

Richland County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
presents

2021 Jabberwock Scholarship Pageant



THE Many Facets OF ME

Saturday, December 4th
4:00 p.m.



Message from the President

The Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce plans for its inaugural Jabberwock Program, “The Many Facets of Me.” The goal of Jabberwock is to provide an avenue for young women to improve their overall life effectiveness—through coaching, mentoring and key development workshops offered in a caring environment. The activities offered during Jabberwock are self-improvement and awareness workshops, community service activities, and most importantly, participation in educational scholarship and fundraising.

Since 1926, Jabberwock has been presented nationally by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to raise funds to carry out the mission of the Sorority. The idea of Jabberwock comes from the poem told by Lewis Carroll in his famous book, “Alice in Wonderland”. The Jabberwock, a mythical character, called together the members of his kingdom at least once a year to put on a show. In a like manner, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. calls its members and community together to enjoy an evening of celebrating our youth.

This packet contains the application, participant expectations, disclosures and all information necessary to have a successful Jabberwock experience. All requested materials must be received by December 1st, 2021. All information is confidential and will become the property of the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

On behalf of the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., thank you for your interest in our 2021 Jabberwock presentation. Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Zenata Donaldson

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President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Richland County Alumnae Chapter

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Jabberwock 2021 Contestant Application

- Little Miss (2nd Grade - 5th Grade)
- Junior Miss (6th Grade - 8th Grade)
- Miss (9th Grade - 12th Grade)

All challengers will be placed in their category at the start of Jabberwock activities based on the grade they will be in on the date of the Jabberwock.

Personal Information

This section is for information on the contestant only. For younger contestants that may not have a separate number or e-mail address, please respond "N/A."

Name: _____
Last **First** **Middle**

Address: _____
Street

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____
Home **Cell**

Email address: _____
Please Print Clearly

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's/Guardian's Name: Type text here _____
Last **First**

Phone Number: _____
Home **Cell**

Email address: _____
Please Print Clearly

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Father's/Guardian's Name: _____
Last **First**

Phone Number: _____
Home **Cell**

Email address: _____
Please Print Clearly

Education

School Name: _____

Grade: _____
List the grade you will be in on December 4, 2021

School Activities: _____

School Club Memberships: _____

Church/Community Involvement

Church Name: _____

Church Activities: _____

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Community Groups or Memberships: _____

Community/Volunteer Activities: _____

Sponsor Information

List the information of the Richland County Alumnae (RCA) Member who is sponsoring the participant. One may be assigned if you do not have one.

RCA Sponsor Name: _____

Last

First

RCA Sponsor Phone Number: _____

Home

Cell

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Date	Event	Details
June 5, 2021	Candidate Registration and Orientation	11:00 AM Via Zoom
June 19, 2021	Workshop	11:00am Via Zoom
August 1, 2021	Participant Application Deadline	
August 14, 2021	Professional headshots will be taken.	Contestants will be given appointment times Times and Location to be determined
August 28, 2021	Rehearsal <i>Second Fundraising Collection</i>	11:00 AM Via Zoom
September 11, 2021	Rehearsal	11:00 AM Via Zoom
September 28, 2021	Workshop	11:00 AM Via Zoom
October 9, 2021	Rehearsal	11:00 AM
October 30, 2021	In person recording sessions by appointments All Journal Ads Due	Times and location to be determined
November 6, 2021	Virtual Community Service Activity All contestant videos and music must be submitted Fundraising Collection – Fourth Fundraising Collection	Committee members will be available to assist during this time with feedback for contestant’s videos
November 20, 2021	Zoom Interview Question with Judges Deadline to submit revisions for any previously submitted videos	Via Zoom contestants will be given appointment times.
December 1, 2021	Final Fundraising Collection – All Fundraising Money Due	
December 4, 2021	Jabberwock 2021	Will air on chapter’s social media accounts



Jabberwock: History and Mission

Through the Eyes of Lewis Carroll: Jabberwock is a traditional program of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Members of the Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta in Boston, Massachusetts, presented the first Jabberwock in 1925 as an effort to find a new method of raising money for the chapter's scholarship fund. Marion Hope Conover of Iota Chapter conceived the idea of a variety show with skits, dances, and songs in competition for prizes of varying amounts. She called this new kind of show a "Jabberwock" because it was inspired by the Jabberwock in Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland." The "Jabberwock" was a mythical character who summoned all the creatures of the kingdom each year for the purpose of putting on a show. The first Jabberwock was an immediate success, and the idea caught on with many chapters of Delta Sigma Theta. The Jabberwock has since evolved into a more diverse program that continues to raise funds for scholarships and other Delta Sigma Theta service projects.

