Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Century City Alumnae Chapter

Miss Jabberwock

2014-2015 Scholarship & Talent Show

Participants must be high school juniors or seniors for the 2014-2015 academic school year

Applications Available From
Your Guidance Counselor or
http://www.centurycitydst.org/

For more information contact Sa’Rah or Whitney at:
CCACJabberwock@gmail.com
Greetings Prospective Jabberwock Participant,

Thank you for your interest in the 2014-2015 Jabberwock Scholarship & Talent Show sponsored by the Century City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Jabberwock is an opportunity to engage young women in our local community in a youth program that teaches the significance of sisterhood, scholarship and service.

The founders of our Sorority wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and to stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. In 1925 Delta presented Jabberwock as a national program to reflect the Sorority’s commitment to academic and cultural enrichment for young ladies in local communities.

If you participate in Jabberwock, you will have the opportunity to engage in various social, educational and community service activities that encourage future success. At the end of the Jabberwock season we will celebrate with a culminating Scholarship & Talent Show. At the culminating talent show, you will be able to showcase your talents to your family, friends and community as well as win scholarship money!! Top monetary awards will be for Miss Jabberwock, 1st Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, with additional awards for community service participation and talent.

We invite you to review the Jabberwock Application Handbook to understand more about Century City Alumnae Chapter and the Jabberwock Scholarship & Talent Show. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Jabberwock Co-Chairs Whitney Alston and Sa’Rah Jones at CCACJabberwock@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your interest in the Century City Alumnae Chapter Jabberwock! We look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Neelura Bell
President

Korin Huggins
Third Vice President

Whitney Alston
2014-2015 Jabberwock Co-Chair

Sa’Rah Jones
2014- 2015 Jabberwock Co-Chair
Introduction

*Jabberwock* is one of the national projects of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, which emphasizes talent, pageantry and entertainment. *Jabberwock* was once considered a scholarship fundraising event. However, over the past years, it has evolved into a major cultural activity.

*Jabberwock* will include a variety of cultural, social, and educational experiences for young ladies who will be competing for the title Miss *Jabberwock* (high school juniors and seniors).

Purpose
The Century City Alumnae Chapter is sponsoring *Jabberwock* for the following purposes:
- To support the development of young ladies within our service area
- To support our general scholarship funds
- To enhance other projects undertaken by the chapter
- To support for high school students in their endeavor for higher education

Benefits
Young ladies participating in *Jabberwock* activities will:
- Develop skills in group dynamics
- Participate in wholesome recreational, cultural, social, and educational activities
- Develop leadership skills
- Exhibit poise and good character
- Develop oral communication skills
- Build long, lasting friendships

Activities
Each participant will take part in a series of activities:
- Workshops that will include topics such as:
  - Fundraising
  - Etiquette/Fashion/Makeup
  - Self-Esteem
  - Health Issues
  - Leadership/Communication Skills
- Field trips/Cultural Events
- Community Service Projects
- *Jabberwock* Scholarship & Talent Show
About the Jabberwock Program

The Century City Alumnae Chapter’s Jabberwock Program consists of eight program components that support the sorority’s mission and five point programmatic thrust. Each component is strategically planned to integrate relevant youth challenges, issues and concerns with practical solutions, techniques, and life skills to enhance young adult development.

The program includes the following components:

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<td>Orientation</td>
<td>The Jabberwock Program Orientation is a comprehensive introduction to Century City Alumnae Chapter and the Jabberwock Program. The Century City Chapter President, Jabberwock Chairs and sorority members officially welcome the participants and their parents.</td>
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<td>Fundraising Workshop &amp; Seminar</td>
<td>The Jabberwock Fundraising Workshop &amp; Seminar will teach the Jabberwock participants the most appropriate way to identify, ask and receive Jabberwock funds from supporters. The workshop &amp; seminar will also review the Jabberwock Finances and Collection of Fees forms.</td>
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<td>Monthly Program Workshops</td>
<td>The Jabberwock Monthly Program Workshops are designed as 90-minute seminars with formal instruction and/or facilitation to create an exciting cultural, educational, and social experience for the participants. Workshop topics are designed to support each of the Sorority’s Five Point Programmatic Thrust and may include speakers/panelists, interactive team assignments, and take home assignments to build upon workshop lessons.</td>
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<td>Educational Field Trips</td>
<td>The Jabberwock Educational Trips will provide participants with firsthand experience related to education and African American development.</td>
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<td>Cultural Events</td>
<td>The Jabberwock Cultural Events provide participants exposure to social and multi-ethnic experiences. The events will provide unique opportunities for community and interpersonal development.</td>
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<td>Community Service Projects</td>
<td>The Jabberwock participants participate in as well as plan, coordinate, and implement a community service project with Century City sorority members.</td>
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<td>Jabberwock Scholarship &amp; Talent Show</td>
<td>The Jabberwock Scholarship &amp; Talent Show is an exciting event that celebrates the accomplishments of the participants and culminates the months of preparation in their social skills and personal growth.</td>
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**Program Workshops**

