



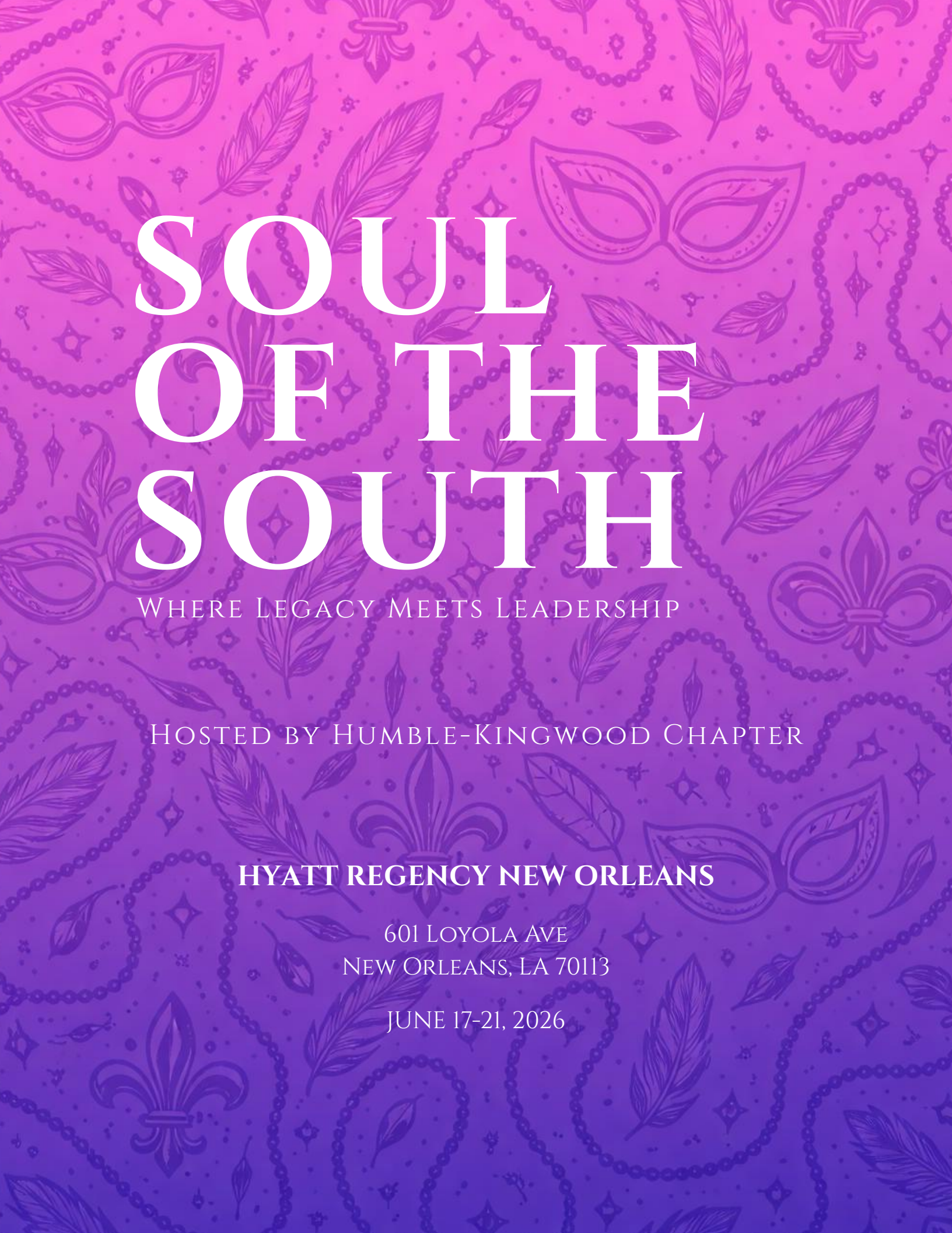
CONFERENCE GUIDE



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A Message from Regional Director Jackie Ward

Welcome to Teen Conference 2026!

It is with great pride and heartfelt excitement that I welcome each of you—Teens, Parents, Chaperones, and Lead Teen Sponsors—to another extraordinary South Central Region Teen Conference experience.

This year, we gather under a powerful and meaningful theme - **“Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership.”**

The Soul of the South is rich. It is layered with history, resilience, culture, faith, excellence, and purpose. It reminds us that leadership does not begin today - it is inherited, cultivated, and refined. Our heritage is not simply something we celebrate; it is something we carry forward.

As the heartbeat of the South Central Region, our teens continue to exemplify what it means to rise from legacy into leadership. You are scholars, innovators, creatives, servants, and change agents. You stand on the shoulders of those who paved the way, and through your actions, you are paving new paths for those who will follow you.

Your roadmap for the journey ahead is included in this Teen Conference Guide. Whether this is your first conference or you are a frequent attendee, may this experience stretch you, inspire you, and challenge you to lead boldly and authentically. Within these pages, you will find everything that you need to prepare and amplify your excitement and experience at Teen Conference.

I extend sincere appreciation to the Regional Teen Executive Board, Regional Teen Advisors, our host chapter, Humble-Kingwood, and the supporting chapters whose collaboration has brought this vision to life. Your dedication ensures that our teens are not only engaged—but empowered.

As we gather in fellowship and leadership development, I encourage each of you to lean fully into the experience. Listen deeply. Participate courageously. Honor the legacy that shapes you and the leadership that is within you.

The Soul of the South lives in you.
Our heritage anchors you.
Your leadership will elevate tomorrow.

Together, let us continue to rise—grounded in legacy, ignited by purpose, and committed to excellence in action.

With pride and purpose,

Jackie Ward

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A Message from Regional Teen President Joshua Hayden

To the Incredible South Central Region Family,

My name is Joshua J. Hayden, and I am honored to serve as your South Central Regional Teen President. It is truly a privilege to welcome you to Teen Conference 2026 as we gather for another powerful and memorable experience. I proudly hail from the two-time Five Star Notable, Sophisticated & Dedicated North Suburban Dallas Chapter.

Our theme, "Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership," reminds us that we stand on a strong foundation built by those who came before us. Now, it is our time to lead boldly, serve intentionally, and rise together—living out our regional theme: "Together We Lead, Together We Serve, Together We Rise."

We are excited to be in the vibrant city of New Orleans, a place rich in culture and tradition that perfectly reflects the spirit of our conference. From engaging workshops to competitive events—and the return of Sports Day—this conference is designed to challenge us, connect us, and elevate us.

A sincere thank you to our host chapter, Humble-Kingwood, for your hard work and dedication in making this conference exceptional. And to our Mothers, Fathers, Teens, and Associates—your continued support is the foundation of our success.

Let us honor our legacy, embrace leadership, and make Teen Conference 2026 one to remember.

With pride and purpose,

Joshua J. Hayden

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Welcome to the 72nd Annual South Central Region Teen Leadership Conference! It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as Chapter President of the Four-Time Five-Star Humble Kingwood Chapter. We are beyond excited to welcome this year's teens to the vibrant and soulful city of New Orleans, Louisiana!

We are looking forward to a weekend where you'll handle the meaningful business of Jack and Jill while also making room for plenty of joy, laughter, and fun. Our hope is that you build lifelong friendships through heartfelt community service, strong (but still very friendly) competition, and well deserved celebrations of all you have achieved. This year's theme, "Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership," reminds our teens that their history is a gift, their culture is a compass, and their leadership is the legacy they are already shaping. In other words, your ancestors are watching, so give them a show worthy of applause!

Our chapter is fully committed to uplifting you, cheering you on, and making sure this conference is one that stays with you long after the weekend ends. We pray that the connections you make, the wisdom you gather, and the inspiration you feel continue to guide you, whether you are moving forward in your Jack and Jill journey or stepping boldly into your next chapter.

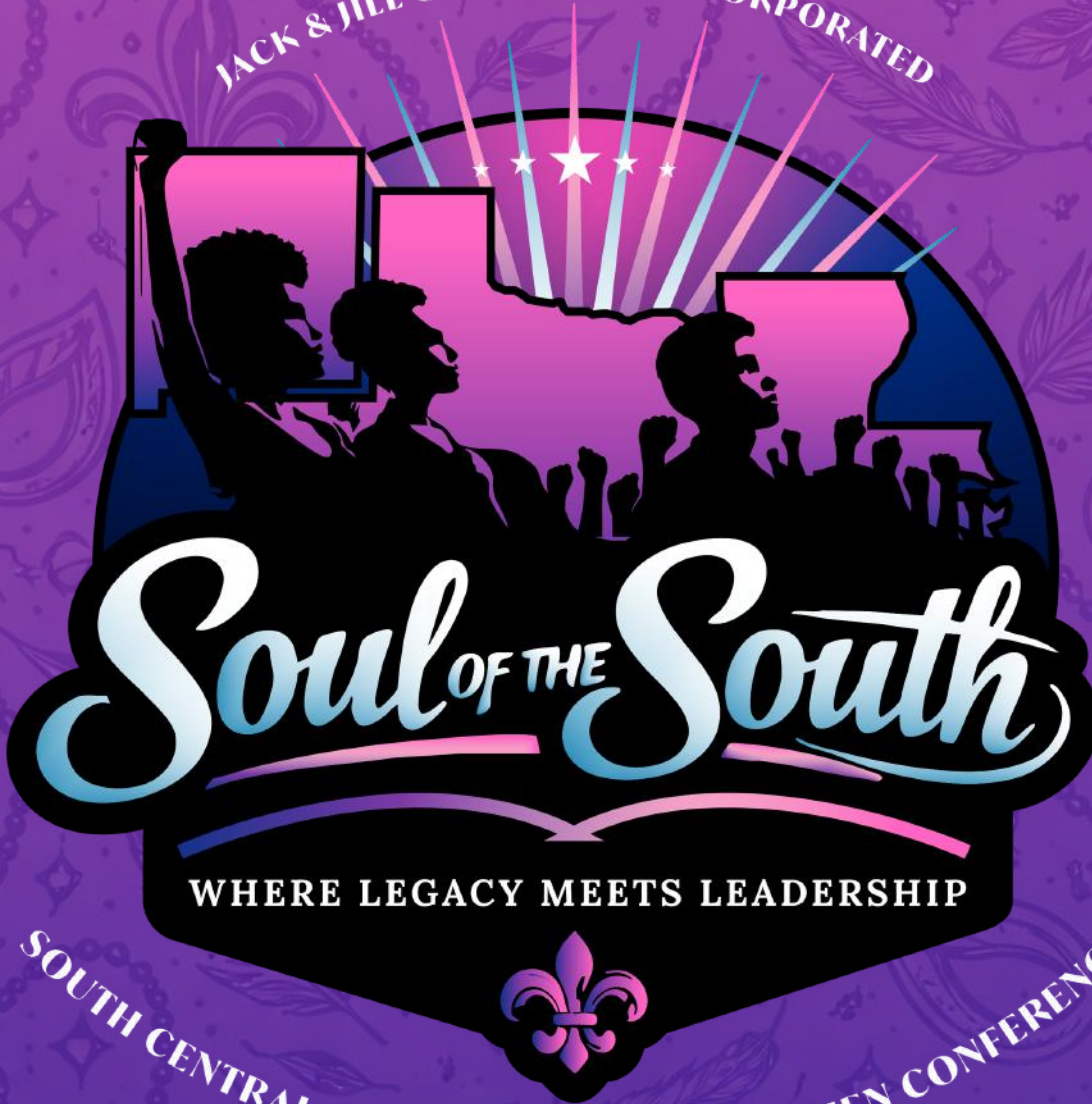
We sincerely thank each of you for showing up ready to lead, ready to learn, and ready to have fun. We know you are more than prepared to embrace every moment of this teen conference as you continue growing into the leaders our world truly needs. Now, Laissez les bons temps rouler! Or, as we like to say in Houston by way of Humble Kingwood, "Gone 'head and let them good times roll, ya feel me?" We cannot wait to see you in New Orleans!

Yours in love and service,

Brittany Francis

HOST CHAPTER PRESIDENT
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THE LEGACY WE CARRY

ABOUT TEEN CONFERENCE

The purpose of the Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated Teen Conference (Teen Conference) is to create a forum for teens to engage in leadership development activities, including educational, cultural, recreational, social, and philanthropic programs by and for teens of the South Central Region. A teen is eligible to attend the annual Teen Conference under the following conditions:

- The teen will be 13 years of age by **June 30th** of the year of the conference and the Regional Teen Per Capita was paid.
- The teen has not reached his/her 20th birthday by midnight, **June 30th**.
- A teen of a newly initiated mother is eligible if the Regional Teen Per Capita was paid with the New Member Joining Fee, and if space is available.

The conference is also a time to celebrate our graduating seniors, recognizing their achievements and marking their transition to new beginnings. Newcomers are warmly welcomed, ensuring that every teen feels included. The excitement, camaraderie, and personal growth that Teen Conference fosters make it a phenomenal experience. Attending a Teen Conference is not just an opportunity for fun and learning, but also a significant occasion in the journey of personal and leadership development for every teen involved.

TEEN CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Provide opportunities for teens to interact, network and share ideas;
2. Provide a common framework (conference theme) for each chapter to implement creative cultural, educational, and community outreach activities during the year;
3. Provide an opportunity for each chapter to work as a team and present the talent and skills of their teens through competitions;
4. Foster teamwork and interaction among chapters in the South Central Region;
5. Recognize both individual and group achievements;
6. Provide opportunities for hands-on community service;
7. Introduce participants to leadership and personal development skills; and
8. Elect the Regional Teen Officers.

TEEN CONFERENCE PROGRAMMING

- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Seating of the Delegates
- Plenary Sessions (roll call, officer reports, committee reports)
- Foundation Rally & Community Service Project
- Candidates Forum / Speeches or Luncheon / Election of Officers
- Senior Recognition Program (Rites of Passage or something similar)
- Awards Banquet to honor all youth and teen chapter groups
- Dances, Step Shows, etc.
- Skit, Oratorical, Scrapbooks, Banner, T-shirt Competitions
- Special Programming (regional choir, praise dancers, talent show, concerts etc.)
- Workshops that teach leadership skills, and character building,
- Installation Ceremony
- Brainstorming for next year's Teen Conference theme

EMBRACING OUR THEME: SOUL OF THE SOUTH - WHERE LEGACY MEETS LEADERSHIP

To walk in the **Soul of the South** is to carry the power of our history, the strength of our heritage, and the limitless potential of our future. It is a call to embrace who we are, honor where we come from, and step boldly into the leaders we are destined to become.

To walk in **Legacy** means recognizing the greatness within us. It is a reflection of our strength, resilience, and leadership, qualities passed down from generations of trailblazers, educators, activists, and community builders who paved the way. Living our legacy is about owning our worth, standing tall with confidence, and knowing that we are part of a lineage of leaders shaping every space we enter. Being rooted in Black excellence is a key part of this legacy, reminding us that our achievements are built on the courage, sacrifice, and brilliance of those who came before us, and that we carry that standard forward in all that we do.

To walk in **Leadership** means showing up with purpose, integrity, and vision. Leadership is about how we move through our communities, lift others up, and make a meaningful impact. It is not just what we do, it is how we do it. True leadership honors our history, reflects Black excellence in action, inspires others, empowers our peers, and creates opportunities for the next generation.

Together, we are **legacy and leadership in action**. Soul of the South 2026 is our time to honor our past, uplift each other in the present, and shape a future full of promise, power, and purpose.

ROOTS OF GREATNESS: HONORING OUR HISTORY

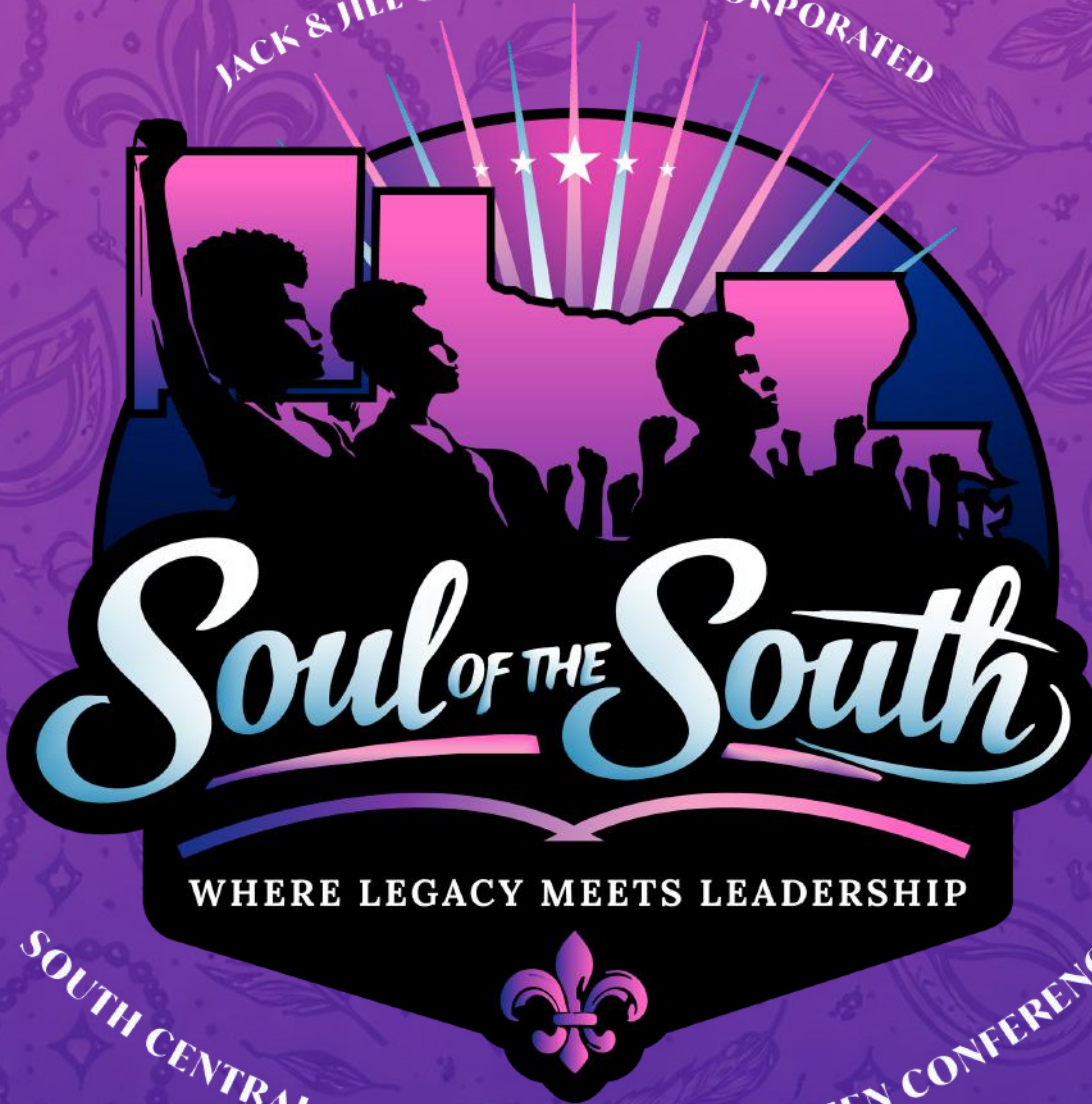
TEEN CONFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

Date	Host/Location	Regional Director
Jun 1955	Austin, TX	Leonia Dorsey (Pro Tem)
Jun 1956	Houston, TX	Hattie Mae White
Jun 1957	San Antonio, TX	Ada Anderson
Jun 1958	Fort Worth, TX	Ada Anderson
Jun 1960	New Orleans, LA	Ada Anderson
Jun 1961	Waco, TX	Ada Anderson
Jun 1962	Austin, TX	Hazel Partee
Jun 1963	Houston, TX	Hazel Partee
Jun 1964	San Antonio, TX	Hazel Partee
Jun 1965	Prairie View, TX	Hazel Partee
Jun 1966	Fort Worth, TX	Inez Bowman
Jun 1967	Dallas, TX	Inez Bowman
Jun 1968	Galveston, TX	Gladys J. Hill
Jun 1969	New Orleans, LA	Gladys J. Hill
Jun 1970	Baton Rouge, LA	Rose Schultz
Jun 1971	Port Arthur, TX	Rose Schultz
Jun 1972	Waco, TX	Harlean L. Beal
Jun 1973	Houston, TX	Harlean L. Beal
Jun 1974	Tyler, TX	Harlean L. Beal
Jun 1975	Alexandria, LA	Harlean L. Beal
Jun 1976	San Antonio, TX	Erma W. Hines
Jun 1977	Austin, TX	Erma W. Hines
Jun 1978	Fort Worth, TX	Erma W. Hines
Jun 1979	New Orleans, LA	Lydia S. Adams