Through the Eyes of Delta Sigma Theta: The word "Jabberwock" was copyrighted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on December 28, 1947. Today, Jabberwock is a national program within Delta Sigma Theta that reflects the Sorority's commitment to scholarship and the arts. Many communities served by local chapters of Delta Sigma Theta eagerly anticipate the event. Monies raised through Jabberwock are earmarked for scholarships to be given by the sponsoring chapter to young people of promise and ability, and for public service projects.

Through the Eyes of Richland County Alumnae: The Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., provides \$20,000 annually in college scholarships given to deserving high school seniors. These scholarship funds provide some assistance with the financial needs of our recipients as they pursue higher education. Our Jabberwock Committee is working diligently to develop a Jabberwock program that will provide a curriculum that includes innovative educational, cultural, community service, and self-enrichment activities and programs.



Judging Overview/Criteria

The Judging Process

The 2021 Jabberwock judging system has been designed to recognize individuality, achievement and encourage community involvement among all contestants.

Judges will be provided with detailed written rules and regulations.

There will be a panel of judges scoring the individual contestants immediately after each competition category. Following the judges scoring, an independent group will tally the scores.

Judges will be selected by the Jabberwock Committee. Persons familiar with, or related to, any contestant will not serve on the panel of judges.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Formal Wear: The formal wear category is designed for the judges to assess the contestant's poise, grace and commanding stage presence. Contestants should wear a full-length age-appropriate gown.

Talent: Talent may be anything you choose that does not cause any health, fire or safety hazards to the audience or damage to the theater. Talent must be limited to 3 minutes; talent over 3 minutes is subject to a penalty. Background music must be sent electronically if audio needs to be overlaid for video or should be loud enough so it can be heard in the video. Please ensure you do not have background noise that could distract from contestant in talent portion.

On-stage Question: One on-stage question will be asked of each contestant. This category of the competition is designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her interests, opinions and aspirations.

Also to be considered in scoring:

- Originality
- Individuality
- Enthusiasm
- Creativity
- On-stage awareness (Poise/Stage Presentation)
- Appearance



Jabberwock Attire

The Jabberwock is a very elegant occasion, and your attire should reflect that.

Participants

- All participants will wear full-length formal evening gowns (no tea length gowns) in the color of her choice (including white).
- While the participant may select her gown, strapless, spaghetti straps, halter tops, mermaid-style and straight skirts are not permitted.
- The dress must have a 2-inch strap or a cap-sleeve.

For Workshops and Rehearsals, Participants

- Casual attire may be worn to workshops, rehearsals, and to community service activities.



Financial Responsibility

The participant raising the most money in each age category (*i.e.*, souvenir ads, donations, and other fundraisers) will be crowned Miss Jabberwock, Junior Miss Jabberwock, and Little Miss Jabberwock, respectively. The winning contestant in each category will receive 10% of the funds they raised. All participants who raise a minimum of \$1200 will receive a certificate.

All funds are to be raised in a lawful/legal manner (*i.e.*, ad sales, ticket sales, bake sales, car washes, yard sales, etc.). The Sorority must be notified of all fundraising events. Any flyers, press, social media, or publications regarding events must be submitted to the Jabberwock Committee for approval by the Chapter President. We can do crowdfunding. However, whichever platform you are using must have been submitted to the committee to get approved by the Chapter President. Following approval, please note that the Chapter's PayPal account/name cannot be added to your crowdfunding page. The participants must collect the funds and then send it to the chapter.

Fundraising Tips:

Start early: (Payments can begin starting May 16th)	Interact with sponsors	Develop a strong team
Develop a comprehensive plan with a goal in mind	Communicate often	Send acknowledgments
Set early deadlines for submission of ads and donations		

All monies raised in the name of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. must be turned over to the Sorority via the Financial Secretaries or designee of the Richland County Alumnae Chapter. In the event you decide that you no longer would like to participate, you must still adhere to this rule. We will **ONLY** take payment via PayPal from the participants sponsor and/or parent that will be turning in the fees for the participant. **FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARTICIPANT MAY NOT SEND INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS TO THE PAYPAL ACCOUNT**, but they may however send it to the PO BOX.