- Economic Development: promotes financial literacy, homeownership and entrepreneurship
- Social Development: promotes the growth of believing in one’s self: Etiquette
- Educational Development: promotes academic excellence: Black College Expo
- Professional Development: promotes skills needed to succeed in business: Public Speaking
- Physical Development: promote individual wellness: fitness, healthy eating
Jabberwock Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible to participate in the April 19, 2015 Jabberwock Scholarship & Talent Show sponsored by Century City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., all participants must meet these requirements:

- Be a female
- Currently enrolled in 11th or 12th grade (junior or senior)
- Must have at least a 2.0/4.0 GPA from the previous school year (provide copy of report card)
- Must not be pregnant, currently have children or become pregnant during the program
- Must maintain good moral character when using Social Media Networks (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Must be active in school and community activities
- Must have a talent or be willing to learn and perform a talent
- Must pay a program fee of $200 (payment plan can be arranged)
- Must raise a minimum of $1000 through individual and/or group fundraising efforts throughout the course of the program. These include but are not limited to, recruiting sponsors for the souvenir booklet
- Must sell a minimum of 1 table for the Scholarship & Talent Show
- Must have transportation to and from all events, activities and meetings
- Must obtain a formal dress for the culminating Jabberwock Talent Show
- Must attend 85% of all monthly program events, workshops and rehearsals
- Must sign a participant agreement, along with her parent(s)/Guardian, to abide by the guidelines set and to release the Sorority of any liability while participating in any Jabberwock activity
- Must obtain one Letter of Recommendation from a Teacher, Counselor or Community Resident
- Must aspire to go to a college/university post-graduation
- Must report all funds solicited in the name of Century City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated to the Chapter’s Financial Secretary

*Note: The Chapter must receive the registration fee of $200.00 no later than Saturday, November 15, 2014. Fees can be mailed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., c/o Financial Secretary, P. O. Box 90956 Los Angeles, CA 90009. The registration fee will be counted toward the determination of prizes.
Jabberwock Information

Skit/Talent Presentation:
- All Contestants are required to participate in an individual and group skit/talent presentation. Group presentation will be choreographed by a representative of Century City Alumnae Chapter. The winner of the Individual Skit/Talent presentation will receive $250.

Ticket Information:
- Jabberwock Gala tickets will be $50.00 each (counts towards contestant).
- Contestants are encouraged to sell tickets to add to their totals and ensure a fan/support group for the Jabberwock event.

Prizes:
Winners will be determined by the highest total amount raised. Minimum is $1,000.

Prize(s) will be awarded as follows:
- Miss Jabberwock
  o 30% of total funds raised
  o Engraved Trophy
  o Flowers
  o Sash
  o Crown
- First Runner-Up
  o 25% of total funds raised
  o Personalized Ribbon
  o Flowers
  o Sash
- Second Runner-Up
  o 20% of total funds raised
  o Personalized Ribbon
  o Flowers
  o Sash
- Community Service Award
  o $200 prize
- Talent Award
  o $250 prize

All contestants who raised a minimum of $1,000, but do not place, will receive a 10% cash award of funds raised.
Delta Teams and Soror Sponsors (SS) or Contact Sorors

- Each contestant will be assigned a group, composed of members of Century City Alumnae Chapter to assist her with fundraising. Each Contestant will also be appointed a Soror Sponsor (SS) or Contact. The SS will lend personal assistance to the individual Contestant in every aspect of the Jabberwock experience. The SS may be a relative or friend of the Contestant who is also a member of the Chapter, or a Soror Sponsor (contact person) from the chapter will be appointed.
- It is still the Contestant’s responsibility to raise money but the Soror Sponsor will be there to assist.

Souvenir Book

- The souvenir program books will feature sponsorships and ads provided by Contestants and Chapter members, event information, and portraits of the Contestants.
- The ads, giving congratulatory expressions to the Jabberwock Contestant or Chapter, may come from family, friends, businesses, churches, civic organizations, schools, etc.
- Contestants will receive letters and a price sheet to use for soliciting sponsorships & ads. These letters will be personally signed by the Chapter President and cannot be modified.
- A personal note from the contestant or parent (guardian) may accompany the official solicitation letter.

Fundraising (counts towards contestant).
Fundraising ideas may come from many sources. In addition to ads, donations, and Jabberwock Gala ticket sales, some suggestions are:

- Car Washes
- Bake Sales
- Raffles
- Candy Sales
- Entertainment Books
- Bike-A-Thon
- Garage Sales
- Dinners Parties
- Book Sales
- Merchandise Parties
- Auctions
- Shopping Trips

The possibilities for raising funds are endless. If you have any questions, please consult your Soror Sponsor or the Committee. We want you to be successful in accomplishing your goals.

