

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter



*Miss Jaberwock 2025 Scholarship Presentation
Participant Packet*



Greetings,

On behalf of The Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., we thank you for your interest in the Jabberwock Scholarship Presentation. We are honored to have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of many young girls and are excited to work with this year's participants.

We sincerely hope the Jabberwock experience will support each participant's development into womanhood, particularly through preparation for the Jabberwock Presentation. We are eager to serve as your chairs and look forward to a successful event.

Once again, we appreciate your interest and wish you the best of luck in this year's Miss Jabberwock!

Warmest regards,

Demetrice S. Thompson

Demetrice S. Thompson, President

Jordan Stinnett, Chair

Jasmine Tucker, Co-Chair

Dalana Woods, Co-Chair



Jabberwock History

The Jabberwock is a fundraising event dedicated to scholarships and public service programs. It was originally conceived as a unique way to raise funds for scholarships. "Jabberwock," copyrighted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is inspired by Lewis Carroll's poem "Jabberwocky" from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. In the poem, creatures from across the kingdom gather annually for a grand pageant.

The inaugural Jabberwock was held in 1925 in Boston, Massachusetts, by members of the Iota Chapter as a new method of raising money for their scholarship fund. Originally envisioned as a musical variety show featuring skits and dances, the Jabberwock has evolved into a more diverse program that continues to raise funds for scholarships.

Historically, Jabberwock funds were designated for scholarships awarded by the sponsoring chapter to promising youth and for public service projects. Today, the event represents an evening of sophistication and entertainment, highlighting the accomplishments of young women while furthering the goals of Delta's scholarship program.

Participants in the Jabberwock are high school seniors. Each participant is encouraged to engage in fundraising activities to compete for the title of Miss Jabberwock and the associated scholarship funds. The Jabberwock Scholarship Presentation is scheduled for April 5, 2025.

2025 Miss Jabberwock Presentation Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible to participate in the April 5, 2025, Jabberwock Presentation sponsored by the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. all participants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a female senior, graduating during the 2024 - 2025 school year.
2. Must be single, never married, and have no children.
3. Must exhibit good character.
4. Sign along with parent(s) or legal guardian, the Jabberwock Agreement/Liability Release Form.
5. **Participants must raise \$500 in ads or monetary donations to qualify for the Jabberwock Presentation. This amount is non-refundable and non-transferable if the participant withdraws from the competition. To be eligible for scholarship awards, participants need to raise a minimum of \$750. The \$500 must be submitted by the January 18th deadline. If money is turned in after the deadline of March 15th, the money will count for the scholarship but not towards the crowning of Miss Jabberwock.**
6. Participants are encouraged to sell a minimum of three (3) tickets to the Miss Jabberwock Scholarship Presentation in April 2025. **Final ticket sales are March 23, 2025.**
7. Must obtain one (1) recommendation letter from an academic official (school counselor, teacher, principal).
8. Must make every effort to attend all rehearsals and workshops for attendance is highly encouraged. Please communicate with the chairs of Jabberwock if you will be absent from any rehearsal or workshop. A point system will be used to track attendance at workshops and rehearsals to provide additional rewards and recognition at the presentation to qualified participants. *If you cannot attend, please inform the chair of Jabberwock within 48 hrs before the workshop/rehearsal.*
10. Participants must wear a formal white ball gown for the Jabberwock Presentation.
11. Participants have the option to showcase a talent that will not impact the crowning of Miss Jabberwock but may qualify for additional awards or recognition.
12. Must comply with the Youth Participant Virtual Meeting and Publicity Code of Conduct.
13. Must keep all fundraising activities in good taste and be representative of the sorority.
14. Must submit all funds solicited to the financial agent of Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated at reporting periods.
15. Must not modify the official ad solicitation letter personally signed by the chapter's President, Demetrice Thompson, although a personal note or attachment may be included.
16. Parents may use crowdfunding (e.g. GoFundMe) to support their child's efforts but the sites must be reviewed and approved by the chapter president prior to launch. Crowdfunding accounts will be monitored, and a detailed report of all monies collected must be submitted before the last collection date, **Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 11:59 pm. All monies collected after March 15th will be applied to the scholarship but will not count towards the crowning for the title of Miss Jabberwock.**
17. Participants are highly encouraged to submit essays to the Barbara Jordan Essay Contest, provided they meet the eligibility requirements and deadlines.

Parent Statement of Commitment and Responsibility

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) give permission for my child to participate in the 2025 Jabberwock Scholarship Presentation 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 Fort Worth 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). I do hereby grant permission to the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to use the image of my child. Such use includes the display, distribution, publication, transmission, or otherwise use of photographs and/or video images taken of my child for use in materials that include, but may not be limited to, printed materials such as newsletters, videos, and digital images such as those on the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. web pages. I accept that these images are the property of the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and I will not receive compensation for these images or the use of these images.