Jun 1980	Fort Worth, TX	Lydia S. Adams
Jun 1981	Port Arthur, TX	Lydia S. Adams
Jun 1982	Prairie View, TX	Lydia S. Adams
Jun 1983	Prairie View, TX	Lydia S. Adams
Jun 1984	Houston, TX	Bennie H. Toles
Jun 1985	Tyler, TX	Bennie H. Toles
Jun 1986	Waco, TX	Bennie H. Toles
Jun 1987	Baton Rouge, LA	Gladys Waddy
Jun 1988	Missouri City/Ft. Bend, TX	Mary Lou Adams
Jun 1989	Austin, TX	Mary Lou Adams
Jun 1990	Lake Charles, LA	June Wright Jeffery
Jun 1991	North Suburban Dallas, TX	June Wright Jeffery
Jun 1992	Alexandria, LA	Barbara Cager
Jun 1993	North Suburban Houston, TX	Barbara Cager
Jun 1994	Fort Worth, TX	Barbara Cager
Jun 1995	Shreveport / Bossier, LA	Barbara Cager
Jun 1996	Dallas, TX	Patricia Ingram
Jun 1997	Baton Rouge, LA	Patricia Ingram
Jun 1998	San Antonio, TX	Patricia Ingram
Jun 1999	Houston, TX	Patricia Ingram
Jun 2000	Clear Lake / Bay Area, TX	Susan M. Johnson
Jun 2001	Humble-Kingwood / The Woodlands, TX	Susan M. Johnson
Jun 2002	Fort Worth, TX	Susan M. Johnson
Jun 2003	South Belt Houston, TX	Susan M. Johnson
Jun 2004	Dallas, TX	Izella M. Dornell
Jun 2005	Missouri City / Fort Bend, TX	Izella M. Dornell
Jun 2006	Austin, TX	Brenda Kennedy
Jun 2007	San Antonio, TX	Brenda Kennedy

Jun 2008	Baton Rouge, LA	Lesa Rice-Jackson
Jun 2009	Dallas, TX	Lesa Rice-Jackson
Jun 2010	North Houston Suburban, TX	Lesa Rice-Jackson
Jun 2011	Houston, TX	Lesa Rice-Jackson
Jun 2012	North Suburban Dallas, TX	Millie Mitchell
Jun 2013	Katy-Prairie View, TX	Millie Mitchell
Jun 2014	Southwest Suburban Dallas / Northeast Dallas, TX	Millie Mitchell
Jun 2015	New Orleans, LA	Consuella Guillory-Adams
Jun 2016	Beaumont, TX	Consuella Guillory-Adams
Jun 2017	Houston, TX	Consuella Guillory-Adams
Jun 2018	Dallas, TX	Consuella Guillory-Adams
Jun 2019	Greater Frisco, TX	L'Sheryl Hudson
Jun 2020	Hammond-North Shore / Baton Rouge (Virtual)	Danielle Wesley
Jun 2021	(Virtual)	Danielle Wesley
Jun 2022	San Antonio, TX	Danielle Wesley
Jun 2023	Arlington, TX	Danielle Wesley
Jun 2024	Clear Lake / Bay Area, TX	LaShanda Reed-Larry
Jun 2025	Northeast Dallas, TX	LaShanda Reed-Larry
Jun 2026	Humble-Kingwood, TX	Jackie Ward

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

DELEGATE & ALTERNATE REGISTRATION

Newly elected, unregistered officers will receive specific registration instructions via Chapter Presidents and Lead Teen Sponsors. Payment must be received prior to the official start of Teen Conference in order for the Chapter Delegate and Alternate (if applicable) to be seated at the Conference.

REGISTRATION PAYMENT DETAILS

- Payment is due at registration. Contact Regional Treasurer Jennifer Jackson at sqrtjenniferjackson@gmail.com for inquiries related to payments.
- Only credit cards and chapter electronic payments (for designated categories) are accepted.
- Refund Requests must be submitted to support@viprllc.com. A \$150 cancellation fee applies.
- No refunds are permitted for a la carte tickets under any circumstances.
- Chargebacks will result in a \$150 penalty and impact membership and chapter standing.

CRITICAL DATES	
REGISTRATION OPENS	MARCH 3, 2026
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CLOSES	MARCH 15, 2026
CHAPTER INVOICE	MARCH 22, 2026
CHAPTER COMPETITIONS SUMMARY FORM	MARCH 31, 2026
CHAPTER ELECTRONIC PAYMENT	APRIL 1, 2026
CHAPTER ROOMING LIST	APRIL 1, 2026
SENIOR RECOGNITION SUBMISSION	MAY 1, 2026
PARADE OF CHAPTER SUBMISSION	MAY 1, 2026
COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS	MAY 1, 2026
REGISTRATION SUBSTITUTIONS AND CANCELLATIONS	MAY 1, 2026
NEWLY INITIATED MEMBERS INTENT TO REGISTER	MAY 1, 2026

LATE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.



THE SOUL JOURNEY: CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 72nd Annual South Central Region Teen Conference program is packed with engaging sessions, inspirational speakers, dynamic competitions, and memorable social experiences designed to empower and uplift our teens. From the high-energy Host Night Celebration and The Soul Game: Friday Fun Day to the enriching Leadership Workshops and Community Service Block Party, this conference is a celebration of leadership, excellence, and the legacy of our community.

The condensed schedule below provides a quick snapshot of key events, but for the full, detailed, and most up-to-date conference schedule, including session descriptions and real-time updates, visit our conference website and mobile app at SCR Teen Conference 2026 Website. Stay connected and prepared for an unforgettable experience rooted in the Soul of the South.

IMPORTANT NOTES

All attendees must register and wear conference badges.

All registered attendees must stay in the conference hotel and reserve rooms using the regional block.

Teens are not permitted to drive or use personal vehicles during the conference.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Welcome Social	The Soul Games: Friday Fun Day
Foundation Rally Breakfast	Community Service Block Party
Legislative Luncheon	Host Chapter Event
Parade of Chapters	Senior Gala & Awards Presentation
Variety Night & Party	Foundation Silent Auction

SENIOR GALA & AWARDS PRESENTATION TICKETS

- Graduating Seniors must register in order to participate in the Senior Gala.
- A limited number of tickets will be available for non-registered guests at \$175 per ticket.
- No onsite ticket sales. Tickets must be pre-purchased via the registration portal.
- No refunds for Senior Gala tickets.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (AT-A-GLANCE)

Important Note: Please visit the conference website for the most up-to-date schedule.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

ACTIVITY

Conference Registration
Welcome Social
Delegate & Alternate Workshop
Nominating Committee Meeting
Candidate Workshop

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

ACTIVITY

Foundation Rally Breakfast
Community Service Block Party
Opening Ceremony
Plenary I
Committee Meetings
Parent Workshops
Careful Study of Children Task Force Listening Sessions
Competitions
Host Party

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

ACTIVITY

The Soul Games: Friday Fun Day
Candidate Forum
Meet the Candidates
Chapter Caucus
Plenary II
Variety Night & Party

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

ACTIVITY

Legislative Luncheon
Senior Rehearsal
Workshops
Foundation Silent Auction
Senior Reception & Gala
Conference Party

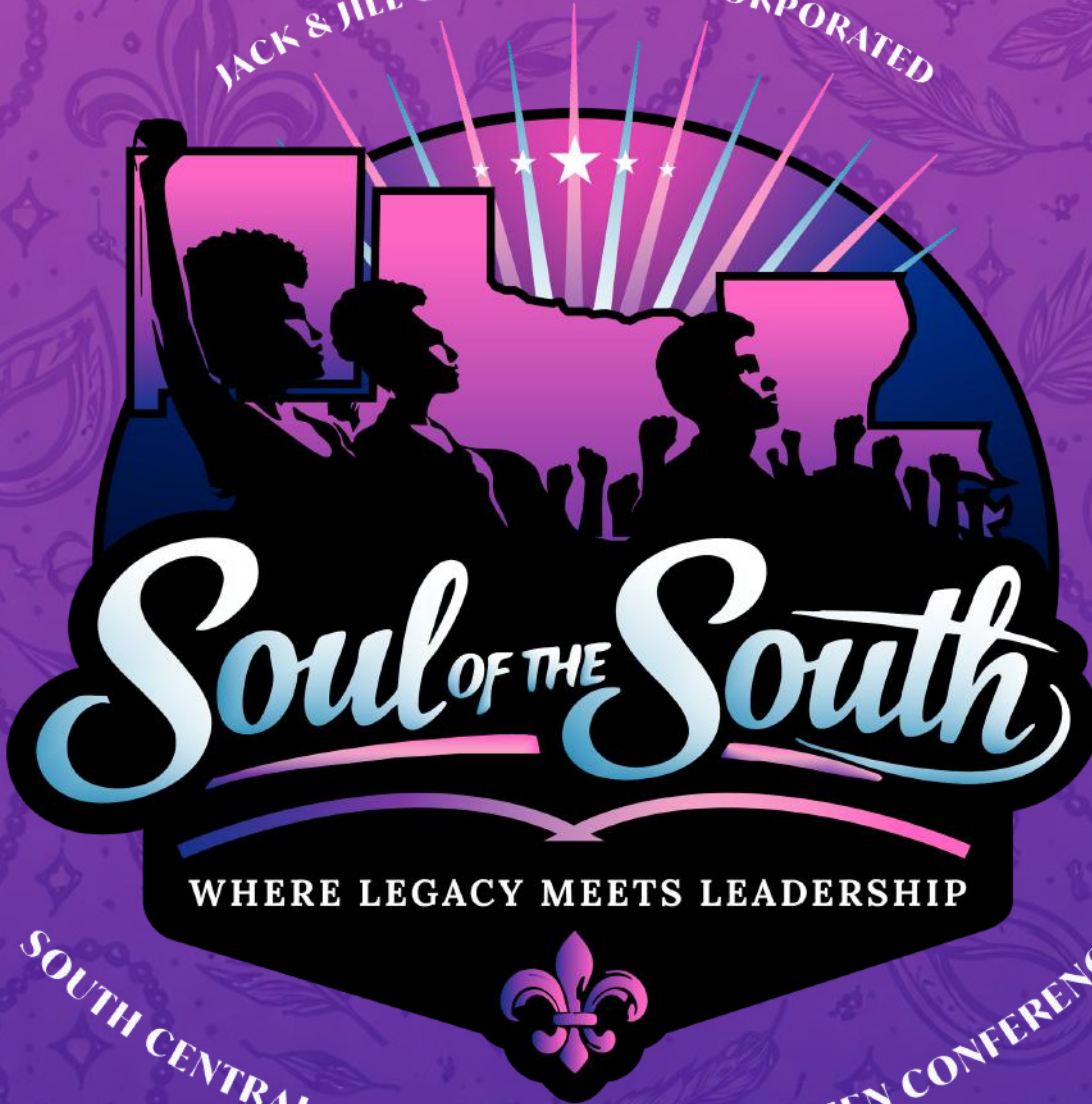
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

ACTIVITY

Gospel Breakfast
Plenary III
Closing Ceremony



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ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

All registrants are expected to be present for the Opening Ceremony and first plenary. If a teen will be arriving late (after the first plenary) or departing early (before the last plenary), permission needs to be granted from the Regional Director. The request must be completed and approved by the Regional Director. The Regional Director is the **ONLY** authorized leader who can grant such permission – and it must be in writing.

ARRIVALS:

- Arrive at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans for room assignments.
- Check-in at the Jack and Jill Registration Desk for conference-related items.
- Inspect rooms to note conditions before teens are placed in the rooms.
- Ensure that an adult room is adjacent to and/or near the teen rooms and ensure that there are no co-ed adjoining rooms.

DEPARTURES:

At the end of the conference, the Lead Teen Sponsor is responsible for the following:

- Collect all exhibits and competition materials.
- Assess the condition of each room prior to leaving the hotel. Ensures that there is no damage to the facility and in the event of damage, the LTS will notify the Regional Team. The chapter will be financially responsible for any fees associated with cleaning and/or repair of the facility.
- Check rooms for personal items.
- Check out at the designated location.





SERVING WITH PURPOSE: COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

Committees are a vital part of the teen experience and the overall success of Teen Conference. Each teen registrant is expected to serve on a committee as a path to regional leadership. Serving on a committee is a valuable opportunity to develop leadership skills, contribute to the success of the conference, and make meaningful connections.

Teens will have the opportunity to select their choices for the committees they would like to serve on during the registration process. The Region and/or Teen Conference Planning Committee will make the final determination based on the choices submitted. The Region will do its best to place everyone who expresses an interest on a committee. If that is not possible, teens who are closer to graduating will be given preference, as other teens will have the opportunity to explore serving in the future.

Important Note: Due to the need to balance committee numbers, the Region reserves the right to reassign teens prior to the conference. Committee assignments will be communicated prior to arrival at Teen Conference. Committee meeting locations will be highlighted on the conference app.

Participation is expected, especially for those interested in teen regional leadership positions. Engaging at the committee level is an entry point to learning more about regional operations.

Committee meetings will take place during the conference and will be conducted by the appointed Committee Leadership Team. The Committee Leadership Team includes: Chair, Co-Chair, Scribe and Timekeeper. All members of the Leadership Team will work within the direction of the Regional Committee Advisor. All members of the Leadership Team are responsible for completion of the committee report. A copy of the committee report shall be uploaded to the conference app prior to plenary sessions.

The Teen Committee Chair, under the direction of the Regional Committee Advisor, will complete standard committee reports, which should be submitted to the Regional Teen Secretary when presented during the assigned Plenary Sessions and uploaded to a platform specified by the Region. A copy of all committee reports will be collected by the Regional Committee Advisor and forwarded to Regional Secretary for the conference minutes.



COMMITTEES AND DUTIES AS OUTLINED IN CONSTITUTION OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

Teens will be assigned to a committee. The general duties for all the Teen Conference Committees are listed below. This information is provided to help your teens have some understanding of what will be expected of them in the committee meetings. Some committee meetings may be held prior to the conference, as well as, during the conference. The Teen Chair of each committee will present their committee's report to the body at a plenary session designated on the conference agenda. Each committee has an adult advisor to assist the Committee Leadership Team (Chair, Co-Chair, Scribe, and Timekeeper.)

Committee assignment will be communicated prior to Teen Conference. Committee members will be requested to attend pre-conference planning meetings, and at least one onsite committee meeting during the conference.

Budget Committee Duties: Propose a realistic budget for teen regional expenditures. Record and report the chapters' teen contributions to Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Incorporated. The Regional Teen Treasurer will serve as chairperson of this committee with the Regional Treasurer serving as Advisor. All registered Chapter Teen Treasurers will serve on this committee.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Treasurer
Committee Advisor: Regional Treasurer

Evaluations Committee Duties: Develop conference evaluation criteria that will establish the standards by which to measure how well the conference meets the needs of the registrants. Circulate, collect, and summarize the evaluation form virtually for all conference attendees. Submit and report the results to the general body.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Chaplain / Timekeeper
Committee Advisor: Regional Secretary

Foundation Committee Duties: This committee will educate, motivate, and inspire teens to participate in the efforts and work of Jack and Jill of America Foundation, including fundraising and community service at the chapter and regional levels. The Regional Teen Foundation Chair will serve as chairperson of this committee with the Regional Foundation Member-at-large serving as Advisor. All registered Chapter Teen Foundation Chairs will serve on this committee.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Foundation Chair
Committee Advisor: Regional Foundation Member-at-Large

Junior Ambassadors Task Force: The Careful Study of Children Task Force Junior Ambassadors are an extension of mother leaders who are designing and delivering approaches that ensure our Children and Teens know that Jack and Jill of America, Inc South Central Region hears them and sees them. This group of Junior Ambassadors, certified by the Texas Children's Hospital, will conduct quantitative and qualitative investigations as peer researchers, supported by mother members and fathers dedicated to this important work. Newly interested Teens will have the opportunity to become certified.

Junior Ambassador Criteria

1. Register to participate at the 2026 JJ SCR Teen Leadership Conference
2. Be Available to attend all virtual certification sessions
3. Have the respect of their peers and strong support from their parents
4. Be interested in collecting the thoughts, opinions, and concerns of their peers
5. Understand the importance of confidentiality
6. Be able to work well with and receive direction from the adult leaders
7. Be flexible (some events at Teen Conference could change the schedule)
8. Have the ability to write and/or type answers from peers, speak clearly for questions to be asked or have access to text to speech tools that can be used live, & record sessions using a sanctioned device

Chaired by: Careful Study of Children Task Force

Committee Advisor: Regional Director

Judicial Board Committee Duties: Establishes a process for handling infractions during the conference. Develops appropriate penalties for categories of infractions, including but are not limited to curfew violations, sleeping during plenary sessions, text messaging during plenary sessions, cursing, fighting, inappropriate behavior, etc. The Judicial Board is composed of the Teen Executive Board and two representatives from each chapter who may render fair decisions based on evidence presented. The Regional Director serves as the liaison to this committee.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Vice President

Committee Advisor: Regional Director

Legislative Committee Duties: Proposes activities that will provide a greater understanding of the legislative powers (National, State, Local) that affect the lives of children. Teens will also be trained on the legislative process, public speaking, advocacy, and how to convene meetings with decision makers. The Regional Teen Legislative Chair will serve as chairperson of this committee with the Regional Legislative Chair serving as Advisor leveraging the 5A Legislative Framework:

ALIGN – Educate & Partner
ACTIVATE – Plan of Action
ADVOCATE – Protest & Advocate
ACT – Vote
ACKNOWLEDGE – Recognize and Build on Achievements.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Legislative Chair
Committee Advisor: Regional Legislative Chair

Nominating Committee Duties: Receive credentials from candidates for Regional Teen Office and prepare a slate for the election of officers. The Mothers' Regional Nominating Committee Chair will advise the Teen Nominating Committee. The Mothers' Regional Parliamentarian and the Teen Regional Parliamentarian will work with the Teen Nominating Committee to oversee, facilitate and conduct the election process by secret ballot.

Note: Only elected members of the Nominating Committee should select this committee.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Nominating Committee
Committee Advisor: Regional Nominating Committee

Pages Committee Duties: Works with the Sergeant-at-Arms to maintain order at all the sessions and report fines levied for infractions during plenary sessions. The Sergeant-at-Arms will chair this committee and consult the Regional Protocol Chair as needed.

Chaired by: Registered Teen Appointee
Committee Advisor: Regional Sergeant at Arms

Programs/Projects Committee Duties: Outlined by the Regional Director and Regional Teen Officers to address selective regional projects. Suggest issues, goals and targets to be emphasized in program activities for the teens. The Regional Teen Programming Chair will chair this committee and the Regional Program Director will serve as Advisor.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Programming Chair
Committee Advisor: Regional Programming Chair



Recommendations/Resolutions Committee Duties: To present statements of concern, focus and position in the form of resolutions and recommendations for consideration and action by the region, local chapters, and/or other committees. As well as, give suggestions for next year's conference based on constructive analysis that may include additions or deletions.

Chaired by: Registered Teen Appointee

Committee Advisor: Regional Appointee

Reporting Staff Committee Duties: The Teen Conference Reporting Staff will be responsible for capturing and sharing the excitement, key moments, and impactful experiences of the conference. This team will provide real-time coverage during the conference and post-event reflections to highlight the legacy, leadership, and excellence of our teens. By serving as the voice of the conference, the Reporting Staff will ensure the experiences, achievements, and leadership of South Central teens are documented, celebrated, and remembered. This committee will work with the Strategic Communications Committee.

Social Media Street Team

- Report on key conference events, workshops, and special moments.
- Conduct brief interviews with teens, speakers, and leaders.
- Capture quotes, highlights, and reactions from attendees.

1. Photography & Videography Support

- Assist in creating engaging visual content to be shared on digital platforms.

2. Daily Recap Reports

- Draft and submit daily summaries of major conference activities.
- Highlight impactful discussions, competition results, and teen-led initiatives.
- Ensure reports are well-written, engaging, and informative.

3. Post-Conference Reflection & Reporting

- Contribute to an official conference recap article for regional newsletters and social media.
- Collect and share testimonials from teens about their biggest takeaways.
- Assist in compiling a photo and video highlight reel that captures the spirit of the event.

4. Collaboration & Professional Development

- Attend pre-conference training on effective reporting, interviewing, and social media etiquette.
- Work alongside the Regional Technology and Strategic Communications for mentorship. communicated.
- Gain hands-on experience in journalism, media, and public relations.

Selection & Expectations:

- Open to teens who are passionate about storytelling, journalism, and social media.
- Must be engaged and responsible in their reporting.
- Work closely with adult advisors and conference organizers to ensure accurate and positive coverage.
- Commit to both live reporting during the conference and post-event contributions.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Historian / Editor

Committee Advisor: Regional Strategic Communications Chair

Rules And Regulations Committee Duties: Formulate the rules and regulations concerning the conduct of all business meetings, social events, and general behavior in accordance with the organization governing documents, to be acted upon by the Regional Leadership for strict enforcement. The committee ensures that conduct standards that are set forth in writing in order to give registrants general notice of prohibited conduct are effectively

Chaired by: Regional Teen Parliamentarian

Committee Advisor: Regional Bylaws Chair

Tellers Committee Duties: Serve to ensure accurate vote counting of candidates running for regional offices of the conference. This committee conducts the business of the conference in accordance with the adopted rules, the bylaws of the conference and adopted parliamentary authority.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Appointee

Committee Advisor: Regional Appointee

Technology Committee Duties: Committee acts as a recommending body for the practices and usage of technology for teen conferences and throughout the program year. In addition, the committee promotes increased awareness and utilization of technology.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Historian / Editor

Committee Advisor: Regional Technology Chair

Teen Conference Theme Committee Duties: The committee suggests subjects of interest to be incorporated in a theme for the next Regional Teen Conference. Serves to develop a list of potential lists of conference theme ideas that represents the teen's voice and input.