Collection of Funds

- The Chapter Financial Secretary(s) will issue receipts to you for all monies received. Maintain your copy of all receipts. Contestants will have a final review of ads with a representative from the Jabberwock Committee, Finance Committee, and legal guardian to verify all monies, before the Gala.
- Name of contestant must appear on the memo line of all checks to ensure proper processing. Please turn in monies in a timely manner to avoid holding checks and large sums of money. Funds may always be received by forwarding them to the Chapter mailing address in care of the Financial Secretary (DO NOT SEND CASH). Please note 2014-2015 Jabberwock in the lower right corner of the outside of the envelope. Please mail to the Chapter mailbox as follows: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., c/o Financial Secretary, Post Office Box 90956 Los Angeles, CA 90009. The deadline for all sponsorship levels, ads and ad monies is Saturday, March 28, 2015.
- The deadline for all checks is Saturday, March 28, 2015.
- The deadline for all monies to be counted toward the contestant is Sunday, April 5, 2015.
- Contestants and Sorors are responsible for ALL fees associated with any returned checks they submit. Fees will be subtracted from your total if you are not able to collect from the person writing the check.

General Attire

- Unless otherwise announced, contestants are to wear casual attire, which includes dress pants, pantsuits, conservative length skirts and dresses.
- Some activities may be more relaxed and very casual wherein jeans and other attire will be acceptable. When uncertain, contact a committee member for clarification.

Jabberwock Gala Attire

- **Dress**
  - Formal floor length
  - No cleavage
  - No fitted or tight dresses
  - No excessively high split(s)
  - No strapless dresses
  - No excessively low-cut dresses
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Ensure the application is complete by verifying that each item on the list below is included. Submit all elements of the application in the same envelope. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed Participant Application Form
- Completed Essay (250-500 word)
- 1 Letter of Recommendation
- Report Card (copy or official transcript)

APPLICATION DUE DATE- October 12, 2014

Only complete applications will be considered

(Note: Qualified recommenders include teachers, community leaders, employers and mentors. Relatives and members of the Jabberwock committee are not acceptable recommenders.)
**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**  
**Century City Alumnae Chapter**  
**Jabberwock 2014-2015 Recommendation Form**  
**CCACJabberwock@gmail.com**

______________________________ is applying to participate in the 2014-2015 Jabberwock Scholarship & Talent Show presented by the Century City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Please complete the following form. Please seal the completed form in an envelope. Sign the envelope’s back to ensure it will not be opened by the applicant when you return it to her for inclusion in her packet.

How long have you known the applicant? __________________________________________

What is your relationship to the applicant? __________________________________________

Based on your experience with the applicant, please check the box below that best represents the applicant’s ability or character.

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Overall Impression of Applicant: (please check)  
_____ Enthusiastically recommend  
_____ Recommend with some reservations  
_____ Recommend  
_____ Do not recommend

Please provide any additional relevant information about the applicant.

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Recommendation provided by

________________________________________________________________________________________

Name (please print)  
______________________________________________

Signature________________________________________Date________________________

Telephone Number______________________________________________________________

Email Address _________________________________________________________________
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

Type or print legibly in blue or black ink.

ABOUT YOU

Name:

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

First          Middle          Last

Address:

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Number and Street          Apt #

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City/State          Zip Code

Email:

__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Numbers: Circle which number is preferred

Home Phone (____) ____________________________          Cell Phone (____) ____________________________

Birth Date: _________________________________

EDUCATION

School ________________________________ Classification____________________________

Future College/University___________________________

Anticipated Major ________________________________

PARENT(s)/GUARDIAN(s)

Name: __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________

First          Middle          Last

Email: __________________________________________

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Home Phone (____) ____________________________          Cell Phone (____) ____________________________

(Circle which number is preferred)

Relationship to Participant______________________________________________
Name: ____________________________________________

First                          Middle                          Last

Email: ________________________________________________

Cell Phone (___) ________________

Relationship to Participant______________________________

EXTRAS

Activities, Organizations, Honors, Community Service: ______________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Talent: ________________________________________________

(Singing, dancing, musical instrument, public speaking, etc.)

Facebook ____________________________________________

Instagram _@____________________________________________

Twitter __@____________________________________________

T-shirt Size: Circle below
S     M     L     XL     XXL

Essay Question: (choose one)
Please respond to one of the following questions in a short essay (250-500 words) in a typed response. Originality of response, proper and appropriate usage of correct spelling, grammar, punctuation and completeness of thought will be rated and considered.
- As a youth in today’s society, how have you involved yourself in the improvement of your community?
- What service project(s) have you participated in and explain a service project that you think would be ideal for students your age?
- What role does cultural experiences and networking play in success?

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements and will meet them. My signature also indicates that I have provided truthful and complete information in this application and I understand that I may be contacted if there are questions or concerns about my application packet.

Application Signature__________________________________________ Date____________________

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the Jabberwock Scholarship & Talent Show packet. I authorize my daughter to participate in the Jabberwock Scholarship & Talent Show and all associated activities.

Parent Signature__________________________________________ Date____________________

All materials shall be returned in one package by the specified date (October 12, 2014). All sections must be filled out to consider your package complete. Late packets will not be considered.