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

- ___ Support all activities and rehearsals
- ___ Transportation to and from all included activities
- ___ Solicit a minimum of \$500 non refundable or transferable funds in advertisements for souvenir journal
- ___ Provide participant with attire for the Jabberwock Showcase
- ___ Adhere to any changes in Calendar or Program Updates
- ___ I understand that if I attend Jabberwock workshops with my child I must complete FWA's volunteer application packet, screening process, background check and attend a risk management training session. This applies to all adults 18 years+

Please Note:

- All payments must be made payable to: **Fort Worth Alumnae**
- All monies received by the organization are non-refundable and non-transferable if the participant withdraws from the competition.
- All participants are expected to attend all activities and all event rehearsals.

***Presentation location and date subject to change**

**Note: In the event of an absence, please notify a Jabberwock Chairperson at least 48-hours prior to the scheduled event. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis and should be brought to the attention of a Jabberwock Chairperson.*

As the Participant and the parent/guardian, we have read the application packet and the list of responsibilities and agree to follow the content as written. We accept that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the members involved in the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter Jabberwock Scholarship Program are not responsible for health problems or injuries acquired during Jabberwock activities.

Participant's Name _____
Participant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Letter of Commitment/Intent/Liability

I _____ as a participant in the Jabberwock agree to the following terms:

_____ I will maintain good moral character and good standing within my school and community as stated in the requirements for prospective participants.

_____ I understand that all monies raised and collected as a Jabberwock participant will be reported to the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at each reporting period.

_____ I understand that **March 15, 2025**, is the absolute last date to submit advertisements and report monies for the Miss Jabberwock competition. **Ads received after Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 11:59 pm, will not be accepted.**

_____ I understand that I must raise a minimum of \$500 in advertisements for the souvenir journal to participate in the presentation and an amount of at least \$750 to be in the scholarship competition. **Minimum of \$500 must be submitted by the January 18th collection.**

_____ I understand that if I withdraw from the Jabberwock competition, I will advise the Jabberwock chairperson in writing and all collected monies will be nonrefundable or transferable.

_____ I understand that if a circumstance arises that deems it necessary to miss an activity or rehearsal, I will contact the chairperson.

_____ I understand that all funds collected for the Jabberwock Presentation belong to the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

_____ In recognition of their efforts, the Crowned Miss Jabberwock 2025 and participants will receive a percentage of funds raised for their college education.

I _____, Parent/Guardian of _____ participant in Jabberwock 2025, do hereby agree and intend to be bound by the terms and conditions of the guidelines for the participants as set forth by the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

I _____, participant in Jabberwock 2025, do hereby agree and intend to be bound by the terms and conditions of the guidelines for the participants as set forth by the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

I do hereby hold harmless Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. of any and all liability should any harm befall _____ while participating in any scheduled Jabberwock activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____



Miss Jabberwock 2025 Participant Application

Sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

One typed letter of recommendation from an academic official (principal, counselor, or teacher) with their signature must accompany all applications and can be sent directly to jabberwock@fortworthdst.org.

Participant Information:

Name: _____ DOB _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
Email address _____
School Name _____ Year of Graduation _____

Parent Information:

Mother: _____ Phone: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email address _____
Father: _____ Phone: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email address _____

Please use the Packet Checklist below to ensure that all documents for the application have been received, by October 31, 2024:

| Packet Checklist: | |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Participant Application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter of recommendation from Academic Official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Signed Parent/Participant Responsibilities Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Signed Letter of Intent/Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed Participant Biography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed Youth Application Packet (Risk Management Packet) |

Please email the completed packet all pages signed to jabberwock@fortworthdst.org



Miss Jabberwock 2025 Participant Biography

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT NEATLY AND CLEARLY

Participant's Full Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Parents:

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Participant's High School: _____

High School Scholastic Honors/Awards/Recognitions:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Extra-Curricular/Sports/Clubs:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Volunteer/Community Service:

- _____
- _____



Miss Jabberwock 2025 Participant Biography

Current Job/Employment (if applicable):

Church:

Name: _____ City, State _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Church Involvement/activities:

Favorite/Guiding Scripture: *Ex: Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you...*

(Book, Chapter, Verse, & Quote)

College Preferred/Plans to Attend:

Name: _____ City, State _____

Degree Major: _____ Minor: _____

Career Aspiration/Occupation: _____

Hobbies:

What do you enjoy: _____

2025 MISS JABBERWOCK PRESENTATION

YOUTH INITIATIVE VIRTUAL MEETING AND PUBLICITY CODE OF CONDUCT

The Youth Participant Virtual Meeting and Publicity Code of Conduct serves as codified guidance for youth participation in Delta's Youth Initiative Programs, namely those of a virtual nature. Your signature on the Participation agreement indicates your complete understanding and agreement to comply with this Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in loss of privileges and/or removal from Delta's Virtual Youth Initiative Programs. As a youth participant in Delta's Virtual Youth Initiative Programs you are expected to:

- **Refrain from the use of any profane, foul, hurtful, obscene, or vulgar language** in any virtual chatroom and during the virtual meetings and events;
- **Refrain from engaging in any violence, cyber-bullying¹, or other aggressive behaviors** that may threaten the welfare of other participants;
- **Refrain from any disruptive behavior that may disrupt the virtual meetings and events;**
- **Be properly groomed and dressed for all virtual youth initiative meetings and events**, refrain from wearing articles of clothing that display profane or obscene language and/or images;
- **Keep your camera on at all times during all virtual youth initiative meetings and events;**
- **Provide a noise-free environment while participating in any and all virtual youth initiative meetings and events;**
- **Refrain from taking, presenting, and posting any photographs, screenshots, video recordings, and/or screen recordings of any virtual youth initiative meetings or any confidential information disseminated during any virtual youth initiative meetings;**
- **Refrain from taking, presenting, and posting any and all inappropriate content** including photographs, screenshots, video recordings, and/or screen recordings of any other youth participants of Delta's youth initiative programs;
- **Contact the leader of your youth initiative program if you have any questions or need clarification regarding the Code of Conduct.**

SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATING CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Bad Language/Abusive Teasing and Related Acts:**
 - 1st Time: Verbal warning, parent or guardian notified from this point forward
 - 2nd Time: Loss of privileges
 - 3rd Time: 1-week suspension from program
 - Next occurrence youth is removed from the program.
- **Physical Violence and Other Misconduct:**
 - 1st Time: Removal from situation, loss of privileges, guardian notified from this point forward
 - Next occurrence youth is removed from the program.
- **Illegal Substances or Dangerous Weapons – 1st Time: Youth is removed from the program.** If a youth is in possession of an illegal substance or dangerous weapon, the police will be notified as well.

¹ As defined in Delta's *Technology Guidelines*

2025 MISS JABBERWOCK IMPORTANT DATES

Note: All workshops and reporting days will be held at the OD Wyatt High School, 2400 E Seminary Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76119

ACTIVITY/WORKSHOP DAYS

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Kick Off | Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | In-Person |
| Parent Orientation | Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 7:00 pm | Virtual |
| Workshop 1 | Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | In-Person |
| Workshop 2 | Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | In-Person |
| Parent Meeting | Thursday, December 5, 2024 | 7:00 pm | Virtual |
| Workshop 3 | Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | In-Person |
| Workshop 4 | Saturday, January 18, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | In-Person |
| Workshop 5 | Saturday, February 15, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | In-Person |

COLLECTION DAYS

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|--|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Collection 1 | Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. | In-Person |
| Collection 2 <i>*minimum \$500 due</i> | Saturday, January 18, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. | In-Person |
| Collection 3 <i>*last opportunity to bring checks</i> | Saturday, February 15, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. | In-Person |
| Collection 4 | Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 5:00 pm | In-Person |

MISS JABBERWOCK 2025 REHEARSAL & PRESENTATION

OD Wyatt High School, 2400 E Seminary Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76119

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|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Rehearsal #1 | Sunday, February 16, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Rehearsal #2 | Sunday, February 23, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Rehearsal #3 | Sunday, March 2, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Rehearsal #4 | Sunday, March 16, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Rehearsal #5 | Sunday, March 23, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Rehearsal #6 | Sunday, March 30, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Final Run Through | Friday, April 4, 2025 | 5-7pm | In-Person |
| Presentation Day | Saturday, April 5, 2025 | TCU Bluu Ballroom | In-Person |

***** COLLECTION of ADVERTISEMENTS *****

Ad sales will end on **Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 11:59 pm.** All ads must be complete (photo and message) and submitted through the virtual platform indicated by the Committee by **Saturday, March 15, 2025.**

All cash must be converted to a check or money order prior to collections. **We are unable to accept cash.** All checks and money orders should be made out to Fort Worth Alumnae.

RETURNED CHECKS: A returned check fee will be charged for each check returned by the bank. Checks will not be submitted a second time. Participants will not receive credit for any unredeemed returned checks. In the event that checks are returned due to **insufficient funds** and the checks are not redeemed, the amount of the checks plus any bank charges will be deducted from the recipient's award.

You will receive a collection summary report the Friday before the Collection Date, and an additional report the following Sunday after the Saturday collection.

FINAL COLLECTION: Sunday, March 16, 2025 - Ads received after **March 15, 2025,** will not be accepted. For any ad purchased prior to **March 15, 2025,** for which text and photo (if applicable) have not been received by **March 15, 2025,** the Chapter reserves the right to use a standard ad template and headshot (if applicable).