Chaired by: Regional Teen Appointee
Committee Advisor: Regional Appointee

Teen Leadership Council: This council was established to support the Regional Teen Officers in advancing a unified and empowered teen community. The council aims to strengthen communications across chapters, cultivate meaningful relationships with local teen organizations to expand collective impact, and amplify regional teen initiatives.

NOTE: Only Teen Leadership Council members should select this committee

Chaired by: Regional Teen Appointee
Committee Advisor: Regional Teen Advisor / Regional Teen Leadership Council Chair

Transition Teens Committee Duties: This committee was established to address the unique perspectives and insights from the teens in grades 7th – 8th. This committee will discuss the topics and activities that teens in this age group would like to explore or experience at teen conferences.

Chaired by: Regional Teen President
Committee Advisor: Regional Appointee





STEWARDS OF THE LEGACY

REGIONAL TEEN ADVISORS

WHAT IS A REGIONAL TEEN ADVISOR (RTA)?

The Regional Teen Advisor (RTA) is a mother member appointed by the Regional Director to serve the Regional Leadership Team as an advisor to the Regional Teen Officers (RTOs) and Lead Teen Sponsors. One of the primary responsibilities of the RTA is to advocate for a nurturing environment where the RTOs and the teens of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. as a whole, can flourish in their leadership roles. This involves working closely with the Regional Director to address the unique needs of adolescence, ensuring teens have the support and resources necessary to thrive.

RTA TEEN CONFERENCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Teen Conference is an annual event in each region, providing a forum for Jack and Jill teens to engage in leadership development activities. The RTA's role in planning and executing the Teen Conference may include:

- Ensuring that ideas and suggestions from RTOs are communicated, heard, and possibly implemented.
- Helping to plan the conference agenda, including community service activities, foundation rally themes, off-site activities, and workshop topics.
- Organizing pre-conference meetings and training sessions for RTOs and Chapter LTSS. Scheduling and hosting webinars prior to Teen Conference with Chapter LTSS, Teen Advisory Committees, and Mothers to review and provide necessary information needed to properly prepare and address teen Jacks and Jill's needs.
- Planning and conducting pre-conference meetings with Regional Teen Officers to practice and review information integral to the success of events taking place at the conference.
- Preparing RTOs for their roles at the conference, including presiding over events and making presentations.
- Ensuring the RTOs are registered and ready for the conference.
- Overseeing the organization of conference materials and the smooth execution of conference events.
- Helping facilitate all travel arrangements for RTOs and, where possible, doing their best to accompany them or arranging for another adult to deliver them to the RTA's custody.
- Confirming that all of the RTOs dietary concerns and any allergies are addressed in terms of meals, secure snacks, and handle other essentials to ensure the comfort and well-being of the RTOs during the duration conference.
- Hold meetings with Lead Teen Sponsors during TC and support Judicial Board organization.
- Making certain announcements are in written form for clarity. Working in concert with the Regional Director to host chaperone meeting(s) at the venue. Take notes on teen officers' performance at the conference and provide positive feedback and gentle criticism to assist RTOs in representing themselves seamlessly.

REGIONAL TEEN EXECUTIVE BOARD

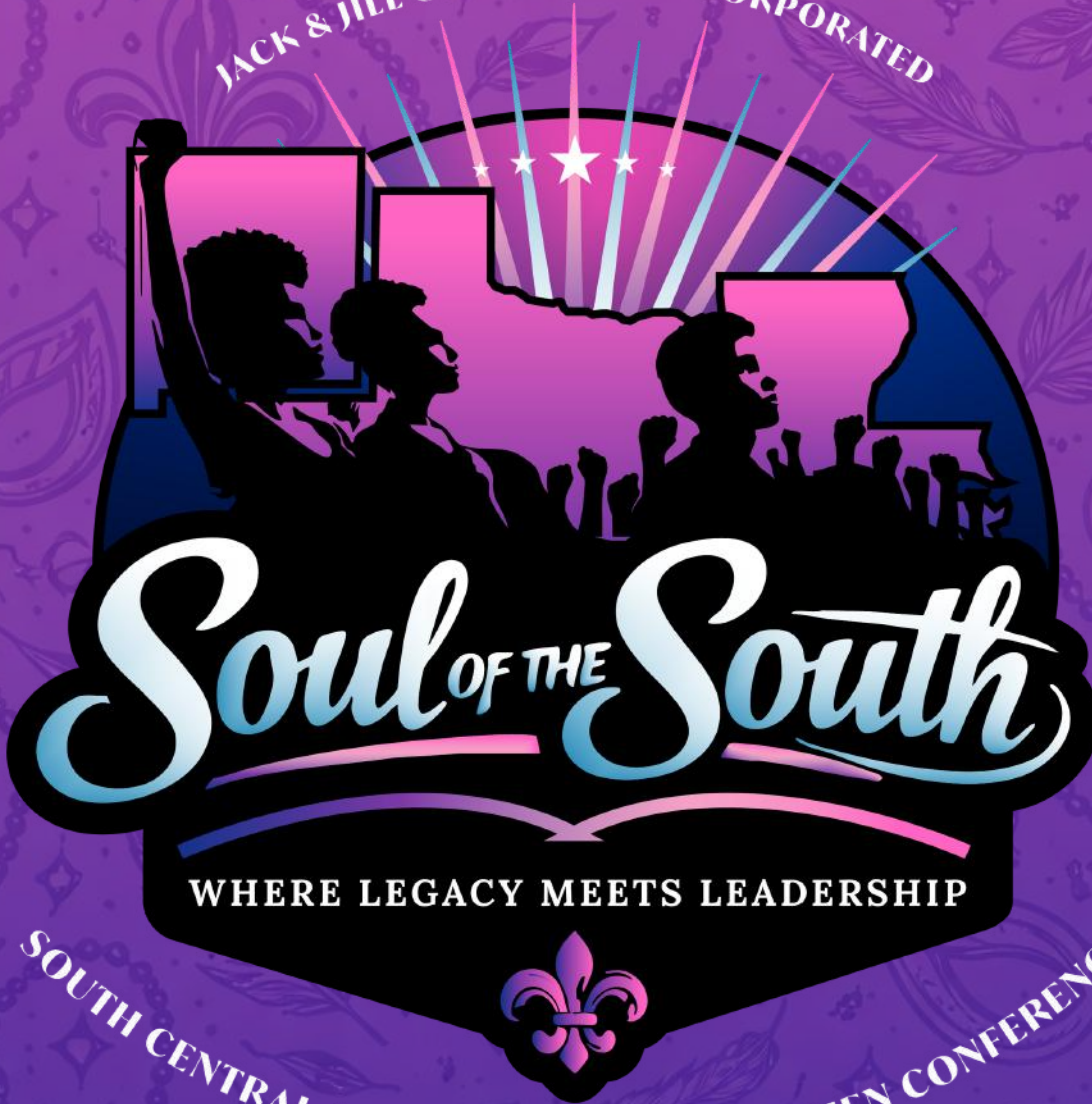
REGIONAL TEEN OFFICERS (RTOs)

The Regional Teen Officers stand as a prestigious and integral part of our organization. These young leaders are vital to the fabric of Jack and Jill, embodying our mission to nurture future African-American leaders through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic duty. Being elected or appointed as an RTO is not only an honor but a testament to the high standards and exceptional qualities these teens possess. They are held to higher standards and serve as role models, exemplifying what it means to be a leader in our community.

Members of the RTO Board are elected during the Teen Conference and the remainder are appointed. They represent a beacon of leadership within each region. Their responsibilities and influence extend beyond their titles, as they are expected to uphold the values and principles of Jack and Jill in every aspect of their lives. These officers play a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, cultural pride, and stewardship among their peers. Their actions and decisions help shape the future of our organization, ensuring that our mission continues to thrive and impact the lives of many.



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GUARDIANS OF THE VILLAGE

ROLE OF LEAD TEEN SPONSORS (LTS)

The Lead Teen Sponsor (LTS) plays an essential role in the success of Teen Conference. Part leader, part mentor, and always a guiding force, the LTS ensures that teens and mothers within their chapter meet all responsibilities, deadlines, and expectations. Their dedication is crucial in making Teen Conference a smooth, safe, and enriching experience for all teens.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEAD TEEN SPONSOR

1. Communication & Documentation

- Clearly communicate registration deadlines and requirements to the chapter.
- Prepare and submit all necessary forms and documentation to the Region and Teen Conference Planning Committee.
- Provide Teen Conference registration details and updates to the chapter in a timely manner.

2. Chaperone & Teen Supervision

- Ensure adherence to the 1:5 chaperone-to-teen ratio and confirm that all chaperones have completed certification requirements.
- Assign specific chaperones to teens and collect necessary medical and permission forms.
- Submit a list of teens with their assigned chaperones to the Regional Director no later than May 1st.
- Ensure chaperones are actively involved, sitting with teens at all sessions and events.

3. Planning & Participation

- Attend scheduled LTS planning webinars or obtain Teen Chaperone Certification.
- Work closely with Teen Conference Co-Chairs, including Competition, Graduating Senior, and Variety Night Coordinators.
- Monitor the chapter's registration process, ensuring all payments and documentation are submitted by the deadline.
- Establish a Teen Conference Leadership Team consisting of the Lead Teen Sponsor and three (3) Co-Chairs:
 - **Lead Teen Sponsor** – responsible for leadership of teen delegation, point person for communication, assign responsibilities for all chaperones attending the conference, and manage all details for the chapter. The LTS will guide chaperones in remaining accountable to chaperone responsibilities, manage the rooming lists, and **MUST** be comfortable delegating to others. **Please note: It is strongly recommended that Senior Moms do not serve as Lead Teen Sponsor during Teen Conference.**
 - **Competitions Coordinator** – responsible for working with teens on selection of competitions, registering for competitions, and being prepared for competition. Ensures moms and teens understand rules, submission guidelines, and entry requirements.

- **Graduating Senior Coordinator** – responsible for gathering and submitting all senior documents.
- **Variety Night Coordinator** – responsible for skit schedule, coordinates rehearsals, works with skit director, assists with props, attire, etc. for teens.

4. Lodging & Logistics

- Oversee all aspects of lodging arrangements for the chapter.
- Assign chaperones and notify them of room assignments.
- Appoint room captains if applicable and explain their duties.
- Consider a collection among mothers to provide tips for hotel housekeeping staff.

5. Teen Conference Supervision

- Prepare for Plenary Sessions
- Ensure all members of the chapter delegation are seated together in the designated areas ten (10) minutes before each scheduled meeting.
- Ensure that Chaperones sit with the teen delegation.
- Assist with maintaining decorum plenary sessions and committee meetings.
- Enforce dress code.
- Be visible and readily available at all Teen Conference events.
- Ensure teens adhere to the Teen Code of Ethics, Conference Code of Conduct, Sportsmanship Code, and Dress Code.
- Conduct room checks and enforce curfew, remaining visible in hallways after 1:00 AM, with fathers particularly encouraged to be present.
- Assign mothers and/or fathers for night duty in the hallways.
- Ensure that no teen is left unsupervised at any session, meal, or activity.

6. Safety & Conduct Expectations

- Maintain emergency contact information and be aware of any teen’s medical needs or conditions.
- Supervise all activities, including social events, workshops, and plenary sessions.
- Prohibit teens from staying in their rooms during scheduled activities.
- Monitor hotel policies for teens:
 - Room-to-room phone privileges only.
 - No room service or pay-per-view movies.
 - No video game installations on hotel TVs.

7. Professionalism & Accountability

- Lead Teen Sponsors and Chaperones must not consume alcohol or drugs while on duty.
- Teen Conference is not a vacation; LTSs and chaperones must be fully engaged throughout the event.

By fulfilling these responsibilities, the Lead Teen Sponsor ensures that Teen Conference is a safe, structured, and meaningful experience—one that upholds the traditions, values, and excellence of our organization.

ROLE OF TEEN CONFERENCE CHAPERONES

Teen Conference Chaperones serve as mentors, protectors, and role models, ensuring the safety and well-being of our teens. Their commitment and attentiveness shape a positive and memorable conference experience.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT CHAPERONE?

A chaperone must:

- Be a Mentor & Guide: Offer encouragement and direction.
- Provide Reassurance: Offer a stable presence for first-time attendees.
- Enforce Rules: Uphold conference guidelines and teen safety.
- Facilitate Activities: Ensure smooth participation in scheduled events.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Training & Certification: Attend mandatory chaperone training and complete certification before the conference.
- Supervision & Support: Maintain a 1:5 chaperone-to-teen ratio, ensure attendance, and be available for support.
- Protocol Compliance: Ensure teens follow all conference rules, including dress code, curfews, and conduct policies.
- On-Site Monitoring: Track teen participation, check attendance at activities, and report emergencies.
- Daily Check-Ins: Hold end-of-day meetings with assigned teens to review schedules and address concerns.
- Safety & Accountability: Enforce curfews, monitor hallways, and prevent unauthorized room service, movies, or gaming.
- Emergency Preparedness: Report any medical issues, infractions, or concerns to the Lead Teen Sponsor and Regional Director.

Chaperones are expected to be active, engaged, and fully present throughout the conference. Their dedication ensures a safe, structured, and enriching experience for every teen.





LEADING WITH RESPECT: PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTOCOL

Protocol in Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is essential for ensuring order, respect, and professionalism in all activities. It sets a standard for behavior and procedures that align with our organization's standards. By adhering to protocol, members demonstrate their commitment to these standards and contribute to a cohesive, respectful environment.

For Jack and Jill of America, Inc., protocol is not just about following rules; it's about fostering a sense of community, respect, and pride among members. Encouraging teens to take ownership of their protocol experience helps them develop leadership skills and a deeper connection to the values of Jack and Jill.

- Lead Teen Sponsor/Chaperones will be responsible for enforcing dress protocol.
- Teens will be required to change clothes if they do not adhere to dress protocol.

To ensure everyone is prepared, it is important to review the dress code with both teens and parents prior to departure. All teen attendees must honor the outlined attire protocol.

As Mothers, we understand that mistakes can happen, and are committed to handling any issues with kindness and understanding. However, it is important to note that:

- **Dress Code Compliance:** If a teen does not adhere to the outlined dress protocol, they will be expected to change into appropriate attire.
- **Respect and Consideration:** This measure is in place to ensure respect for the event and all its participants. All attendees and parents are expected to comply with protocol.

COURTESIES FOR REGIONAL TEEN OFFICERS

Providing courtesies to Regional Teen Officers is a tradition that expresses appreciation for their contributions. They are usually given by all Chapters at Teen Conference, and given by the host chapter at Area Workday Clusters. Here are some key points to consider:

- **Expression of Appreciation:** Gifts and courtesies are a way to thank members for their contributions.
- **Practical Considerations:** When selecting courtesies, consider the members' transportation plans, especially if they are traveling by plane. Gift cards are ideal.
- **Outgoing Officers:** Traditionally, outgoing officers are presented with a gift at the end of their term.
- **Budget:** Chapters should keep within its budget when selecting gifts. The emphasis is on sincere thanks rather than the value of the gift. LTSs should liaise with their Chapter's president and treasurer to ensure they have the means and a plan to procure courtesies.

DECORUM EXPECTATIONS

Why Business Decorum Matters:

Business decorum refers to the proper behavior, etiquette, and professionalism expected in professional or formal settings. It's all about respect, communication, and professionalism, which are essential for success in the workplace, school, and leadership roles.

Practicing good business decorum sets you apart as a leader, professional, and role model. Whether in school, at a job interview, or leading an organization, how you present yourself and treat others will shape your reputation and future opportunities.

Remember: Professionalism isn't just about what you wear—it's about how you carry yourself, communicate, and respect others.

Key Aspects of Business Decorum:

1. Professional Appearance & Dress Code

- Follow the Teen Conference Attire Guidelines for each setting (business casual or business formal).
- Keep clothing neat and well-fitted.
- Avoid overly casual, revealing, or distracting outfits.

2. Respectful Communication

- Address leaders and teens formally.
- Speak clearly and confidently—avoid slang in professional settings.

3. Punctuality & Time Management

- Always arrive on time for meetings and events.
- If running late, notify Chaperones as soon as possible.

4. Professional Conduct

- Be polite and respectful to everyone, regardless of their title or role.
- Avoid gossip, personal drama, or inappropriate jokes.
- Put phones away during professional meetings and conversations.

5. Networking & Relationship Building

- Introduce yourself with confidence and a firm handshake.
- Be courteous when meeting new people—first impressions matter.

6. Handling Conflict & Difficult Situations

- Stay calm and professional when disagreements arise.
- Address issues respectfully and privately when needed.
- If unsure how to handle a situation, seek guidance from a mentor or leader.

BEHAVIOR IN PLENARY SESSION AND WORKSHOPS

- Limit walking and talking during all meetings, especially Plenary Sessions.
- Be on time and adhere to conference decorum.
- Sleeping, phone infractions, gum chewing, eating, talking, or any other disruptive behavior will result in chapter fines to be collected as set by the Rules & Regulations Committee.
- Teen shall not play music in plenary sessions, during meals, in hallways or lobbies.
- AirPods, earbuds, etc. are not permitted during Teen Conference meetings.
- Use of electronic devices shall only be used with permission.

USE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- Alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal stimulants, depressants, or any other illegal drugs and/or controlled substances for which the teen does not have a prescription or has not provided the required medical and prescription information on the liability release document, are expressly prohibited.
- Any teen found using or in possession of drugs or an alcoholic beverage will be sent home immediately at the parent's/chapter's expense.
- The Judicial Board will make recommendations to the Regional Director for disciplinary action, but the Regional Director will make all final decisions.

TEEN DANCES

- Sexually suggestive dancing and hard-core explicit music is not permissible. Teens violating this policy will be asked to leave the dance with the chaperone.
- Chaperones are responsible for enforcing appropriate dancing and conduct.
- Chaperones should remove from the dance floor teens dancing inappropriately.

Any Regional/National officer may remove a teen dancing or behaving inappropriately from the teen dance and shall notify the lead teen sponsor or chapter president of said removal.

CURFEW

- Curfew means IN the room.
- Curfew is 12:00 AM for the conference unless otherwise indicated by the Regional Director.
- Curfew is extended to 12:30 AM for Saturday night ONLY unless otherwise indicated by the Regional Director.
- Pops on Patrol are expected to patrol the halls after curfew.
- Adult male presence is expected in an appropriate ratio to male teen attendees.

