
- \$2401 - \$3000 - 8 points
- \$3001 - \$3600 - 10 points
- \$3600 - \$4200 - 12 points
- \$4201 - \$5000 - 14 points
- \$5001 - \$5600 - 16 points
- \$5601 - \$6400 - 18 points
- \$6401 - \$7000 - 20 points
- \$7001 - \$7600 - 22 points
- \$7601 - \$8600 - 24 points
- \$8601 - \$9600 - 26 points

AWARDS



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- Scholarships will be awarded in the following categories:
 - Jabberwock
 - First Runner-Up
 - Scholarship
 - Congeniality
 - Talent
 - Essay
- The aforementioned scholarships and monetary awards must be used solely for educational expenses, including but not limited to tuition, books, room and board. Jabberwock monies will be deposited into an escrow account and will remain in the account until such time as the respective winners present to the Jabberwock Committee official proof of matriculation. **All scholarship monies unclaimed within two (2) years after high school will revert to the Kansas City (KS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**



JABBERWOCK CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



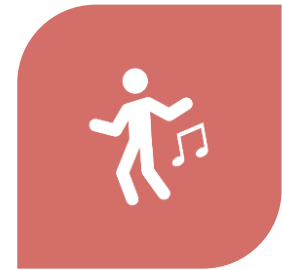
ORIENTATION



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DANCE
PRACTICES