When submitting to the PayPal account you must select the "**Friends and Family**" option, or you will be charged a fee. Also, when submitting any payments put in the **NOTES** exactly what you are paying for and which contestant the money is going towards. A note is also required when submitting payments through the PO Box.

The final deadline for all ad monies is **Saturday, October 30th, 2021**; final deadline for all other monies will be **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**. Funds should be submitted in the form of checks, money orders, or cash in US currency. Coins will not be accepted.

Designated times and locations will be provided to collect all monies. These dates will allow you to avoid holding checks and large sums of money.

All required forms should be filled out completely and accurately. Participant's name must appear on the memo line of all checks to ensure proper processing and credit. All checks should be made payable to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Richland County Alumnae Chapter.

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Souvenir Journal

All fees associated with any checks that are dishonored will be deducted from the participant's total should the issue not be resolved. Specifically, non-sufficient funds (NSF) – \$35 returned check bank fee will be required when collecting for NSF.

Note: In the event of a tie, the sorority will consider other factors such as participation, community service, etc. to award amounts.

Payment contributions for ads, sponsorships, and patrons can be paid with cash, cashier's checks, personal checks (accepted up to October 30th, 2021), business checks and/or money orders. **Participant sponsors/parents ONLY may submit via PayPal.**

Program Book: The program booklet will contain the names of all of the contestants in each category as well as all their sponsors/patrons. It will also include photos of contestants.

Individuals, businesses, family and friends may sponsor a contestant!

Advertisements: A contestant may choose to gain sponsors by selling advertisement space in the souvenir booklet. These advertisements can be for a company, product, an individual wishing "Good Luck" to their contestant, or a Mom or Dad sending "Best Wishes" or "We love you!" to a contestant. All artwork/advertisements must be turned in camera ready. There will be no adjustments made once received.

Sizes: Full pages in the program book are each standard 8 ½ x 11 pages. Half (½) page ads are the top half or bottom half of a page. All ads must be print ready.

Donations: Monetary donations will be accepted as part of the sponsorship. Be sure to provide the patron's name.

Form: An advertisement form should be completed for all sponsors/patrons and advertisements.

Deadline: Completed forms, artwork, advertisements, and money may be submitted at the Financial Reporting meetings. All information must be received no later than Saturday, October 30, 2021, to be included in the souvenir booklet.



Jabberwock 2021 Souvenir Journal Advertisement Form

Advertisement Levels

Full Page

Half Page

Quarter Page

Business Card

Patron

Prices

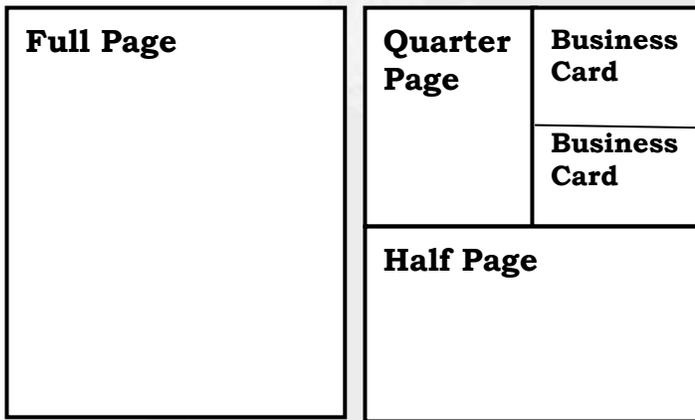
\$ 100.00

\$ 75.00

\$ 50.00

\$ 30.00

\$ 10.00 or more



All ads will be printed in full color.

All ads and payments must be received by **October 30, 2021**. All ads **MUST** be submitted electronically. Ads and proof of payment can be sent to:

rca.jabberwock94@gmail.com

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please check method of payment: () Check () Money Order () Cash

Please make check payable to: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Richland County Alumnae

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone Number: _____

Contestant Name: _____

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Exemplar Fundraising Letter

(Insert Date here)

Dear Family and Friends:

The Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., proudly presents Jabberwock 2021, “The Many Facets of Me.” The purpose of this activity is to celebrate courage, strength, creativity and achievements of girls and young ladies in the community.