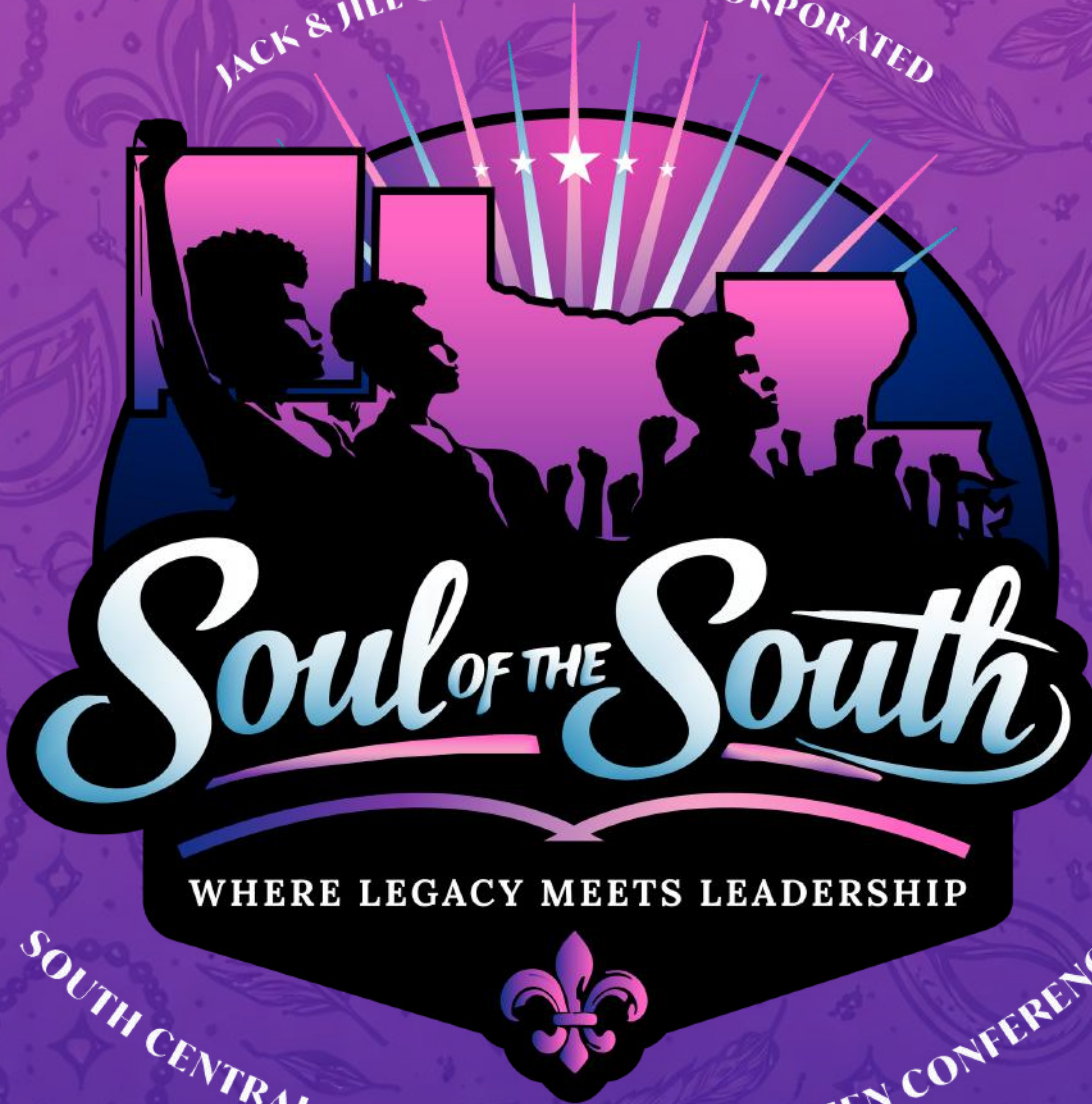
HOTEL AND VENUE GUIDELINES

- Jack and Jill members shall not attend conferences or “hang out” at the hotel if the member is not registered.
- All Teens, Chaperones and Lead Teen Sponsors are required to stay at the HOST HOTEL during the conference.
- Members must not reserve hotel rooms until after they register for the conference. Any rooms reserved prior to registration will be removed from the regional block and discounts.
- Conference participants are not allowed to leave the site of the conference or any off-site conference activities (i.e. host chapter event, sports day, community service, or activity) without the proper approval of the Regional Director.
- Persons, who are not members of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, cannot visit any teen room.
- Persons, who are not members of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, are not allowed to attend any of the conference activities except for the Senior Gala via the pre-purchase ticket only.
- Teens are prohibited from driving during the conference. Automobiles for teens will not be allowed at the hotel or used during the conference.
- All conference attendees must comply with venue rules and regulations.
- Walk calmly and use an inside voice in the hallways to ensure a peaceful atmosphere for everyone.
- Wave wraps, do-rags, skull caps, bonnets, caps, or bandanas are for use inside your room to maintain the event's dress code standards.

GENERAL CONDUCT

- Chapter(s) will be assessed for all costs incurred for damages to hotel property.
- Chapter(s) may be assessed \$25/teen per incident if a teen is found without a chaperone.
- All teens must always have their conference badge visible and must present the badge when asked by any SCR Mother/TC adult attendee.
- Water guns are not allowed in the hotel.
- Music is not permitted during plenary sessions, meals, in hallways, or lobbies or to be played loud in hotel rooms.
- Littering or throwing objects from the hotel or over the railing is prohibited.
- Loitering in the hotel lobby is prohibited.
- There will be no use of profanity, hitting, spitting, pinching, slapping, fighting, or any other physical activity that can or will cause damage or injury to an individual.
- Furniture shall not be moved from its designated area.

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THE WAY WE CARRY OURSELVES: RULES & GUIDELINES

DISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL & REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

Only the **Regional Director** has the authority to issue disciplinary actions for major infractions. Chaperones are expected to engage actively, enforce rules consistently, and serve as positive role models for all teens.

ADHERENCE & REPORTING

- Abide by the Code of Ethics and Conference Rules at all times.
- Provide guidance and support to all teens, regardless of chapter affiliation.
- Pay special attention to younger or first-time attendees.
- Contact the Regional Director anytime if concerns or issues arise.
- Immediately report any illegal activity (drugs, alcohol, violence, harassment, etc.) to the Regional Director and Pops on Patrol (POPs).

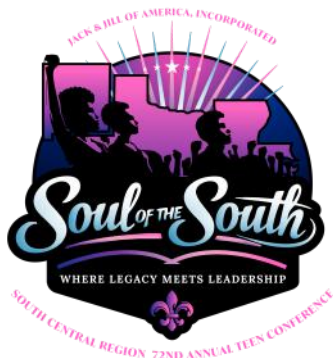
INCIDENT REPORTING & CONSEQUENCES

- **Immediate Reporting:** All offenses must be reported to the Regional Director immediately.
- **Post-Conference Investigations:** Infractions discovered after the conference will be investigated, and disciplinary actions will follow.
- **Accountability for Adults:** If an investigation reveals that a Lead Teen Sponsor, chaperone, or associated adult was aware of an offense but failed to report it, the chapter will face financial penalties as determined by the Regional Leadership Team.
- **Consequences for Offenders:** Post-conference infractions may lead to future conference restrictions, prohibitions, and financial penalties.

CHAPERONE-TO-TEEN RATIO COMPLIANCE

- A 1:5 chaperone-to-teen ratio must be maintained at all times.
- For every 15 teens, an additional chaperone is required.
- Chapters are encouraged to include registered fathers as chaperones whenever possible.

By following these guidelines, chaperones help ensure a safe, structured, and positive conference experience for all attendees.



TEEN RESPONSIBILITIES & CONDUCT

Teens attending the conference are expected to:

Act respectfully and with discipline.

Participate fully in sessions, competitions, and leadership roles.

Adhere to the Teen Code of Ethics, South Central Region Teen Conference Code of Conduct, Sportsmanship Code of Conduct, and Dress Code.

Each chapter must review the **Regional Teen Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics** with mothers and teens to ensure consistent expectations. Both forms require signatures from mothers and teens (and reviewed by the LTS) during registration to ensure accountability and alignment on behavioral expectations.

CHAPTER ACCOUNTABILITY & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Each chapter is responsible for ensuring **Teen Conference** success by:

Distributing conference information and forms on time.

Encouraging full participation of teens and adult members.

Meeting all deadlines.

Encouraging teens to run for regional office.

Submitting a chapter ad for the souvenir journal. (*Ads for teen officer candidates are prohibited.*)

TEEN JUDICIAL BOARD

The **Teen Judicial Board** is composed of one representative per chapter and ensures fair decision-making.

- Presided by: Regional Teen Vice-President
- Ex-Officio Chairperson: Regional Teen President
- Selection Process: Lead Teen Sponsors submit names of current Juniors and/or Graduating Seniors (who are not delegates or in leadership roles). The Regional Leadership selects members and announces them by **May 15**.
- Judicial Board Proceedings: Held after curfew each evening, observed by the Regional Teen Advisor and, if necessary, the Regional Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and Foundation Member-At-Large.

Reporting Process:

- **Minor infractions** → Report immediately to the Judicial Board.
- **Major infractions** → Report immediately to the Regional Director.
- **All actions are reviewed by the Judicial Board** and are subject to **disciplinary action** by the Regional Director.

INFRACTION CATEGORIES & CONSEQUENCES

Minor Infractions (including, but not limited to):

- Disrespectful, disruptive, insubordinate, or offensive behavior.
- Inappropriate dancing.
- Use of profane/offensive language (including social media, peers, and adults).
- Violations determined by the Rules & Regulations Committee (e.g., sleeping or using electronic devices during plenary sessions).

Minor infractions are to be reported to the Judicial Board immediately. Major infractions are to be reported to the Regional Director immediately. All actions will be reviewed by the Judicial Board and are subject to disciplinary action by the Regional Director.

Recommended Penalties:

- Letter of Apology** to the Region (signed by the teen, Lead Teen Sponsor, and Chapter President).
- Reprimand** by the Lead Teen Sponsor.
- Restitution** if applicable.

Note: After the second minor offense, the teen will appear before the Judicial Board and may be subjected to attendance penalties at the next conference or must be accompanied by his/her mother and/or father to the next conference.

MAJOR INFRACTION: Infractions must be reported immediately to the Regional Director and the Teen Judicial Board will meet to discuss. The Judicial Board Chairperson should outline specific penalties to the teen offender and his/her lead teen sponsor.

Major Infractions (including, but not limited to):

- Any involvement with/possession of drugs, alcohol, or weapons.
- Any sexual related activity during the conference.
- Any curfew violations.
- Any teen leaving the site of any organized activity.
- Any fighting, hitting, and/or blatant disrespect for other teens, lead teen sponsors, or any adults associated with the meeting.
- Any theft; hazing; bullying; violence; or destruction of property.

Recommended penalties:

- Letter of apology by the offender to the Region. This letter should be submitted to the Regional Director and signed by the teen, Lead Teen Sponsor and Chapter President.
- Reprimand by the Regional Director. (A letter will be sent to the chapter of the teen(s) involved.)
- Notification to the offender's parents.

Dismissal from the Conference at parents' expense.

Major infractions will be recorded in the conference minutes.

Monetary fines and sanctions may be levied to the teen's mother member, the chapter and any adults involved in the infraction.

The cost of sending a teen home becomes an automatic financial assessment to the mother. Unpaid assessments, fines and/or fees will result in automatic suspension and may result in termination if not paid by the deadline established.

Note: Unpaid chapter or member assessments, fines and or fees because of any infraction will result in disciplinary actions for the chapter and/or member up to and including the suspension and/or termination if not paid by the deadline established.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Ensuring the safety and well-being of all attendees is our top priority. The Regional Director must be notified immediately of safety or emergency incidents. All participants must adhere to the following safety and emergency procedures throughout the conference.

1. General Safety Guidelines

- **Stay Together:** All teens must remain in designated conference areas and attend all scheduled activities.
- **No Unregistered Visitors:** Only registered attendees may participate in conference events and access hotel rooms. Parents who are not registered must obtain permission from the Regional Director or her designee before visiting their teen's room.
- **Chaperone Supervision:** Teens must always follow the guidance of their assigned chaperones. The required 1:5 chaperone-to-teen must be maintained at all times.
- **Emergency Contact Information:** All attendees must provide emergency contact details and any medical information needed for their safety.

2. Hotel & Off-Site Visitation Rules

- Teens must remain inside the host hotel and within conference event spaces unless escorted by a designated Chaperone.
- Leaving the hotel or event site without permission is strictly prohibited.
- Room checks will be conducted to ensure compliance with curfew.

3. Medical Emergencies

- If a teen experiences a medical emergency, they should immediately inform their Chaperone and the Regional Director.
- On-site medical personnel or first responders will be contacted as needed.
- If hospitalization is required, a parent/guardian will be notified immediately.

4. Fire & Evacuation Procedures

- In the event of a fire alarm, do not use elevators. Exit the building calmly and quickly through the nearest marked emergency exit.
- Follow the instructions of hotel/security staff and chaperones.
- Assemble at the designated safe meeting location outside the building.
- A headcount will be conducted to ensure all attendees are accounted for.

5. Severe Weather Plan

- In case of severe weather follow instructions from hotel management and conference staff.
- If instructed, move to designated shelter areas inside the hotel.
- Stay away from windows and exterior doors.

6. Crisis & Security Concerns

- Any suspicious activity, threats, or security concerns must be reported immediately to the Regional Director.
- Acts of violence, bullying, harassment, or illegal activities (drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.) will result in immediate disciplinary action and may involve law enforcement.

7. Incident Reporting & Communication

- Any incident, emergency, or rule violation must be reported immediately to the Regional Director.
- Chaperones and conference officials will assess and respond to each situation appropriately.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted for all serious incidents.

8. Curfew & Room Safety

- Curfew is strictly enforced, and all teens must be in their assigned rooms at the designated time.
- No room switching or visiting other rooms without prior approval from chaperones.
- Doors must remain locked at all times.

By following these safety protocols, we ensure a safe, structured, and enjoyable conference experience for all attendees.



SOCIAL MEDIA ETIQUETTE

Your Digital Presence Matters

When engaging on social media, teens should always identify themselves using their real name and as representatives of the South Central Region of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. Transparency is key, as inappropriate posts can and will be tracked back to the owner.

Representing Jack and Jill with Excellence

By identifying as a Jack and Jill teen, you shape the perception of our organization. All posts should align with Jack and Jill's values, conference guidelines, and high standards of excellence.

Engage Positively & Respectfully

- Share content that is inspiring, educational, and aligned with our mission.
- Feel free to add your unique perspective, but always remain respectful, even when disagreeing with others.
- Social media participation is a privilege, not a right—use it wisely.

Avoid These Common Social Media Pitfalls:

Negative, offensive, or disrespectful comments

Inappropriate, questionable, or compromising photos of yourself or others

Profanity, offensive jokes, or divisive material

Highly emotional, personal rants or conflicts

Posting anything that makes you even slightly uncomfortable

If in doubt, leave it out! Once something is posted, it cannot be undone.

Ask Yourself Before Posting:

Would I be proud if my mom, dad, pastor, priest, college recruiter, grandmother, employer, mentor, or school principal saw this post?

If the answer is NO, then DO NOT POST.

IMPORTANT: Ceremonial assemblies and any ceremonial properties, must never be posted on social media.

Final Thought: Your digital footprint is permanent. Represent yourself and Jack and Jill with respect, integrity, and positivity. If you're unsure about a post—don't post it!



LEGACY IN ACTION: COMPETITIONS & RULES

COMPETITIONS CRITICAL DEADLINES

ACTION	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	SUBMIT TO
<p><u>Chapter Competition Submissions</u></p> <p>Lead Teen Sponsors must complete the Chapter Competitions Form by the deadline. Additionally, Lead Teen Sponsors must upload all required competitions, submission files and/or documentation as required via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System via the link on the registration site by the Electronic Submissions deadline(s). NOTE: <u>The deadline for Withdrawals & Substitutions is May 1, 2026 at 11:59pm CDT.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter Competitions Summary Deadline is March 31, 2026 by 11:59pm CDT</p> <p>Chapter Electronic Submissions Deadline is May 1, 2026 by 11:59pm CDT</p> <p>Withdrawals & Substitutions Deadline is May 1, 2026 by 11:59pm CDT</p> <p>Required Chapter Electronic Submission & Chapter Recognitions Deadline is May 1, 2026 by 11:59pm CDT</p> <p>Penalty for Non Submission: Individual and/or Group Competitions \$25 (Per participant, per competition) After May 1, 2026</p> <p>Required Chapter Competitions \$200 (per competition) After May 1, 2026</p>	<p>Competition Inquiries:</p> <p>Competitions Chair Keena Thicklin Lockett scr1952competitions@gmail.com</p> <p>or</p> <p>Regional Foundation Member-at-Large Renee Rhoten Morris scrformallemorris@gmail.com</p>



IMPORTANT DATES, DEADLINES, AND DETAILS

Registration Closes	March 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT
Chapter Competitions Summary Form Due	March 31, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT
FINAL Competition Electronic Submissions Due	May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT
Competition and Friday Fun Day Withdrawals & Substitutions Due	
Required Chapter Competitions Electronic Submission Due (Chapter Community Service PSA, Scrapbook, Sign, Skit/Step, and T-Shirt)	
Chapter Recognition (Outstanding Teen, MVP Teen Athlete, and Teen Champion of Change Legislative Award)	
Community Service 100 Club	May 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT
Finalist Notification (Select Competitions Only)	May 21, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT
Competition Submissions & Onsite Check-In	Jun 17, 2026
Participation Requirement	<p>All participants must be registered for the conference.</p> <p>To prioritize competitions that interest our Teens the most, any competition with fewer than three (3) participants will be canceled, except for the Chapter Skit/Step Competition. Any necessary adjustments to competition categories will be made after April 1, 2026, and shared with the Lead Teen Sponsors.</p> <p>The Lead Teen Sponsor will upload all submissions by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, unless otherwise stated. Individuals/Groups will be notified by May 21, 2026 for in-person judging.</p> <p>The Community Service 100 Club will be due by May 15, 2026 to align with the Youth Volunteer Service Recognition submission dates.</p>

IMPORTANT DATES, DEADLINES, AND DETAILS

<p>Video Submissions</p>	<p>We are excited about showcasing our talented teens. Preliminary judging is required for select competitions and is notated in the Competition Guide. All video submissions should be in their <u>final form prior to submission</u>. The same video will be used during the preliminary and final rounds of the competition.</p> <p>Please adhere to the submission guidelines, naming protocol and upload deadline.</p>
<p>Withdrawals</p>	<p>The Chapter Competitions Form is the <u>official document</u> utilized to register teens in the various competitive categories. Any withdrawals made after May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, will incur a \$25 fee, per participant, per competition. Non-submissions for <u>required</u> Chapter competitions will incur a \$200 fee per competition.</p>
<p>Disclaimer</p>	<p>The region reserves the right to refuse to display any photo, video, or live action stream if the content is deemed inappropriate and not aligned with the mission and vision of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated.</p>
<p>Competitions Submission Form and Submission Upload Process</p>	<p>Chapter Teens participating in competitions will be submitted on the Chapter Competitions Form via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System on the registration portal <u>no later than 11:59pm CDT on March 31, 2026</u>. Information required includes the Chapter Name, Teen Name (if applicable), and Competition(s).</p> <p>The Lead Teen Sponsor will upload all chapter submissions to the registration portal via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System. All files must be named in accordance with the naming protocol.</p>

PREPARING FOR THE COMPETITIONS

Each chapter has the responsibility to encourage and prepare teens for participating in individual and team competitive activities and assisting in and ensuring the success of Teen Conference by adhering to the following:

All chapters **must compete in the following five (5) competitions:**

1. Chapter Community Service PSA
2. Chapter Scrapbook
3. Chapter Skit or Step
4. Chapter Sign
5. Friday Fun Day T-Shirt Design

Chapters will be assessed a \$200 penalty, per competition for non-submission.

For non-submission of individual and/or group competitions entered, a \$25 per participant, per competition will be assessed.

SCR Teen Conference 2026 End-to-End AWARDS Management System: The Chapter's Lead Teen Sponsor will upload all competition submissions via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** (link on the registration site) by the designated deadlines. The maximum file size for **image** file uploads is **10 MB** per field. For all other file types, the maximum file size for uploads is **100 MB**. All photos must be submitted in JPG format. All videos must be in .mp4 format.

VARIETY NIGHT

Variety Night - The Variety Night Showcase format is designed to enhance the Teen Conference experience and highlight their talents. Additional details will be provided in the Competition section of this guide.

Variety Night will showcase the top Chapter Skit and Chapter Step performances that were pre-judged. Lead Teen Sponsors will upload the Chapter's skit or step videos to the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System on the registration site. Deadline: [May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT](#)

Additional details can be found under the CHAPTER SKIT OR STEP section of the guide. The top two (2) chapters in Categories I, II, and III will be notified no later than May 21 to allow time for proper planning and to prepare to compete live during Variety Night. Categories are determined by Chapter Size (Small, Medium, Large / X-Large).

NOTE: The Host Chapter will perform as the opening act during Variety Night.

- Variety Night Teen Choice Award: Teens will vote and decide who will win the Overall Chapter Skit and Chapter Step Competitions.

The 1st Place winners in the following categories will perform live during Variety Night:

- 1st Place (Judges' Choice) in Positive Teen Rap (Individual/Group)
- 1st Place (Judges' Choice) Scenes (Comedic or Dramatic)
- 1st Place (Judges' Choice) Spoken Word

VARIETY NIGHT

The following acts will perform during Teen Conference:

Event	Competition	#
Foundation Rally	1st Place Vocal (Judges' Choice: Individual)	1
Foundation Rally	1st Place Poetry & Prose (Judges' Choice)	1
Opening Ceremony	1st Place Persuasive Speech (Judges' Choice: Levels I or II)	1
Opening Ceremony	1st Place Vocal (Judges' Choice: Duo or Group)	1
Plenary Session II	Humorous Monologue: 1st Place (Judges' Choice: Level I or II)	1
Variety Night	Host Chapter Skit or Step Performance	1
Variety Night	Category 1 Skit: up to Top 2	3
Variety Night	Category 2 Skit: up to Top 2	2
Variety Night	Category 3 Skit: up to Top 2	2
Variety Night	Category 1 Step: up to Top 2	2
Variety Night	Category 2 Step: up to Top 2	2
Variety Night	Category 3 Step: up to Top 2	2
Variety Night	Performing Arts: Scenes (Comedic or Dramatic)	1
Variety Night	Positive Teen Rap - Individual or Group: 1st Place (Judges' Choice: Level I or II)	1
Variety Night	Spoken Word: 1st Place (Judges' Choice: Level I or II)	1
Legislative Luncheon	1st Place "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Rendition	1
Legislative Luncheon	1st Place Dramatic Monologue: (Judges' Choice: Level I or II)	1
Senior Gala	1st Place Dance	1
Senior Gala	1st Place Instrumental	1
Senior Gala	1st Place Original	1
Gospel Breakfast	1st Place Music Ensemble	1

FINALIST GUIDELINES

Finalists in the following categories must plan to bring their costumes, music and props to Teen Conference for in-person judging:

- Oratorical
 - Dramatic Monologue
 - Humorous Monologue
 - Persuasive Speech
 - Poetry & Prose
- Performing Arts categories
 - Chapter Skit
 - Chapter Step
 - Lift Every Voice and Sing Rendition
 - Dance
 - Instrumental
 - Music Ensemble
 - Positive Teen Rap
 - Scenes (Comedic or Dramatic)
 - Spoken Word
 - Vocal (Individual, Duo or Group)

Finalists will be announced by May 21, 2026.