***** COLLECTION of SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS*****

Collecting your Scholarship: To collect your scholarship, you will need to follow the steps listed below:

- Enroll/register at a two-year or four-year college or university.
- Parents will have the opportunity to communicate with the Chairs of Jabberwock if they would like scholarship funds to be:
 - Given directly to the participant via a 1099 Form that will be issued from the Fort Worth Alumnae Treasurer
- OR**
- Given directly to the two-year or four-year school that the participant is enrolled in for the academic school year
- Parents/Participants must email a copy of your **ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION** to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as proof of enrollment. An acceptance letter is not sufficient proof. **The official letter must be from the school's Registrar's office on official letterhead.** Send both documents to the following email address:

jabberwock@fortworthdst.org and treasurer@fortworthdst.org
- Upon receipt of your proof of enrollment and/or the completed 1099 form, a check for your scholarship amount will be mailed to you.
 - *Please provide a current mailing address when you send your documents.*
- **If you do not enroll in school immediately, your scholarship will be held for you for one year. If you do not enroll in school after one year, then your scholarship is forfeited.**

Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
A Public Service Sorority Founded in 1913
P. O. Box 1911
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

Greetings:

We would like to introduce _____, as a participant in the 2025 MISS JABBERWOCK Presentation.

Through this valuable fund-raising activity, all young ladies will be awarded a college scholarship or book stipend on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**. This participant is authorized to contact individuals, businesses, and other organizations in support of these projects. Your contributions will be acknowledged in the 2025 MISS JABBERWOCK souvenir journal.

Please make checks payable to *Fort Worth Alumnae*. We prefer payment by PayPal; however, donations paid by check will be gladly accepted, no cash will be accepted. If desired, a receipt for your donation can be obtained from your participant.

We appreciate your support in making our 2025 MISS JABBERWOCK Presentation a success.

Sincerely,

Demetrice S. Thompson

Demetrice S. Thompson, President
817-939-1053

Jordan Stinnett, Jabberwock Chair
jabberwock@fortworthdst.org
817-929-1209

Jasmine Tucker, Co-Chair
817-851-6426

Dalana Woods, Co-Chair
817-919-2936

FORT WORTH ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

MISS JABBERWOCK DIGITAL SOUVENIR JOURNAL

The Digital Souvenir Journal will be developed from ads provided by each participant, event photos and formal portraits that the committee will arrange. The ads may come from family, friends, churches, businesses, civic organizations, etc. all giving congratulatory expressions to the participants. **Ads received after March 15, 2024, will not be accepted. For any ad purchased prior to March 15, 2024, for which text and photo (if applicable) have not been received by March 15, 2024, the Chapter reserves the right to use a standard ad template and headshot (if applicable).**

****Digital Souvenir journals** – every participant will receive a digital souvenir journal that can be distributed to their patrons.**

Please refer to the following guidelines as you solicit contributions:

ADS

Ad prices are as follows:

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| Full Page | \$150.00 |
| Half (1/2) Page | \$100.00 |
| Fourth (1/4) Page | \$80.00 |
| Eighth (1/8) Page/Business Card | \$50.00 |
| *Inside Front Cover (Premium Page) | \$350.00 |
| *Inside Back Cover (Premium Page) | \$350.00 |
| *Outside Back Cover (Premium Page) | \$500.00 |

**Note: Available on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

PATRONS

Contributions less than \$50.00 will be considered Patrons. Names should be listed by the participant on the Patron Listing Form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

PHOTOS

- Photos may be placed on FULL and HALF page ads only. Full-page ads may have a maximum of two (2) pictures and half-page ads may have only one (1) picture. *****WHEN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR FULL & HALF PAGE ADS ELECTRONICALLY, YOU MUST ADHERE TO THIS PHOTO LIMITATION.*****
- All pictures presented for the Souvenir Journal must be in good taste. If the picture submitted is not appropriate, it will not appear in the Journal.
- Please submit all photos digitally (in .JPEG format) via the link that will be provided to you. If you are using the same picture for multiple ads, please number the picture and indicate on the AD form the number of the photo to be used


Business Card or 1/8 Page - \$50.00
Business card or Ad Message only

¼ Page - \$80.00
Ad Message Only

½ Page - \$100.00
Ad may include 1 Photo

Full Page - \$150.00
Ad May Include up to 2 Photos

EXAMPLE

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Serena Williams 4954 Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 92341 | #1 Make checks payable to Fort Worth Alumnae | 1234 |
| | | DATE March 16, 2024 |
| PAY TO THE ORDER OF | Fort Worth Alumnae | \$ 85.00 |
| | eighty five dollars and 00/100 | DOLLARS ↴ |
| FOR Issa Rae | #2 Insert the participant's name in the memo field |  |
| | | ■ 123456789 ■ 7890 5673 ■ |