My name is _____ and I am competing for the title of _____ Jabberwock 2021. In order to be a part of this great event, I must attend several workshops, community service events, and raise at least \$1,200.

Jabberwock not only allows young people, like me, the opportunity to build self-confidence and participate in service-learning activities, but it also raises funds for scholarships and community outreach efforts. Please help me achieve my goal to be crowned, Jabberwock 2021 by purchasing an ad in the Souvenir Booklet or by making a monetary donation. To be included in the Souvenir Booklet, all ads must be received by Saturday, October 30, 2021. The deadline to submit all other monetary donations is December 1, 2021.

Jabberwock 2021, “The Many Facets of Me,” will take place 4:00 PM Saturday, December 4, 2021, on the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Facebook Page through Facebook Live. If you can virtually attend it, I would love to see your name in the comment and or viewer’s section.

Thank you for your contribution. You may give your donation to me or mail it directly to Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, PO Box 777, Columbia, South Carolina 29202. In order for me to receive credit for your donation, it must be received by December 1, 2021. Please include my name on any contributions submitted on my behalf.

I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the Jabberwock.

Sincerely,

Jabberwock Participant

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Participant Letter of Commitment

I, _____, as a contestant in Jabberwock 2021, agree to participate in all required functions in conjunction with Jabberwock 2021. I also agree to the following terms and guidelines as outlined below and as evidenced by my signature:

(Please initial ALL BOXES and sign below)

1	I will maintain good moral character and good standing within my school and my community as stated in the requirements for prospective participants.
2	I understand and agree that all monies raised and collected as a Jabberwock participant will be turned in and reported to the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at each reporting period.
3	I understand that October 30, 2021, is the final date to submit advertisements, and that December 1, 2021, is the final date to report monies for the Jabberwock.
4	I agree to participate in all Jabberwock activities and rehearsals. If circumstances arise that require a missed activity, I will provide the chair of Jabberwock with written notice within 48 hours of the activity to rca.jabberwock94@gmail.com.
5	I understand that all funds collected for Jabberwock belong to the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
6	If I withdraw from Jabberwock, I will advise the Jabberwock chair of my decision in writing at rca.jabberwock94@gmail.com. As outlined above, all funds collected for Jabberwock belong to the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and accordingly, I understand that my withdrawal will result in a forfeiture of any consideration for a Jabberwock title, prize, award, scholarship funds, or any monies associated with Jabberwock.
7	I have read the Jabberwock 2021 package and understand the terms and commitments regarding the same. I affirm that as of the signing of this commitment letter, there are no reasons why I cannot participate in the Jabberwock activities.

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Print Participant's Name

Participant's Signature

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

Date



Parent Statement of Commitment and Responsibility

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) give permission for my child, _____ to participate in the Richland County Alumnae Chapter's Jabberwock 2021, including the planned activities and rehearsals. I will be responsible for all money collected from ads, patrons, and miscellaneous fundraising until it is submitted to the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., As the parent/guardian, I know that I am responsible for ensuring the completion of the participant responsibilities (listed below).

Parent/Guardian Initials required for the following list of Participant and Family Responsibilities:

- ___ Submit completed application and \$100 non-refundable fee
- ___ Support all activities and rehearsals
- ___ Transportation to and from all included activities
- ___ Raise at least \$1200 in funds for the Jabberwock
- ___ Provide participant with attire for the Jabberwock within the attire guidelines outlined in the application packet
- ___ Adhere to any changes in Calendar or Program Updates
- ___ I understand that all payments must be made payable to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Richland County Alumnae Chapter - All monies received by the organization are non-refundable and non-transferable.

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Photo Release: PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA, AND VIDEO AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM

I/ We, _____ (“Parent/Guardian”), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, give permission for Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (the “Chapter”) to publish on the Internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images (“Images”) taken of my child during participation in Youth Initiative Program activities, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance. I/We also give permission for the Richland County Alumnae Chapter to highlight my child’s achievements and activities in efforts to promote the youth initiative program through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media without payment or any consideration and without notifying me. I/We understand and agree that these Images will become the property of the Chapter, which shall have complete ownership of the Images. I hereby irrevocably authorized the Chapter to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the Chapter’s programs, including the Youth Initiative Program or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my child’s likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images. I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Chapter and any of its officers and members; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; its officers; National Executive Board; employees; members; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity. I/we hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of , authorized legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

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