GENERAL EXHIBITION GUIDELINES

- Exhibit items are due on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 4 PM – 8 PM.**
- Designated exhibit pick-up time is on **Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 10 PM – 12 AM.**
- Exhibits for display may include
 - Chapter Scrapbook (Digital or Traditional)
 - Chapter Sign
 - Friday Fun Day T-shirt
 - Carrying the Crown - Crown Club Project
 - Community Service Project
 - Teen Legislative Advocacy Program
 - Fashion Design
 - Foundation Project
 - MLK Humanitarian
 - Scholastic Achievement
 - Short Story
 - Teen Entrepreneur 3.0
 - Visual Arts

NOTES

- All exhibits should be labeled on the back with Chapter Name, Name of Teen, Lead Teen Sponsor's Name and Lead Teen Sponsor's Cell Number.
- Consider space in planning your exhibit. There are no specific rules as to the size of your exhibit, but we do urge practicality in your selection.
- The Competitions Committee will arrange competition items for evaluation.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES AT-A-GLANCE

All competition names must be submitted by the Lead Teen Sponsor by **11:59pm CDT on or before March 31, 2026**, via the [Chapter Competitions Summary Form](#) on the registration portal. Any cancellations received after **May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT**, will result in the chapter being assessed a **\$25 penalty per person per competition**. Failure to submit a required Chapter competition will result in a **\$200 penalty per required chapter competition** not submitted by the deadline.

Chapter & Recognition	Individual
Group	Individual or Group

COMPETITION	MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS	SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT/DEADLINE
CHAPTER & RECOGNITION		
REQUIRED Chapter Sign 24"x 36" Foam Board	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 – JPEG image and Writeup via SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System Chapter Sign Drop-off 6/17/2026
REQUIRED Friday Fun Day T-Shirt	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1st – JPEG image and Write-up via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
REQUIRED Chapter Scrapbook (Digital OR Traditional)	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Scrapbook – May 1st via SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System Digital & Traditional – Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026; Digital scrapbook must be printed.
REQUIRED Chapter Skit OR Step	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1 – Video via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
REQUIRED Chapter Teens Community Service PSA	1 entry per Chapter (based on either topic: Food Insecurity, Animal Welfare, or Mental Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1st – Video via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System Chapters to post PSA on social media according to the designated posting schedule.
REQUIRED Foundation Giving (Teen Total Giving)	1 entry per Chapter	No Submission Required
REQUIRED Foundation Giving (Teen Per Capita)	1 entry per Chapter	No Submission Required

Chapter "Lift Every Voice and Sing"	1 entry per Chapter (participant size can be one, a group or the entire chapter)	May 1 – Video via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
Best Dressed Chapter	Entire Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Submission Required • Teens will vote daily via the Eventee Conference app.
Chapter Attendance (Highest # of Attendees)	Based on Registration	No Submission Required
Chapter Attendance (Highest % of Attendees)	Based on Registration	No Submission Required
Chapter Teen Community Service Project	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter President Verification Letter uploaded by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System • Trifold submission • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
Chapter Teen Foundation Project	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter President Verification Letter uploaded by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System • Trifold submission • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
Chapter Teen Legislative Advocacy Program	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter President Verification Letter uploaded by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System • Trifold submission • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
Chapter Crown Club: Carrying the CROWN Message	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter President Verification Letter uploaded by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System • Trifold submission • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
LEADERSHIP: Outstanding Teen	1 entry per Grade per Chapter 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and headshot photo (at least 300 dpi) by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
LEADERSHIP: MVP Teen Athlete	1 entry per Grade per chapter 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and headshot photo (at least 300 dpi) by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
LEADERSHIP: Teen Champion of Change Legislative Award	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and headshot photo (at least 300 dpi) by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
LEADERSHIP: Community Service "100 Club" & SCR Service Ambassador	Registered participants with 100+ Service Hours earned 6/1/2025 - May 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT and submitted by the May 15th deadline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and headshot photo by May 15th via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System

COMPETITION	MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS	SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT/DEADLINE
INDIVIDUAL		
VISUAL ARTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acrylic • Charcoal • Color Pencil • Digital Art • Mixed Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen and Ink • Pencil • Photography • Sculpture • Watercolor 	Four (4) entries per Category, per Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JPEG image • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System; • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
PERFORMING ART: Dance	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
PERFORMING ART: Vocal	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
PERFORMING ART: Instrumental	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
PERFORMING ART: Spoken Word	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
PERFORMING ART: Original Song	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
PERFORMING ART: Scenes (Comedic or Dramatic)	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
LITERARY WORKS: Short Story	1 entry per Level per Chapter: Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/2026
ORATORICAL: Dramatic Monologue	1 entry per Level per Chapter: Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
ORATORICAL: Humorous Monologue	1 entry per Level per Chapter: Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
ORATORICAL: Persuasive Speech	1 entry per Level per Chapter: Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission by • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
ORATORICAL: Poetry & Prose	1 entry per Level per Chapter: Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission by • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Scholastic Achievement	1 entry per Grade per Chapter 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Achievement Form via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT • Portfolio/Binder submission • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/26
LEADERSHIP: MLK Humanitarian	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital or Traditional Scrapbook submission • Digital scrapbook must be printed • Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/26

COMPETITION	MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS	SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT/DEADLINE
GROUP		
PERFORMING ARTS: JNJ Music Ensemble	1 entry per chapter (5-7 members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission by May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System
PERFORMING ART: Vocal (Duo or Group)	1 entry per Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video submission • May 1st via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 2025 End to End Awards Management System
INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP		
FILM: Animated Short Film	1 entry per chapter (1 individual or 1 Group of 2-4 members); cannot submit both.	Video submission by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System.
FILM: Short Film	1 entry per chapter (1 individual or 1 Group of 2-4 members); cannot submit both.	Video submission by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System.
PERFORMING ARTS: Positive Teen Rap	1 entry per Level per Chapter (Individual): Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th OR 1 entry per Level per Chapter (Group - max 2-4): Level I - 7th, 8th & 9th Level II - 10th, 11th & 12th Cannot submit both Individual and Group.	Video submission by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System.
FASHION: “The Legacy Recycled” Design Challenge	1 entry per chapter (1 individual OR 1 Group of 2-4 members)	Fashion design submissions due at Exhibit Drop-off 6/17/26
LEADERSHIP: Teen Entrepreneur 3.0 - SCR Pitch Competition	1 entry per chapter (1 individual OR 1 Group with max of 2 participants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Submission • May 1, via the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System • Trifold submission • Exhibit Drop-off 6/4

**FRIDAY FUN DAY
T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION**

LOGO COMPETITION



TEENS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FRIDAY FUN DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION. SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL DESIGN FOR A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR ARTWORK CHOSEN TO BE WORN BY ALL TEEN CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ON FRIDAY FUN DAY. SEE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

DESIGN THE SHIRT. SET THE STYLE.

DUE 05/01/26

TEEN-CURATED FOUNDATION SILENT AUCTION

Would you like to donate your original, one-of-a-kind piece of art, photography, or fashion design to the Teen Conference Foundation Silent Auction? This is an exciting opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity while making a meaningful impact. Any teen competing in the below categories may opt to donate their work to the Foundation Silent Auction:

- Acrylic
- Charcoal
- Color Pencil
- Digital Art
- Mixed Media
- Pen and Ink
- Pencil
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Watercolor
- Fashion Design

During Teen Conference, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a curated collection of original works created and donated by our talented teens. The Silent Auction will officially open during conference activities and conclude at the end of the Senior Gala, creating a celebratory and philanthropic finale to our time together.

All proceeds from the Silent Auction will directly benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, supporting programs and initiatives that empower African American youth and strengthen our communities nationwide.

This is an opportunity for teens to align their creativity with service—truly embodying the spirit of leadership and legacy.

To participate, teens must:

1. Notify LTS of the intent so that she can reflect the intention on the **Chapter Competitions Summary Form** by March 31, 2026.
2. Upload required photos and details through the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End-to-End Awards Management System** no later than **May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT** as part of the competitions outlined in this document.

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Chapter Sign Design REQUIRED

For Teen Conference 2026, each chapter will showcase their chapter's creativity in the form of a chapter sign.

- Delegates will process in with the signs at the Teen Conference Opening Ceremony. Signs will be displayed in the Exhibit Area, except during the Opening Ceremony, and for the duration of Teen Conference.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each chapter is required to submit a Chapter sign.
- Design must be created by teens; however, the banners may be professionally reproduced or leverage AI to digitize the design.
- The design should reflect the conference theme.
- The chapter sign should be 24" x 36" in size on foam board.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit photos of the Chapter Sign along with a brief write-up explaining the design concept. The photos MUST include:
 - Hand drawn sketch of the original design
 - Final design that is printer-ready
- The Chapter Sign description/write-up must not exceed 100 words.
- **Photos should be in .JPEG format only and follow the naming convention.**
- **Photo submission should be at least 300 dpi resolution.**
- Submissions must be uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Adherence to Chapter Sign Specifications	25 PTS
Design Creativity	25 PTS
Visual Appearance - Uniformity	20 PTS
Use of Conference Theme	20 PTS
Written Design Interpretation	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SIGN_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_SIGN_NORTH SUBURBAN DALLAS

TC2026_SIGN WRITE UP_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_SIGN_WRITEUP_NORTH SUBURBAN DALLAS

AWARDS

Best Overall: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

Most Original: 1st place

Most Creative: 1st Place

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Friday Fun Day T-Shirt Design REQUIRED

Teens are invited to submit an original Friday Fun Day T-shirt design inspired by the 2026 Teen Conference theme: ***“Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership”***

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- The design should reflect the conference theme.
- Each design should be no larger than 12 in x 12 in. (each view)
- T-shirts Specifications: In addition to the theme, T-shirts should include:
 - Official Jack and Jill Emblem
 - Chapter and City
 - Region Name
 - Conference Year (i.e., 2026)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit photos of the Chapter T-Shirt Design along with a brief write-up explaining the design concept. The photos **MUST** include:
 - Front design that is printer-ready
 - Back design that is printer-ready
- **Photos should be in .PNG format only and follow the naming convention.**
- **Photo submission should be at least 300 dpi resolution.**
- Submit the fonts used to curate the design, along with the hex color codes
- Submit a write up (150 words or less in WORD document, no images or PDF, WORD only) with an interpretation of the design/theme
- Submissions must be uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Adherence to T-Shirt Specifications	25 PTS
Design Creativity	25 PTS
Visual Appearance - Uniformity	20 PTS
Use of Conference Theme	20 PTS
Written Design Interpretation	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_T SHIRT DESIGN_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_TSHIRT_MISSOURI CITY SUGAR LAND

TC2026_T SHIRT WRITE UP_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_T SHIRT WRITE UP_MISSOURI CITY SUGAR LAND

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **A version of the winning design will be worn by all teens at Friday Fun Day during the 2026 Teen Conference.**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Chapter Scrapbook (Digital or Traditional) REQUIRED

The Chapter Scrapbook is a chronicle of teen activities from June 1, 2025 – May 1, 2026. Traditional or Digital format may be submitted, only one scrapbook submission per chapter is allowed. Each format will be judged separately, hard copy submission is required for both traditional and digital scrapbooks. All scrapbooks will be on display during the Exhibit hours.

- **Traditional scrapbooks:** Submitted upon check-in at Teen Conference for display in the Exhibit Area. This competition utilizes printed photos and embellishments on patterned paper.
- **Digital scrapbooks:** Submitted via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT. Digital scrapbook utilizes photo editing software to add enhancements to digital photos. A printed version of the digital scrapbook is required and will be displayed in the Exhibit Area. Additionally, you may display a digital scrapbook, however we are not responsible for monitoring hardware/technology.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- There is only **one (1)** submission per chapter.
- 100-page limit
- The scrapbook should be completed by Chapter Teens and should be aesthetically pleasing.
- Participation in activities should reflect the Chapter, Regional, and National thrusts, and themes as well as programs of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated.
- Chapters can utilize a variety of services or software programs to create the digital scrapbook including PowerPoint, Canva etc. (Budgetary considerations should be weighed when considering some of the external services). **Links to digital scrapbooks will not be accepted for submission.**
- The cover should identify the chapter, the year, and the region.
- The title page should contain the Chapter name, Lead Teen Sponsor(s), Teen officers, and Teen members.
- The table of contents should follow the title page and reflect the various sections of the scrapbook.
- Information should be arranged chronologically of the teen’s activities from June 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026
- Scrapbook Categories: Include pictures **and verbiage** that documents your participation in these categories:
 - Teen Conference 2025
 - Civic
 - Cultural
 - Educational
 - SocialRecreational
 - Health
 - Legislative
 - Section on Graduating Seniors
 - Debutante/Beau (if appropriate)
- Both Digital and Traditional Scrapbooks will be displayed in the Exhibit Area at Teen Conference.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Scrapbook Category Content	50 PTS
Use of Graphics: Color and Creativity	20 PTS
Organization and Variety	20 PTS
Regional and National Content	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_TRADITIONAL SCRAPBOOK_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_TRADITIONAL SCRAPBOOK_ ARLINGTON

TC2026_DIGITAL SCRAPBOOK_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_DIGITAL SCRAPBOOK_GREATER CHANNEL

AWARDS

1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place for both Digital and Traditional Scrapbooks

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Chapter Skit Competition REQUIRED

Chapters may choose between Skit OR Step, only one.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

ALL CHAPTERS

- Host Chapter is **not eligible** for any award but may participate in the skit competition as the opening act.
- ALL chapters are expected to participate regardless of size of delegation
- **Chapters may choose between SKIT or STEP, only one.**
- The presentation must be based on the specified conference theme: **"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"**
- Participants are encouraged to explore the full spectrum of dramatic arts (e.g., choral theater, drama, comedy, musical, etc.).
- No more than one (1) minute of lip syncing and/or pantomiming allowed.
- No vulgar or explicit language or movements.
- Music pieces cannot contain vulgar or explicit language.
- The time allotment for each chapter will be a maximum of four (4) minutes.
- Chapters will be penalized five (5) points for each (30) seconds over the four-minute allotment and any fraction thereof.
- Chapters will compete based on Chapter size: *Small, Medium and Large/X-Large*.
- The top two (2) Chapters in each of the three above categories will perform live during Variety Night and compete for Teen Choice Award.
- **Finalists will be announced by 5/21/2026.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

ON SITE FINALISTS

- The above guidelines apply for in person competition, in addition to the below:
- Staging specifications and sound requirements will be provided if selected on May 21, 2026 as a finalist to perform during Variety Night.
- The general setup provided for the skit shall be standing microphones, sound provided by the DJ, and one (1) spotlight. Each chapter shall provide its own spotlight operator (if needed).
- Chapters will be penalized (5) points for Lead Teen Sponsors and/or Chaperones participating in the on-stage setup.
- Each chapter must provide its own special equipment and props and kept to the minimum for easy set-up and removal.
- Set-up time must not exceed three (3) minutes. Chapters will be penalized five (5) points for each 30 seconds over the three-minute allotment and any fraction thereof.
- The timekeeper(s) for the skit competition will be identified by the Host Chapter and the Regional Director.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Scene / Props	25 PTS
Storytelling	25 PTS
Tone / Volume / Energy	25 PTS
Alignment with Theme	25 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SKIT_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_SKIT_REDRIIVER

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. (Judges' Choice)**
- **1st Place (Teen Choice)**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Step Competition
REQUIRED

Chapters may choose between Skit OR Step, only one.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

ALL CHAPTERS

- Host Chapter is **not eligible** for any award but may participate in the step competition as the opening act.
- ALL chapters are expected to participate regardless of size of delegation
- **Chapters may choose between SKIT or STEP, only one.**
- The presentation must be based on the specified conference theme: **"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"**
- No more than one (1) minute of lip syncing and/or pantomiming allowed.
- Spoken word based on the conference theme.
- No vulgar or explicit language or movements.
- Music pieces cannot contain vulgar or explicit language.
- The time allotment for each chapter will be a maximum of four (4) minutes. Chapters will be penalized five (5) points for each (30) seconds over the four-minute allotment and any fraction thereof.
- Chapters will compete based on Chapter size: *Small, Medium and Large/X-Large*.
- The top two (2) Chapters in each of the three above categories will perform live during Variety Night and compete for Teen Choice Award.
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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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- Each chapter must provide its own special equipment and props and kept to the minimum for easy set-up and removal.
- Set-up time must not exceed three (3) minutes. Chapters will be penalized five (5) points for each 30 seconds over the three-minute allotment and any fraction thereof.
- The timekeeper(s) for the step competition will be identified by the Host Chapter and the Regional Director.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Technique	25 PTS
Synchronism	25 PTS
Tone / Volume / Energy	25 PTS
Attire & Aesthetic	25 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_ CHAPTER STEP_ CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_ CHAPTER STEP_ GREATER FRISCO

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. (Judges' Choice)**
- **1st Place (Teen Choice)**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Community Service PSA & Digital Campaign **REQUIRED**

Get ready to rep your chapter at Teen Conference 2026 ***Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership!*** This year, you get to choose your lane and create a powerful PSA on one of three real-world issues teens care about; Animal Welfare, Food Insecurity, or Mental Health.

Bring the creativity, bring the passion, and bring your voice, then upload your finished video by May 1 through the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End-to-End Awards Management System.

It's your moment to lead, inspire, and make an impact. Go make something unforgettable.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Only **one (1)** PSA topic per chapter will be allowed. Create a sixty (60) second PSA that includes a call to action (CTA).
- Be creative! Let's flood the social platforms with our commitment to action!
 - **Topic 1– Food Insecurity: ONE South Central STEP UP**
 - **STEP UP** (Serve, Teach, Empower, Provide, Unite, Partner)
 - Not everyone knows where their next meal is coming from—and that's something we can change. Food insecurity is real, and it affects families, classmates, and communities every single day. But here's the good news: we have the power to STEP UP.
 - This is your chance to shine a light on hunger, break stereotypes, and show how teens can be part of the solution. Whether it's organizing food drives, partnering with local pantries, educating others about food deserts, or sharing resources—your PSA can spark action and inspire change.
 - Let's STEP UP, reach out, and serve up hope. Because when ONE South Central moves, communities are fed—not just with food, but with love and leadership.
 - **Topic 2 – Mental Health: ONE South Central SPEAK UP**
 - **SPEAK UP** (Support, Prioritize, Educate, Advocate, Kindness, Understand, Persevere)
 - Mental health matters. Period. From school pressure and social media stress to family challenges and everyday anxiety, teens are navigating a lot. And no one should have to do it alone.
 - This is your moment to SPEAK UP.
 - Use your PSA to normalize real conversations about mental health. Break the stigma. Share what it means to check in on a friend. Highlight wellness strategies that actually work—journaling, therapy, prayer, movement, music, trusted adults. Show that strength isn't staying silent; strength is asking for help and offering it, too.
 - Let's Speak Up, Let's Listen Up, Let's Chat Up! Because when ONE South Central uses its voice, we create safe spaces, stronger friendships, and a culture where every teen feels seen, heard, and valued.
 - **Topic 3 – Animal Welfare: ONE South Central STAND UP**
 - **STAND UP** (Support, Teach, Advocate, Nurture, Defend, Understand, Protect)
 - Animals can't speak for themselves—but we can. From overcrowded shelters to endangered species to everyday pet care, animal welfare is about compassion in action. And teens? We lead with heart.
 - Use your PSA to raise awareness about adoption, responsible pet ownership, preventing cruelty, protecting wildlife, or supporting local shelters. Show how small acts—like volunteering, fostering, or educating others—can create a big impact.
 - Let's STAND UP, show kindness, and protect the paws, claws, fins, and feathers that share our world. Because leadership isn't just about people—it's about protecting every life that depends on us.
- Now it's your turn—pick your lane, grab your camera, and create something bold!

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Community Service PSA & Digital Campaign **REQUIRED**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- Penalty will be assessed for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 60 seconds allotment and any fraction thereof.
- Chapters will post PSA on social media in accordance with the posting schedule that will be provided.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Relevance to Topic	20 PTS
Creativity and Originality	20 PTS
Clarity and Communication	20 PTS
Impact and Persuasiveness	20 PTS
Production Quality	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

- TC2026_COMMUNITY SERVICE PSA_FOOD INSECURITY_CHAPTER NAME
- TC2026_COMMUNITY SERVICE PSA_MENTAL HEALTH_CHAPTER NAME
- TC2026_COMMUNITY SERVICE PSA_ANIMAL WELFARE_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_COMMUNITY SERVICE PSA_MENTAL HEALTH_ALBUQUERQUE-SANTA FE METRO AREA

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each topic.

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” Rendition

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Only **one (1)** entry per chapter will be allowed.
- Participants perform a rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. Be creative!
- Musical presentation limited to four (4) minutes.
- Participants can be an individual, group or entire chapter.
- Musical pieces can be an original piece or cover.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.
- Participants must be always visible on the submitted video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in **final form** and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- Penalty will be assessed for every 30 seconds over the four (4) minutes allotment and any fraction thereof.
- **Finalists will be announced by 5/21/2026.**
- **Participants must supply all instrumental needs, if applicable.**

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Musicianship or Performance	25 PTS
Technique	25 PTS
Physical Element	25 PTS
Tone / Volume	15 PTS
Creativity	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_CHAPTER LIFT EVERY VOICE_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_LIFT EVERY VOICE_GULF COAST BRAZORIA COUNTY

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place.**
- **The 1st Place winner will perform live during the Legislative Luncheon**

Foundation Contribution AUTOMATIC ENTRY

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

There are two categories of awards for Foundation contribution:

1. Total Giving: The chapter that presents the largest chapter contribution to the Foundation will be given an award.
2. Teen Per Capita: The chapter that presents the largest contribution to Foundation per the number of teens in the chapter will be given an award.

No submission required.

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place for each category:**
 - **Total Giving**
 - **Teen Per Capita.**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Attendance AUTOMATIC ENTRY

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

There are two categories of awards for attendance:

1. **Highest % of Attendance:** Chapter attendance will be determined from registration information: Chapters with the highest percentage of attendance will be recognized.
1. **Highest # of Attendees:** Chapter attendance will be determined from registration information: Chapters with the highest actual attendance will be recognized.

NOTE: The host chapter is not eligible for either award. No submission required.

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place for each category:**
 - **Total Giving**
 - **Teen Per Capita.**

Chapter Best Dressed

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Which chapter will be crowned “Best Dressed” for Teen Conference 2026? Teens will vote daily via the Eventee Conference App.

NOTE: Chapters cannot vote for themselves.

- **AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Teen Community Service Project

The Outstanding Teen Community Service Program recognizes chapters based on the community service project that has a long-term benefit to youth in our communities. Each chapter may submit **one (1)** outstanding community service project for the 2025-2026 program year.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Describe the program goals and long-term community impact. This may include, but not be limited to, the number of participants served, items donated, etc.
 - Describe how the program was publicized to the community.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit a presentation (no longer than 3 pages) showing evidence of the work done and how the work benefited others.
- Presentations must clearly identify the organization, work done and benefactors.
- The Chapter President should review all information and provide a sign-off certifying the entry prior to submission. Include verification letter with entry.
- Submissions must be uploaded electronically via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECT_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECT_HAMMOND NORTHSHORE

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Perceived Value for Benefactors	30 PTS
Program Description	25 PTS
Quality of Poster / Presentation	20 PTS
Program Publicity	15 PTS
Adherence to Guidelines	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **Winners will be recognized during the Foundation Rally.**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Teen Foundation Project

The Outstanding Foundation Program recognizes chapters based on the fundraising project that has a long-term benefit to youth in our communities. Each chapter may submit **one (1)** outstanding foundation project for the 2025-2026 program year.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Describe the program goals and long-term community impact. This may include but not be limited to the number of participants served, amount donated, etc.
- Describe how the program supports Jack and Jill of America Foundation's mission.
- Describe how the program was publicized to the community.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit a presentation (no longer than 3 pages) showing evidence of the work done and how the work benefited others.
- Presentations must clearly identify the organization, work done and benefactors.
- The Chapter President should review all information and provide a sign-off certifying the entry prior to submission. Include verification letter with entry.
- Upload electronically to the registration site via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_CHAPTER FOUNDATION PROJECT_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_CHAPTER FOUNDATION PROJECT_KATY PRAIRIE VIEW

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Perceived Value for Benefactors	30 PTS
Program Description	25 PTS
Quality of Poster / Presentation	20 PTS
Program Publicity	15 PTS
Adherence to Guidelines	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **Winners will be recognized during the Foundation Rally.**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Teen Legislative Advocacy Program

Chapters that incorporate at least one of the five (5) Advocacy Focuses as part of their Programming and demonstrate the impact of and commitment that JJOA has to serving our communities by empowering them to put voices and faces to our interests may submit for this award.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each chapter may submit one (1) outstanding teen legislative advocacy program for the 2025-2026 program year.
- The 5A Legislative Framework is:
 - ALIGN: Educate & Partner
 - ACTIVATE: Plan of Action
 - ADVOCATE: Protest & Advocate
 - ACT: Vote
 - ACKNOWLEDGE: Recognize and Build on Achievements

Teens should have actively participated in civic engagement activities through creating and participating in the event. Teens should have initiated actions or activities that impact their communities in the 2025-2026 program year.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit a presentation (no longer than 3 pages) showing evidence of the work done and how the work benefited others.
- Presentations must clearly identify the organization, work done and benefactors.
- The Chapter President should review all information and provide a sign-off certifying the entry prior to submission. Include verification letter with entry.
- Upload electronically to the registration site via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE_DFW MID-CITIES

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Advocate - Protest & Advocate	30 PTS
Align - Educate & Partner	20 PTS
Activate - Plan of Action	20 PTS
Act	20 PTS
Acknowledge	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **Winners will be recognized during the Legislative Luncheon.**

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS

Chapter Crown Club: Carrying the CROWN

We want to recognize all chapters that participated in CROWN Clubs this program year. We will also recognize a Teen that has gone above and beyond to develop ambassador behaviors and sharing their own CROWN stories or leading initiatives and events that foster safe environments, positive thoughts and behaviors that benefit their crown for a lifetime.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each chapter may submit their “Carrying the Crown” Crown Club program for the 2026 program year.
- The program should adhere to the Crown Club goals:
 - Getting Black Teens to be comfortable with their Crown.
 - Teaching/learning
 - How to take care of their Crown
 - How to advocate for their Crown in their schools and communities
 - How to support legislation for their Crown
 - Amplifying their voices through events, social media posts and campaigns, and alignments to National initiatives

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit a presentation (no longer than 3 pages) showing evidence of the work done and how the work benefited others.
- Presentations must clearly identify the organization, work done and benefactors.
- The Chapter President should review all information and provide a sign-off certifying the entry prior to submission. Include verification letter with entry.
- Upload electronically to the registration site via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_CHAPTER CROWN CLUB_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_CHAPTER CROWN CLUB_BATON ROUGE

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Teen Support and Engagement	30 PTS
Community Outreach	20 PTS
Creativity	20 PTS
Personal or Public Impact	30 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place.

CHAPTER RECOGNITIONS

Chapter Outstanding Teen

The Outstanding Teen Recognition honors teens who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, and engagement within their chapter during the program year. Each chapter selects teens who exemplify the values and mission of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. through active participation, community involvement, and commitment to chapter activities. Outstanding Teens are selected by their respective chapters and are recognized at Teen Conference. **This recognition is not a regional competition.**

Each chapter may nominate **one (1) teen per grade level category** to represent the chapter. Nominees do not need to be registered for Teen Conference 2026 to receive this recognition.

The Outstanding Teen Categories are:

- Graduating Senior – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Junior – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Sophomore – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Freshman – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Eighth Grade – 2025–2026 Academic Year

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The teen must be an active member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., between the ages of 13 and 19.
- The teen must have been a member for **at least one program year preceding the nomination.**
- Chapters should consider the following when selecting nominees:
 - Promotion and support of chapter program activities
 - Volunteer service and community engagement
 - Regular attendance at chapter meetings and activities
 - Participation in Teen Conferences, Area Workday, Centers of Excellence activities, and Regional and/or National youth or cultural trips
- For graduating seniors, achievements considered for recognition **must have been earned within the two (2) years preceding the nomination.**
- Outstanding Teens will receive a certificate of recognition.

Note: Chapters should make their nominations during their teen meetings and vote on nominees using the above criteria.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit names and photos electronically via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, by 11:59pm CDT.
- **Photos should be in .JPEG format only and follow the naming convention.**
- **Photo submission should be a headshot only and at least 300 dpi resolution.**

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_OUTSTANDING TEEN_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_GRADE LEVEL

Example: TC2026_OUTSTANDING TEEN_BATON ROUGE_JOHNDOE_10

CHAPTER RECOGNITIONS

Most Valuable Player (MVP) - Teen Athletic Award

The Most Valuable Player (MVP) – Teen Athletic Award recognizes teens who have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievement, leadership, and character through their participation in sports during the program year. This recognition celebrates teens who exemplify dedication, sportsmanship, and excellence both on and off the field or court.

MVP Teen Athletic Award recipients are selected by their respective chapters. **This recognition is not a regional competition.**

Each chapter may nominate **one (1) teen per grade level category** to represent the chapter. Nominees do not need to be registered for Teen Conference 2026 to receive this recognition.

The MVP Teen Categories are:

- Graduating Senior – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Junior – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Sophomore – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Freshman – 2025–2026 Academic Year
- Eighth Grade – 2025–2026 Academic Year

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Each chapter may nominate one (1) teen in each grade-level category. Nominees should demonstrate the following qualities:
 - **Athletic Excellence** – Demonstrates outstanding achievement and skill in their respective sport.
 - **Sportsmanship** – Shows respect toward coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials.
 - **Positive Attitude** – Displays enthusiasm, encouragement, and a team-oriented mindset both on and off the field or court.
 - **Commitment** – Demonstrates dedication to practices, competitions, and continuous improvement.
 - **Toughness** – Exhibits both mental and physical resilience and the ability to overcome challenges.
 - **Character and Integrity** – Represents their team and chapter with honesty, respect, and strong moral character.
- MVP Teen Athletic Award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit names and photos electronically to the registration site via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, by 11:59pm CDT.
- **Photos should be in .JPEG format only and follow the naming convention.**
- **Photo submission should be a headshot only and at least 300 dpi resolution.**

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_MVPTEENATHLETE_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_GRADE LEVEL

Example: TC2026_MVPTEENATHLETE_SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA_JOHNDOE_12

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Teen Champion of Change Legislative Award

Recognizing a Teen that has impacted his/her community and peers by actively engaging one or more of Jack and Jill of America's eight (8) Pink and Blue Legislative Initiatives.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each chapter may submit **one (1)** outstanding Teen Champion of Change Legislative Award for the 2025-2026 program year.
- The teen must demonstrate legislative advocacy focused in areas impacting young people such as: violence on the social media, the impact of youth that founded an organization or group, led a campaign or event, or served in a leadership position of organization that has affected positive change for young people.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Teen Name
- Teen Photo – JPEG format – Headshot only (no selfies)
- Chapter Name
- **Photos should be in .JPEG format only and following the naming convention. No selfies.**
- **Photo submission should be at least 300 dpi resolution.**
- Submit a write up (100 words or less in MS Word format, no images or PDF, MS Word only) with why this Teen is the Champion of Change in your chapter and community.
- Upload write-up to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Unique Concept	40 PTS
Community Impact	40 PTS
Adherence to Guidelines	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

- **TC2026_CHAMPION OF CHANGE_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME**
- **TC2026_CHAMPION OF CHANGE WRITE UP_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME**
- Example: TC2026_CHAMPION OF CHANGE_SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA_JILL DOE
- Example: TC2026_CHAMPION OF CHANGE WRITE UP_SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA_JILL DOE

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

NOTE: *The Teen is not required to register or attend Teen Conference to receive the Chapter Teen Champion of Change Legislative Award.*

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Scholastic Achievement

Academic achievement is an important part of being a Jack and Jill teen. Compile all your academic and leadership accomplishments to compete for scholastic honors!

The Scholastic Achievement Categories are:

- Graduating Senior 2025-2026 school year
- Junior 2025-2026 school year
- Sophomore 2025-2026 school year
- Freshman 2025-2026 school year

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- One (1) entry per chapter, per grade level.
- The scholastic data should be from the 2024 – 2026 (the last two school years)
- A portfolio/notebook/scrapbook is required for the Scholastic Achievement Award
- Evidence/proof of scholastic achievement should include grade reports, unofficial transcripts, certificates, letters of commendation, standardized test results, awards, scholarships, etc.
- **A printed copy of the Scholastic Achievement Form is to be included in the binder portfolio.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Complete the [2026 Scholastic Achievement Form](#) and submit all supporting documentation in a bound presentation format (i.e., folder, binder, portfolio).
- The **form** is a summary of the information submitted and certified by the Mother Member attesting that the information submitted is true.
- The submission should contain a title page that includes the Teen Name, Category (Scholastic Achievement), the chapter, and the period (2024 - 2026).
- Upload electronically to the registration site via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Academic Awards, Scholarships, etc.	30 PTS
Standardized Test Scores (ex. PSAT/SAT/ACT)	20 PTS
GPA/Class Rank (from unofficial transcript)	20 PTS
Advanced Coursework	20 PTS
Organization and Presentation of Work	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SCHOLASTIC_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_GRADE LEVEL

Example: TC2026_SCHOLASTIC_WACO_JOHNDOE_12

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

MLK Humanitarian

This submission represents the work of the teen which embodies the life and mission of Martin Luther King, Jr. The body of work must represent – at a minimum – the current program year.

Examples of initiatives may include:

- Working with or providing services for youth organizations other than Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated
- Providing community services for senior citizens – transportation, program instruction, entertainment, crafts and games
- Volunteering with service organizations, e.g., The American Red Cross, Day Care Centers, Hospital Auxiliaries, etc.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each chapter may nominate **one (1)** teen.
- A digital or traditional scrapbook showcasing the teen’s community impact is required for this category. Digital scrapbooks must be printed
- Both formats will be displayed in the Exhibit Area.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Teen Name
- Teen Photo – JPEG format – Headshot only (no selfies)
- Chapter Name
- **Photos should be in .JPEG format only and following the naming convention. No selfies. Photo submission should be at least 300 dpi resolution.**
- Upload digital scrapbook via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** on the registration site by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Unique Concept	40 PTS
Community Impact	40 PTS
Adherence to Guidelines	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_MLK HUMANITARIAN_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_GRADE LEVEL

Example: TC2026_MLK HUMANITARIAN_DFW MID-CITIES_JOHNDOE_9

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

Community Service "100 Club" & SCR Service Ambassador

Registered Teens with 100+ hours of community service will be recognized in a gallery featuring their photo and chapter listing. The Community Service hours will be verified by the submission provided for the Youth Volunteer Service Award (YVSA) program.

Teens must be registered for Teen Conference 2026 to be included.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Teen Name
- Teen Photo – JPEG format – Headshot only (no selfies)
- Chapter Name
- Headshot Photo (300 dpi resolution) to be uploaded electronically to the registration link via the **SCR Teen Conference End to End Awards Management System by May 15, 2026.**

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_COMMUNITY100_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Example: TC2026_COMMUNITY100_NORTHEAST DALLAS_JOHN DOE

TC Logo Competition

No Action Required. Only teens who submitted a Teen Conference Logo design by the January 8th deadline were considered for this award.

1st Place winner is the official logo for the South Central Region 2026 Teen Conference and will receive a complimentary Teen Conference Registration.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY
Visual Arts: Art
Competition

The Art Gallery will showcase the incredible creativity and artistic expression of our talented teens – highlighting a variety of artistic styles and mediums. Participants will also have the opportunity to donate their artwork to the Silent Auction during Teen Conference, allowing their creativity to contribute to a meaningful cause while sharing their talents with the broader conference community.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. The art must not have been used in previous Jack and Jill Teen Regional art exhibits.
2. A photograph must be submitted for each piece for judging (the photograph will be archived as a part of the regional history).
3. For the Art Exhibit during Teen Conference, please display art exhibits on tables or easels that you bring. No items can be affixed to hotel walls.
4. Each art exhibit and accompanying photograph must be labeled with the following information:

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- A photograph in JPEG format of the artwork must be uploaded via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** on the registration site using the appropriate naming convention no later than **May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT**.
- Each chapter is limited to four (4) submissions per art category.
- Photo should be no larger than 8 in. x 11 in. with 300 dpi (min.) resolution.
- Photos may be color or black and white.
- Copies of the art may be used throughout the upcoming program year in regional communications as well as posted on the South Central Regional website.
- Original artwork will be brought onsite and all submissions will be displayed in the Exhibit area.

CATEGORY

Acrylic	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Charcoal	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Color Pencil	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Digital Arts	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Mixed Media	1st, 2nd, 3rd

Pen and Ink	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Pencil	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Photography	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Sculpture	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Watercolor	1st, 2nd, 3rd

NOTES:

- On the back label include - Name of Teen, Chapter, and Lead Teen Sponsor's Name.
- On the front of each art exhibit, attach a label identifying “Art Category” (label size should be 2 x 3).
- Consider space in planning your exhibit. There are no specific rules as to the size of your exhibit, but we do urge practicality in your selection.
- The competition committee will arrange competition items for evaluation.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Use of Medium and Light	40 PTS
Visual Effect and Creativity	40 PTS
Impact and Intensity	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_VISUAL ART_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_MEDIUM

Example: TC2026_VISUAL ART_FAR NORTH DALLAS_JANEDOE_CHARCOAL

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in Each Category

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Performing Arts: Dance

The dance competition will allow our teens to express themselves through the rhythmic movements and steps that are indicative of this area of the performing arts.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1)** entry per chapter
- Dance areas: ballet, jazz, modern, hip-hop, contemporary, and tap.
- Routines should not exceed three (3) minutes; penalties will be assessed for every 30 seconds over the three (3) minutes and any fraction thereof.
- Music selection must be appropriate, no profanity or inappropriate lyrics.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.
- Costumes may be worn; inappropriate costumes will not be permitted. Participants wearing inappropriate costumes will be disqualified. Costumes that do not meet conference attire guidelines must be approved in advance by the Regional Executive Board.
- Selected dance style and routine should be compatible with the video format.
- Participants must be always fully visible and within the camera frame.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Creativity and Originality	30 PTS
Delivery and Style	30 PTS
Physical Elements	20 PTS
Entertaining	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_DANCE_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Example: TC2026_DANCE_DALLAS_JANE DOE

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **The First (1st) Place winner will perform during the Senior Gala.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Performing Arts: Individual Vocal

The vocal competition allows teens to share their musical talents through song.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1)** entry per chapter.
- Participants may select a song of his/her choice.
- Performance should not exceed three (3) minutes; penalties will be assessed for every 30 seconds over the three (3) minutes and any fraction thereof.
- Participants may utilize pre-recorded music or an accompaniment, but the singing must be performed by the teen.
- Musical selection must be appropriate, no profanity or inappropriate lyrics.
- Participants must be always visible on the submitted video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulations	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	20 PTS
Breath Control	10 PTS
Indefinite Run	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_VOCAL_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Example: TC2026_VOCAL_SUGARLAND_JANE DOE

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **The First (1st) place winner will perform during the Foundation Rally.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Performing Arts: Original Song

The Original Song Competition provides teens with an opportunity to demonstrate their musical abilities through original songwriting and vocal performance.

Level I

7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Two (2) levels of competition: Level I and Level II.
- **One (1) entry for each competition level for a total of two (2) entries per chapter.**
- Song should be no longer than three (3) minutes; performers will be penalized five (5) points for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 3-minute maximum and fraction thereof.
- Participants should:
 - Project and focus body and voice outwards towards the audience.
 - Introduce the song title clearly and audibly.
- Participants must be always visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulation	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	40 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_ORIGINAL SONG_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Individual Example: TC2026_ORIGINAL SONG_WACO_JANE DOE

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **The 1st place winner will perform during the Senior Gala.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Performing Arts: Instrumental

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” – Plato.
Musically inclined teens who have mastered or are mastering an instrument will be able to demonstrate their skills during this performing arts competition.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1)** entry per chapter.
- Participants may select the instrument/musical piece of their choice.
- Musical presentation should not exceed three (3) minutes; penalties will be assessed for every 30 seconds over the three (3) minutes and any fraction thereof.
- Musical pieces can be an original piece or cover.
- Participants must always be visible on the submitted video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Musicianship	35 PTS
Technique	25 PTS
Physical Elements/Presence	25 PTS
Tone/Volume	15 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_INSTRUMENTAL_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Example: TC2026_INSTRUMENTAL_SANANTONIO_JANE DOE

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **The First (1st) place winner will perform during the Senior Gala.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Performing Arts: Scenes (Comedic or Dramatic)

The Performing Arts: Scenes competition provides teens with the opportunity to showcase their acting ability through the performance of a scripted scene. Participants may perform either a comedic or dramatic selection and should demonstrate strong character development, emotional authenticity, and stage presence. Performances should highlight creativity, interpretation, and the ability to bring written dialogue to life.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1)** entry per chapter.
- Participants may perform either a comedic or dramatic scene.
- Scenes must be performed from a published play, screenplay, or original work.
- The performance must be memorized. Scripts may not be held during the performance.
- The scene must be between 2–3 minutes in length.
- Participants may perform a monologue or a scene adapted for one performer.
- Props may be used, but large set pieces are not permitted.
- Participants should focus on character development, vocal projection, and emotional expression.
- Performances must be age-appropriate and suitable for a family audience.
- Costumes are optional but should support the character and performance.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Participants must submit a video recording of their performance for preliminary judging.
- Videos must be submitted in **MP4 format**.
- The video must show the entire performance clearly with good audio quality.
- Performances should be recorded in one continuous take with no editing.
- The participant must introduce themselves at the beginning of the video by stating:
 - Name
 - Chapter
 - Title of the scene
 - Author or source of the work
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Characterization	35 PTS
Interpretation of Material	25 PTS
Stage Presence and Tone	25 PTS
Overall Performance	15 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SCENES_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Example: TC2026_SCENES_HOUSTON_JANEDOE

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **The 1st place winner will perform during Variety Night.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Oratorical: Spoken Word

Teens have an opportunity to showcase their unique talent to create original poetry or prose. This piece must be based on the the participant's interpretation of the theme: **"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"**

Level I

7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Two (2) levels of competition: Level I and Level II.
- One (1) entry for each competition level for a total of two (2) entries per chapter.
- The piece must be based on the participant's interpretation of the TC2026 theme: **"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"**
- Recitation should be no longer than three (3) minutes; participants will be penalized five (5) points for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 3-minute maximum and fraction thereof.
- Participants should:
 - Project and focus body and voice outwards towards the audience.
 - Introduce chosen pieces clearly and audibly.
 - Maintain eye contact and demonstrate body language consistent with the age, physical, emotional, and psychological status of the character.
- Participants must always be visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulation	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	40 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SPOKEN WORD_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_LEVEL

Example: TC2026_SPOKEN WORD_CYPRESS WEST HOUSTON_JANE DOE_LEVEL 1

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **The 1st place winner will perform during Variety Night.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Oratorical: Dramatic Monologue

Teens will bring the words of African American writers to life in their interpretation of the writer's work or when they create an original work for the oratorical competitions.

Level I

7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Two (2) levels of competition: Level I and Level II.
- **One (1) entry for each competition level for a total of two (2) entries per chapter.**
- Selection should be from published African American literature or an original work by the teen.
- The **Dramatic Monologue** piece is required to be related to the TC2026 theme: **"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"**
- Recitation should be no longer than three (3) minutes; speakers will be penalized five (5) points for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 3-minute maximum and fraction thereof.
- Participants should:
 - Project and focus body and voice outwards towards the audience.
 - Introduce chosen pieces clearly and audibly.
 - Maintain eye contact and demonstrate body language consistent with the age, physical, emotional, and psychological status of the character.
- Participants must always be visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- Finalists will be notified by May 21, 2026.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulation	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	40 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_DRAMATIC_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_LEVEL

Example: TC2026_DRAMATIC_WACO CENTRAL TEXAS_JANE DOE_LEVEL I

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **Dramatic Monologue: The First (1st) place winner (Judges Choice in Levels I or II) will perform during the Legislative Luncheon.**
- All other 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be featured in video format via the Teen Conference App during Teen Conference.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY
Oratorical: Humorous Monologue

Teens will bring the words of African American writers to life in their interpretation of the writer’s work or when they create an original work for the oratorical competitions.

Level I
 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II
 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Two (2) levels of competition: Level I and Level II.
- **One (1) entry for each competition level for a total of two (2) entries per chapter.**
- Selection should be from published African American literature or an original work by the teen.
- The **Humorous Monologue** piece is not required to be related to the TC2026 theme: ***"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"***
- Recitation should be no longer than three (3) minutes; speakers will be penalized five (5) points for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 3-minute maximum and fraction thereof.
- Participants should:
 - Project and focus body and voice outwards towards the audience.
 - Introduce chosen pieces clearly and audibly.
 - Maintain eye contact and demonstrate body language consistent with the age, physical, emotional, and psychological status of the character.
- Participants must always be visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- Finalists will be notified by May 21, 2026.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulation	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	40 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_HUMOROUS_CHAPTER_NAME_EN NAME_LEVEL

Example: TC2026_HUMOROUS_BEAUMONT_JOHN DOE_LEVEL II

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **Humorous Monologue: The First (1st) place winner (Judges Choice in Levels I or II) will perform during Plenary Session II.**
- All other 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be featured in video format via the Teen Conference App during Teen Conference.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY
Oratorical:
Persuasive Speech

Persuasive speech allows the participants to present both sides of an argument.

Level I
 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II
 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Two (2) levels of competition: Level I and Level II.
- **One (1) entry for each competition level for a total of two (2) entries per chapter.**
- Select a topic related to the TC2026 Theme: **“Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership”**
- Purpose: Will the speech persuade or motivate?
- Organization: Speech should contain the following:
 - Introduction
 - Main Body with supporting details. Include facts, examples, statistics, and quotes.
- Construction: Speech should do the following:
 - Present the problem before the solution
 - Present the cause before the effect
 - Present the known before the unknown
 - List important points first and last
- Delivery: Use the extemporaneous delivery. The speaker may use notes; however, excessive reliance will detract from the effectiveness of the delivery and may result in penalty.
- Delivery-Visual Aids: Visual aids may be used.
- Length: Three (3) minutes. Speakers will be penalized 5 points for every 30 seconds over the 3-minute maximum and any fraction thereof.
- Participants must always be visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.
- Additional guidance may be provided to support teens who enter this competition.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA	
Content Application to the Speaker Uniqueness Effectiveness	50 PTS
Vocal Delivery Use of Voice Articulation and Enunciation Inflection	30 PTS
Physical Elements Platform Style Use of Space Use of Body	20 PTS
Total	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_PERSUASIVE_CHAPTER NAME_EEN NAME_LEVEL
 TC2026_ERSUASIVE_FORT WORTH_JOHN DOE_II

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **The 1st place winner (Judges Choice in Levels I, II, or III) will perform during the Opening Ceremony.**
- All other 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be featured in video format via the Eventee Teen Conference App during Teen Conference.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Oratorical: Prose & Poetry

Prose & Poetry is one category.

Level I

7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1) participant per level, per chapter**
- Selection should be from published African American literature or an original work by the teen.
- The piece does not have to be related to the TC2026 theme.
- Recitation should be no longer than three (3) minutes; speakers will be penalized five (5) points for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 2-minute maximum and fraction thereof.
- Participants should:
 - Project and focus body and voice outwards towards the audience.
 - Introduce chosen pieces clearly and audibly.
 - Maintain eye contact and demonstrate body language consistent with the age, physical, emotional, and psychological status of the character.
- Participants must always be visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- Finalists will be notified by May 21, 2026.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulation	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	40 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_PROSE & POETRY_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_LEVEL

Example: TC2026_PROSE POETRY_CLEARLAKE BAY AREA_JOHN DOE_LEVEL III

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **The 1st place winner will perform during the Foundation Rally.**
- All other 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be featured in video format via the Eventee Teen Conference App during Teen Conference.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Literary Works: Short Story

Teens who enjoy creative writing can indulge in their craft in the short story competition.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1) entry for each competition level** for a total of **two (2) entries per chapter**.
- Story must be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1000 words; penalties will be assessed for stories exceeding the maximum word allotment, 5 points for every 20 words over.
- Select a topic related to the TC2026 Theme: **“Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership”**
- No inappropriate language or content will be allowed; stories containing inappropriate language or content will be disqualified.
- Stories should be typed, double-spaced, 12 point size, font Times Roman, on 8.5 x11 paper.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Stories should have a title page that includes—Title of the story, Teen’s name, and Chapter.
- Short Stories are required to be saved as a PDF and uploaded via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- **Printed copy may be required and on display in the Exhibit area.**

Level I

7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Creativity and Originality	30 PTS
Adherence to Conference Theme	25 PTS
Characterization and Imagery	25 PTS
Conventions, Grammar, Punctuation	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SHORT STORY_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME_LEVEL

Example: TC2026_SHORT STORY_AUSTIN_JANE DOE_LEVEL I

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY Performing Arts: Positive Teen Rap | Individual or Group

The Positive Teen Rap Competition allows teens to express their creativity and musical skill through original rap that promotes positive messages. Both individual and group performances compete within one unified category.

Level I

7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

Level II

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Two (2) levels of competition: Level I and Level II.
- **One (1) entry for each competition level for a total of two (2) entries per chapter.**
- **Either Individual or a Group of 2-4 members can submit per Level, (i.e., Level I - Individual and Level II - Group of 2-4 members, but not both for each Level).**
- Raps should be based on the the participant's interpretation of the theme: **"Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership"**
- Recitation should be no longer than three (3) minutes; performers will be penalized five (5) points for every fifteen (15) seconds over the 3-minute maximum and fraction thereof.
- Participants should:
 - Project and focus body and voice outwards towards the audience.
 - Introduce the rap title clearly and audibly.
- Participants must be always visible on the video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teens must record a video of their performance which will be pre-judged.
- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulation	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	40 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_POSITIVE TEEN RAP_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Individual Example: TC2026_POSITIVE TEEN RAP_WACO_JANE DOE

TC2026_POSITIVE TEEN RAP_CHAPTER NAME

Group Example: TC2026_POSITIVE TEEN RAP_NORTH SUBURBAN DALLAS

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place in each Level**
- **The 1st place winner in Level I or II (Judges' Choice) will perform during Variety Night.**
- All other 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be featured in video format via the Teen Conference App during Teen Conference.

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY
Film: Animated
Short Film
Individual or Group

This is an opportunity for our teens to showcase their creativity in animated short film format. Participants are encouraged to explore the full spectrum of dramatic arts (music, drama, comedy, etc.) Content can include information about your city, school life or other topics.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- Only **one (1) entry per category per chapter** will be allowed.
- One or more (up to 4) teens from the same chapter may participate in production of the film.
- Select a topic related to the TC2026 Theme: **“Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership”**
- Film must be five (5) minutes or less and manufactured solely by the teen participants.
- **Final format must be in .mp3 or .mp4 or uploaded to Vimeo or YouTube.**
- Film must contain an opening title.
- The film should have a plot and characters and may be shot at one or more locations.
- The Lead Teen Sponsor must submit a sign-off form attesting that the film is produced by the students only and is appropriate and not offensive in any way.
- Verification letters **must be uploaded to the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System no later than 11:59 PM CDT on May 1, 2026.**
- **Film must be uploaded to the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System no later than 11:59 PM CDT on May 1, 2026.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions **must be in .mp3 or .mp4 or uploaded to Vimeo or YouTube.**
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Craftsmanship	30 PTS
Adherence to Conference Theme	20 PTS
Originality with character and story	20 PTS
Proper layers, lines, colors/background	15 PTS
Composition	15 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_ANIMATED SHORT FILM_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_ANIMATED SHORT FILM_SAN ANTONIO

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be accessible in video format via the Eventee Conference App during Teen Conference.

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY
Film: Short Film
Individual or Group

This is an opportunity for our teens to showcase their creativity in short film format. Participants are encouraged to explore the full spectrum of dramatic arts (music, drama, comedy, etc.)

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- Only **one (1) entry per category per chapter** will be allowed.
- One or more (up to 4) teens from the same chapter may participate in production of the film.
- Select a topic related to the TC2026 Theme: **“Soul of the South: Where Legacy Meets Leadership”**
- Film must be five (5) minutes or less and manufactured solely by the teen participants.
- **Final format must be in .mp3 or .mp4 or uploaded to Vimeo or YouTube.**
- Film must contain an opening title.
- The film should have a plot and characters and may be shot at one or more locations.
- The Lead Teen Sponsor must submit a sign-off form attesting that the film is produced by the students only and is appropriate and not offensive in any way.
- Verification letters **must be uploaded to the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System no later than 11:59 PM CDT on May 1, 2026.**
- **Film must be uploaded to the SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System no later than 11:59 PM CDT on May 1, 2026.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions **must be in .mp3 or .mp4 or uploaded to Vimeo or YouTube.**
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Quality of Craft	50 PTS
Creativity and Content	30 PTS
Adherence to Conference Theme	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_SHORT FILM_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_SHORT FILM_SAN ANTONIO

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP COMPETITIONS

Fashion Design: Individual or Group

The Legacy Recycles Challenge & Silent Auction

The Legacy Recycles Challenge & Silent Auction aims to highlight the creativity and innovation of our talented Jacks and Jills, while honoring the style that shaped our Legacy. This is your opportunity to share your creative designs and be featured in the Silent Auction with proceeds to benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Incorporated and its programming.

The challenge: Create a one-of-a kind design featuring fabrics from gently used apparel that honors our legacy by featuring a design from a prior era...but adding your own current era twist! The design should honor an era of your choosing, showcasing how African-American style created a legacy of excellence.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each chapter can submit **one (1) individual or one (1) group entry (up to two participants); cannot submit both.**
- Participant(s) must present a portfolio that contains a collection of materials used to document and illustrate the work of the project.
- Submission **must include recycled apparel or other materials**; submission may also include a collection of materials based on the designer's choice.
- Materials must be contained in a binder. A decorative and/or informative cover may be included that displays the chapter name and Teen name.
- All materials, including the divider pages and tabs, must fit within the cover, be one-sided, and may not exceed 25 pages, as described below.
- An electronic copy must be uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by 11:59pm CDT on May 1, 2026.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit photos electronically to the registration site via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- A **photograph in JPEG** format must accompany each piece for judging, along with the description, silhouette and fair market value.
- Original designs will be brought onsite and showcased during the Gallery Exhibit and for the Silent Auction.

Project Identification Page

- Plain paper or slide, with no graphics or decorations; must include participant's name(s), Chapter name and Project Title, Lead Teen Sponsor's name.

Table of Contents

- List the parts of the portfolio in the order in which the parts appear.

Label and Explanation

- Develop a clothing label. Present label and explain the market for clothing or accessories under this label and the inspiration for choice of this label, including any inspiration from historical trends or designers, and its market.

Fabric Profile

- Define the criteria for selecting fabrics for the collection design and include fabric swatches for each material used with a description including, at minimum, the following information for each swatch:
- General fabric appearance (plaid, solid, matte, shiny, etc.)
- Fiber content
- Fabric care
- Fabric characteristics Each fabric profile should be no more than one half of an 8½" x 11" page.

Collection Design

- Develop a collection of 3-5 original designs, of which **one design must be composed of recycled materials.**
- Designs should cover both the top and bottom half of the body but may include multiple garments.
- Each design should be on a separate page and be full color, drawn either by hand or with a digital program.
- All designs should include a design description, a swatch of the fabrics and sample trimmings and notions which would be used in production.
- Information for each design may take up to two 8½" x 11" pages, or a total of up to 12 pages.

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP COMPETITIONS

**Fashion Design:
Individual or Group**

**The Legacy Recycles
Challenge & Silent
Auction**

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Quality of Design Collection	40 PTS
Product Concept	30 PTS
Adherence to Guidelines	10 PTS
Fabric Profile	10 PTS
Label and Explanation	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_FASHION DESIGN_CHAPTER_AME OF PARTICIPANT(S)

Example: TC2026_FASHION DESIGN_SAN ANTONIO_JOY WYNNS

AWARDS 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place



INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP COMPETITIONS

Shark Tank SCR Style

Do you have the next big idea and you're looking for an angel investor? Present your product or service offering for a chance to win \$500!

COMPETITION GUIDELINES PART I: The Submission

- Only **one (1)** entry per chapter will be allowed.
- One or more teens from the same chapter may work together on a single entry.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES PART II: The Pitch

- Each teen/team will have 00:90 seconds to pitch followed by up to 10 minutes of questions from the judges.
- Those selected to present during TC2026 will be notified no later than 5/21/2026 that they have been selected.
- This notification will include further details regarding what to expect when presenting to the panel of judges.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submission must include a business plan presentation (no more than 8 pages) which should contain:
 - Strategy
 - Photo of Product
 - Logo
 - Financial Forecast
 - Link to Website (as applicable)
- Upload business plan in a PDF format via the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** on the registration site by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.
- **Finalists will be notified by May 21, 2026, to pitch a panel of judges during Teen Conference.**

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Concept	25 PTS
Business Strategy	25 PTS
Valuation	20 PTS
Product Competitiveness	15 PTS
Overall Presentation	15 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

AWARDS

- **One (1) winner will be selected from the group of finalists and will receive a MacBook** courtesy of JNJ Legacy Justin Bowen, CEO of Internet X and Fortrss Brands **AND \$500**. This award is to invest in the Teen Entrepreneur's business.
- **One (1) winner for the following additional categories:**
 - **\$100 Best Strategic Plan**
 - **\$100 Best Website (if applicable)**
 - **\$50 Best Logo**

GROUP COMPETITIONS

J&J Music Ensemble

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Only **one (1)** group per chapter will be allowed.
- Musical presentation limited to three (3) minutes.
- Band to include a minimum of three (3) and no more than seven (7) teens from the chapter in the band.
- Minimum of three (3) instruments (Vocalist can count as one instrument)
- No more than three (3) props per band.
- No vulgar or explicit language or movements.
- Musical pieces can be an original piece or cover.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Musicianship	35 PTS
Technique	25 PTS
Physical Element	25 PTS
Tone / Volume	15 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

- Penalty will be assessed for every 30 seconds over the three (3) minutes allotment and any fraction thereof.
- **Band members must supply all instrumental needs.**

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_MUSIC ENSEMBLE_CHAPTER NAME

Example: TC2026_MUSIC ENSEMBLE_WACO CENTRAL TEXAS

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place.**
- **The 1st place winner will perform during the Gospel Breakfast.**

The 2nd and 3rd place winners will be accessible in video format via the Teen Conference App during Teen Conference.

GROUP COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY: Duo or Group Vocal

The vocal competition allows teens to share their musical talents through song.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- **One (1)** entry per chapter.
- Participants may select a song of his/her choice.
- Performance should not exceed three (3) minutes; penalties will be assessed for every 30 seconds over the three (3) minutes and any fraction thereof.
- Participants may utilize pre-recorded music or an accompaniment, but the singing must be performed by the teen.
- Musical selection must be appropriate, no profanity or inappropriate lyrics.
- Participants must be always visible on the submitted video.
- Ensure adequate lighting and sound quality for the video.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Video submissions should be in an .mp3 or .mp4 format.
- Video submissions should be in final form and uploaded to the **SCR Teen Conference 2026 End to End Awards Management System** no later than May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Voice Control/Tone/Articulations	60 PTS
Dramatization/Interpretation	20 PTS
Breath Control	10 PTS
Indefinite Run	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

NAMING PROTOCOL

TC2026_VOCAL_CHAPTER NAME_TEEN NAME

Example: TC2026_OCAL_SUGARLAND_ANE DOE

AWARDS

- **1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place**
- **The 1st place winner will perform during the Opening Ceremony.**

JUDGING CRITERIA

RECRUITMENT OF JUDGES

The Regional Competitions Committee will work in tandem with the host chapter to identify an appropriate panel of judges for each category of competition. The Regional Director shall approve the panel of judges.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGE SELECTION

- Judges must have demonstrated expertise for each selected competition category assigned.
- The Regional Competitions Committee and host chapter will select "experts", persons with expertise in the area of competition from the community at large, local colleges, and from the nonprofit sector.
- The Regional Director will review all credentials for proposed judges and endorse the final selections.

JUDGES' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Use a point system provided by the Regional Competitions Committee and approved by the Regional Director.
- Individually evaluate and score each contestant using the scoring sheet provided.
- Discuss and submit one scoring sheet reflective of the judges panel collective assessment and scoring. The scoring and comments should reflect the collective decision of the panel regarding each contestant. This scoring sheet should be signed by all the judges, indicating that the final decision and comments submitted are reflective of the panel's decision.
- Electronically sign his/her Competition Evaluation Form in the judging platform.

The tally with final results of each contest will be available to the Regional Director, Regional Foundation Member-at-Large, the Regional Competitions Chair and the Host Chapter Competitions Chair. The decision of the judges is final and will not be reviewed.

AWARDS

1. The Regional Awards Committee and Host Chapter will work with the Regional Foundation Member-at-Large to determine the number and types of awards necessary for all competitions.
2. The Region will purchase the appropriate number of awards for all competitions to be presented.
3. The Host Chapter may be directed to purchase certificates as needed.
4. Awards will be announced and presented throughout the 2026 Teen Conference.



THE SOUL GAMES: FRIDAY FUN DAY

FRIDAY FUN DAY COMPETITIONS

Conference participants will have the opportunity to engage in both competitive and recreational sports and activities, as well as intellectually stimulating games. The spirit of the day centers on fun, good sportsmanship, and camaraderie. Chapters should reference the [Chapter Competitions Summary Form](#) to assist with planning and submissions.

All chapters are required to wear the official conference t-shirt provided in the conference bag during Friday Fun Day. Pinnies will be distributed as needed to distinguish opposing teams.

Activities will include both single-sex and coeducational options.

During Friday Fun Day, all registered teens are required to participate in a minimum of one (1) activity. If scheduling allows, teens may participate in more than one (1), but no more than two (2) total competitive or non-competitive activities. **Each teen must participate in either one (1) Athletic Friday Fun Day Activity or one (1) Non-Athletic Friday Fun Day Activity.**

Friday Fun Day will conclude with an exciting **LAST TEEN STANDING** Dodgeball game!

Awards: 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place awards will be presented.

IMPORTANT: Participants must be present at their assigned competition time(s), or the competition will be forfeited. **No exceptions.**

IMPORTANT: Only participants registered by the Lead Teen Sponsor using the designated form by the stated deadline will be eligible to participate in Friday Fun Day at Teen Conference. No onsite substitutions, deletions, or additions will be permitted.

NEW FOR 2026!!!

To encourage cross-chapter collaboration and connection, all teams will consist of teens from at least two chapters. Teams will be formed using chapter submissions. Our initial effort will be to keep COEs together whenever possible, and then expand team groupings as needed.

If your teen has neurodivergent needs or requires other accommodations, please contact the Regional Competitions Chair at scr1952competitions@gmail.com and MAL Renee Morris at scrformalrmorris@gmail.com to discuss appropriate accommodations.

FRIDAY FUN DAY COMPETITIONS

Athletics Friday Fun Day Activities Include:

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Dance
- Dodgeball - the Friday Fun Day Culminating Event
- Double Dutch
- Field Day Classic Relay
- Flag Football
- Golf*
- Obstacle Course Combine Madness
- Soccer
- Swimming (Individual and Relay)
- Tennis
- Track (Individual and Relay)*
- Tug-of-War
- Tumbling
- Volleyball

Non-Athletics Friday Fun Day Activities Include:

- Black Trivia All Star Challenge
- Chess
- CPR Certification
- Debate
- Esports Gaming
- Iron Chef Challenge*
- Math Bowl
- Robotics

*Golf, Track and the Iron Chef Challenge will be off-site and will be dependent on the number of teen participants.

Recreational Activities Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- Board Games
- Bowling
- Freeform Art
- Learn to Second Line
- Movie Theatre

COMPETITION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER CHAPTER	COMMENTS
FRIDAY FUN DAY		
Athletic: Basketball (Female Only)	Up to six (6) participants	
Athletic: Basketball (Male Only)	Up to six (6) participants	
Athletic: Cheerleading (CoEd)	Up to two (2) participants	
Athletic: Dance (CoEd)	Up to two (2) participants	
Athletic: Dodgeball (CoEd)	Up to four (4) participants	
Athletic: Double Dutch (CoEd)	Up to four (4) participants	
Athletic: Field Day Classic Relay (CoEd)	Up to six (6) participants	
Athletic: Flag Football (Female Only)	Up to eight (8) participants	Participants wear tennis shoes (no cleats).
Athletic: Flag Football (Male Only)	Up to eight (8) participants	Participants wear tennis shoes (no cleats).
Athletic: Golf (Female Only)	Up to four (4) participants	Participants bring their own golf clubs and spikeless shoes.
Athletic: Golf (Male Only)	Up to four (4) participants	Participants bring their own golf clubs and spikeless shoes.
Athletic: Obstacle Course Combine Madness (Coed)	Up to six (6) participants	Participants wear tennis shoes (no cleats).
Athletic: Soccer (Female Only)	Up to eight (8) participants	Participants to bring own shin guards, cleats, goalie gloves (if applicable)
Athletic: Soccer (Male Only)	Up to eight (8) participants	Participants to bring own shin guards, cleats, goalie gloves (if applicable)
Athletic: Swimming (Female Only)	Up to seven (7) participants	
Athletic: Swimming (Male Only)	Up to seven (7) participants	

COMPETITION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER CHAPTER	COMMENTS
FRIDAY FUN DAY		
Athletic: Tennis (Female Only)	Up to six (6) participants	Participants must bring their own tennis rackets, shoes, etc.
Athletic: Tennis (Male Only)	Up to six (6) participants	Participants must bring their own tennis rackets, shoes, etc.
Athletic: Track & Field (Female Only)	Up to two (2) participants per age per race	
Athletic: Track & Field (Male Only)	Up to two (2) participants per age per race	
Athletic: Tug-of-War (Coed)	Up to four (4) participants	
Athletic: Tumbling (Coed)	Up to one (1) participants	
Athletic: Volleyball (Coed)	Up to six (6) participants	
Non-Athletic: Black Trivia All Star Challenge (Coed)	Up to three (3) participants	Jeopardy format.
Non-Athletic: Chess (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter	
Non-Athletic: CPR Certification (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter	
Non-Athletic: Debate (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter	
Non-Athletic: E-Sports Gaming Fortnite and NB2K (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter per game	
Non-Athletic: Iron Chef Challenge "TC Edition" (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter	
Non-Athletic: Math Bowl (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter	
Non-Athletic: Robotics (Coed)	Up to 2 participants per Chapter	

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Basketball (Male and Female Teams Compete Separately)

- Each chapter may submit up to **six (6)** players per gender from one chapter (i.e. six (6) male and six (6) female entries per chapter).
- Participants will be merged to form cross-chapter teams.
- All teams must be present at their specific game tip-off time(s) or forfeit game.
- Each game consists of two (2) eight (8) minute halves.
- Only the winning team advances to the next level of competition.
- **Four on Four Rules:**
 - Two teams of four (4) players each on 10-foot goals
 - Only one free throw per shooting violation.
 - Each game consists of two (2) eight (8) minute halves.
 - The clock will continuously run and will only stop for a time out.
 - Each team will be given one (1) time-out per half.
 - There will be a 2-minute halftime between the two halves.
 - There will be no shot clock. All other NCAA basketball rules apply.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Cheerleading (Coed)

- Each chapter may submit **two (2)** participants for the competition.
- Participants will be combined with another chapter to form a team.
- Teams will have 30 minutes to practice their routine prior to the competition begins.

Motion Technique	30 PTS
Spirit and Enthusiasm	25 PTS
Jumps	25 PTS
Voice and Projection	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

Awards: 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place awards.

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

DANCE (COED)

- Each chapter may submit **two (2)** participants for the competition.
- Participants will be merged to form cross-chapter teams.
- Teams will have 30 minutes to practice their routine prior to the competition begins

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Choreography	30 PTS
Spirit and Enthusiasms	25 PTS
Technique	25 PTS
Overall Performance	20 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Dodgeball (Last Man Standing | Coed)

- Up to **four (4)** participants per chapter (this is a coed competition).
- Participants will be merged to form cross-chapter teams.
- The objective of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them “OUT”.
- A player is determined “OUT” if:
 - Hit by an opponent player with a thrown ball (Clothing is considered part of the body).
 - The player’s ball is caught by the opponent before it touches the ground.
- An “OUT” player cannot come back into the game.
- The first team to eliminate all opposing players is the winner!

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Double Dutch (Coed)

- Up to **four (4)** participants per chapter (this is a coed competition).
- Participants will be merged to form cross-chapter teams.
- Each team consists of 3–5 members
 - 2 turners (required at all times)
 - 2 jumpers (rotating allowed)
- Teams may be single sex or coed
- Substitutions are allowed between rounds but not during a timed round
- The competition will consist of three scored rounds:
 1. Speed Round
 2. Trick Round
 3. Endurance Round
 4. Each round will be scored separately. Highest combined score wins.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Field Day Classic Relay (Coed)

- **Up to six (6)** participants per chapter.
- Participants will be merged to form cross-chapter teams.
- Teams may be coed or single gender.
- The Field Day Classic Relay is a timed team competition combining three traditional field day challenges:
 - Sack Race
 - Three-Legged Race
 - Hula Hoop Marathon
- Teams compete in sequential relay format. The fastest team with the cleanest transitions and fewest penalties wins.
- Each team consists of **6 participants**
 - 2 for Sack Race
 - 2 for Three-Legged Race (paired)
 - 2 for Hula Hoop Marathon
- No substitutions once the race begins.
- All participants must wear athletic shoes.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Flag Football (Male and Female Teams Compete Separately)

- Up to **eight (8)** participants per chapter, including one (1) participant to serve as the coach.
- Chapters will be merged to form complete teams for seven-on-seven (7-7) games. The field shall be a rectangular marked area.
- Fields will be marked with flags or cones for 1st downs, managed by teens.
- End-zones will be marked with cones.
- Forward passes only. Single hand touch will stop the play. The extra point after the touchdown is at the 3-yard line for one (1) point.
- **Inbounds and Out of Bounds** lines will be marked with flags or cones.
- **Equipment provided:** footballs and flag belts will be provided at the site.
- Players may wear tennis shoes. **No metal spikes or cleats will be allowed.**
- Each game consists of two (2) eight (8) minute halves.
 - The clock will continuously run and will only stop for a time out.
 - Each team will be given one (1) time-out per half.
 - There will be a 2-minute halftime between the two halves.
- Only the winning team advances to the next level of competition.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Golf (Male and Female Teams May Compete Separately)

- Up to **four (4)** participants per chapter per gender (i.e. four (4) male and four (4) female)
- Foursomes will comprise of participants from at least two chapters.
- Nine-hole play – Normal PGA Rules apply.
- Teens will need to bring their own golf clubs and spike-less shoes.
- Attire should be a collared shirt with slacks, khaki shorts, or khaki pants.
- Putting contest will be used to establish a winner if Golfers tie during the playoff, and/or will function as a contest on its own.
- Golfers will have the opportunity to 'place' in the 3 Hole Playoff, the Longest Drive Competition, and the Putting Contest.
- Players may be brought back to Friday Fun Day if time permits.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Obstacle Course Combine Madness (Coed)

- Up to **six (6)** participants per chapter, with at least two from the opposite gender.
- Participants will be merged to form cross-chapter teams.
- Teams may be coed or single gender, based on level of interest.
- The Obstacle Course Combine Madness is a timed team competition combining three challenges:
 - Agility Cones
 - Ladder Drills
 - Crawling Tunnels
- Teams compete in sequential relay format. The fastest team with the cleanest transitions and fewest penalties wins.
- Each team consists of **6 participants**
 - 2 for Agility Cones
 - 2 for Ladder Drills
 - 2 for Crawling Tunnels
- No substitutions once the race begins.
- All participants must wear athletic shoes.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Soccer (Male and Female Teams Compete Separately)

- Up to **eight (8)** participants per chapter per gender, including one (1) participant to serve as the coach.
- Chapters will be merged to form complete teams for seven-on-seven (7-7) games. The field shall be a rectangular marked area.
- Players must bring shin guards and soccer socks. Players may wear tennis shoes or soccer cleats. **No metal spikes will be allowed.**
- **Equipment provided:** soccer balls and soccer goals will be provided at the site.
- Each game consists of two (2) fifteen (15) minute halves.
 - The clock will continuously run and will only stop for a time out.
 - Each team will be given one (1) time-out per half.
 - There will be a 2-minute halftime between the two halves.
 - A tied score will result in penalty kicks to determine the winner.
- Only the winning team advances to the next level of competition.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Swimming (Male and Female Teams Compete Separately)

- Up to **seven (7)** participants per chapter, including one (1) participant to serve as the coach.
- Chapters will be merged to form complete eight-person teams.
- Swimming competitions will be comprised of:
 - Freestyle
 - Breast Stroke
 - Back Stroke
- Competitions will be individual and relay teams
- Competitions will take place in an Olympic-sized pool

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Tennis (Male and Female Teams Compete Separately)

- Up to **six (6)** participants per chapter per gender.
- Play time will be twenty (20) minutes.
- Each point counts as one (1). The person in the lead will be declared the winner when the time has expired.
- If the score is tied, the receiver selects who will receive the serve. The person that wins the point wins the game.
- Game count (score) and the number of aces will be maintained.
- Each player draws a number to determine order of play:
 - Round One (1)
 - Player number #1 (Court 1) plays Player number #2;
 - Player number #3 (Court 2) plays Player number #4, etc.
 - Six (6) courts will be played.
 - Round Two (2)
 - Winner from Court 1 plays winner from Court 2; Winner from Court 3 plays winner from Court 4, etc.
- Rounds will continue as needed until the three (3) players with the highest score remain.
- **NOTE:** An award will be presented to the participant with the greatest number of aces scored.
- Participants must bring their own tennis rackets, shoes, etc.
- Order of play will be assigned at Friday Fun Day.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Track (Male and Female Teams Compete Separately)

- Up to **two (2)** participants per age bracket per gender per race (e.g. 100m, 200m, etc.)
- Chapters will be merged to form relay teams.
- Order of competitions will be assigned at Friday Fun Day.
- Participants in the individual race may also represent the Chapter in the relay race.
- Players may be brought back to Friday Fun Day if time permits.

Races will include:

Male Teen Sophomore Division (13-14 years old)	Male Teen Junior Division (15-16 years old)	Male Teen Senior Division (17-19 years old)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100m individual • 200m individual • 400m individual • 4 x 100m relay team • 4 x 400m relay team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100m individual • 200m individual • 400m individual • 4 x 100m relay team • 4 x 400m relay team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100m individual • 200m individual • 400m individual • 4 x 100m relay team • 4 x 400m relay team

Female Teen Sophomore Division (13-14 years old)	Female Teen Junior Division (15-16 years old)	Female Teen Senior Division (17-19 years old)
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Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place awards will be presented in each event.

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Tug-of-War (Coed Competition)

- Up to **four (4)** participants per Chapter.
- Chapters will be merged to form complete eight-person teams.
- One (1) rope will be provided with a mark made in the middle of the rope.
- A white mark is made exactly 13 feet from the center mark on either side of the rope.
- The game is won when either side with this white mark crosses the center point.
- Each team can accommodate a **maximum of 8 members**.
- Only the winning team advances to the next level of competition.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Tumbling Competition (CoEd)

- Each chapter may submit one (1) participant for the competition.
- Participants must supply their music on a device capable of playing on a wireless bluetooth speaker.

Evaluation Criteria

Overall Performance	50 PTS
Dance	25 PTS
Routine Composition	25 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Volleyball (Coed)

- Up to six (6) participants per chapter.
- A minimum of two (2) players of the opposite sex must be on a team to qualify as a Friday Fun Day submission.
- Chapters will be merged to form complete teams.
- At least two (2) players of the opposite sex must be always on court during the game.
- Matches are the best-of-three sets.
- Games will alternate.
- All teams must be present at their specific game tip-off time(s), or they forfeit the game.
- The winner of a game is the first team to get fifteen (15) points. The third set game will be the first team to reach 10 points.
- Only the winning team advances to the next level of competition.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place.

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Black Trivia All Star Challenge - JEOPARDY STYLE (Coed)

Who was the first African American to win a Nobel Peace Prize? Who was the first African American in space? Inquiring minds want to know! Our teens have an opportunity to display their knowledge of African American history in this fast-paced team challenge.

- Each chapter may submit up to **three (3)** participants.
- Chapters will be combined to form a three (3)-member minimum team.
- Teams will compete head-to-head in a single elimination tournament.
- The tournament will be played during Friday Fun Day at a designated time.
- Tournament rounds will be facilitated by an appointee from the Competitions Committee.
- Each team takes turns choosing a point value which will reveal the clue. If the team provides the correct response to the clue, the team earns the value of the clue. If answered incorrectly, the value of the clue is subtracted from their score.
- In each round, contestants are presented trivia clues phrased as answers to which they must respond in the form of a question that correctly identifies what the clue is describing.
- A minimum of 30 clues will be reviewed per round.
- Participants must give an answer in the form of a question.
- The dollar (\$) value of the question will disappear after each question.
- Teams are allowed to discuss responses prior to “buzzing” in but all conversations must stop when someone buzzes in. The person who buzzes in first must give the response.
- The team with the highest value wins will advance in the tournament. Individuals with the highest scores will be recognized.
- The Black Trivia Study Guide based on trivia occurring greater than three (3) years ago will be distributed to all chapters and shared with the Lead Teen Sponsors.
- Current event questions from the last three (3) years will also be added to the question bank, but the questions will not be in the study guide.
- Additional information may be forwarded to participants in this competition after registration closes.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Chess (Coed)

- Up to **two (2)** teens per chapter will be allowed.
- Matches to be played during Friday Fun Day Activities.
- Swiss-style tournament format may be used, depending on the number of entries.
- Players are matched according to their self-designated skill level:
 - Beginner recreational player
 - Intermediate recreational player
 - Skilled recreational player
 - Ranked/competition player
- Maximum 20-minute games, depending on the number of entries.
- Scoring - 1 point for a win; 1/2 point for a draw; 0 points for loss.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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CPR Certification (Coed)

Maximum participants for CPR training are limited; only **two (2)** per chapter may register.

- 4–5 hour self-paced online training component. Online modules include interactive lessons, videos, and quizzes
- 1-hour in-person hands-on skills session
- Covers CPR for adults, children, and infants
- Teaches first aid for common injuries and emergencies
- Includes AED recognition and proper usage training
- In-person session includes practice on manikins
- Certified instructors provide guidance, feedback, and skill evaluation
- Combines flexible online learning with practical hands-on experience

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Debate Team (Coed)

- Each chapter can submit **two (2)** teens as a Debate Team.
- Each student debates both sides of the resolution and advances on its own record.
- Prep Time 3 minutes per team

First Speaker • Team A • Team B • Crossfire	4 minutes 4 minutes 3 minutes
Second Speaker • Team A • Team B • Crossfire	4 minutes 4 minutes 3 minutes
Summary • First Speaker - Team A • First Speaker - Team B	3 minutes 3 minutes
Grand Crossfire	3 minutes
• Final Focus • Second Speaker - Team A • Second Speaker - Team B	2 minutes 2 minutes

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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JNJ Iron Chef Challenge “TC Edition”* (Coed)

- The JNJ Iron Chef Challenge allows teens to showcase their culinary skills and prepare a meal together in a one-hour cooking competition based on a secret ingredient.
- Up to **two (2)** teens per chapter will be allowed.
- Chapters will be combined to form a four (4)-member minimum team.
- Utilizing mystery ingredients, teams will have one hour to prepare four dishes. The mystery ingredient must be used in all dishes.
- Participants must prepare plates for each judge and one plating for display.
- Dishes: Appetizer, Entrée, and Dessert
- Each team will present their dishes to the judges providing an overview of the plates concept and how the baskets ingredients were incorporated.
- Each dish will be judged based on the criteria below and receive feedback from the judges.
- Participants will have access to a kitchen, equipment and utensils, ingredients, and pantry.
- Participants must be competent in cooking and utilizing kitchen utensils and equipment.
- Participants must sign a waiver to participate.

Evaluation Criteria

Creativity	50 PTS
Taste	30 PTS
Visual Presentation	10 PTS
Oral Presentation	10 PTS
TOTAL	100 PTS

Awards: One (1) winner per dish.

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

E-Sports (Coed)

Rules and Regulations for All ESports Games:

- Up to **two (2)** teens per chapter for each game (NBA2K and Fortnite) will be allowed, with a total of **four (4) submissions for all E-Sports** from a given chapter.
- Chapters will be combined to form teams.
- **Fair Play:** All players are expected to adhere to the principles of fair play and sportsmanship.
- **Cheating:** Any form of cheating, including hacking, exploiting glitches, or collusion, will result in immediate disqualification.
- **Disputes:** Any disputes or rule violations should be reported to the tournament organizers immediately for resolution.
- **Behavior:** Toxic behavior, harassment, or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.
- **Organizer Discretion:** Tournament organizers reserve the right to make decisions and rulings on any matters not covered by these rules

Fortnite Tournament Format:

- **Bracket Type:** Single-elimination bracket.
- **Matches:** Each match will be a single game.
- **Map:** Matches will be played on a designated map chosen by the tournament organizers.
- **Scoring:** Points will be awarded based on placement and eliminations as per the standard Fortnite scoring system. (First to 10 team elimination)
- **Match Settings:** Standard Fortnite Battle Royale settings apply (No build rules)
- **Time Limit:** Matches have a time limit of 10 minutes. If a match is not completed within the time limit, the team with the highest score at the end of the time limit wins.
- **Tiebreaker:** In the event of a tie, a sudden death match or a tiebreaker round will be played to determine the winner.

NBA2K Tournament Format:

- **Bracket Type:** Single-elimination bracket.
- **Matches:** Each match will consist of a single game.
- **Quarter Length:** Quarters will be set to 2 minutes each.
- **NBA Team:** Players can choose any team available in the game.
- **Fatigue:** Fatigue will be enabled, affecting player stamina throughout the game.
- **Difficulty Level:** Hall of Fame setting
- **Game Settings:** Standard Madden NBA 2K (no sliders, fatigue on)
- **Tiebreaker:** In the event of a tie, overtime will be played to determine the winner.

NON-ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS

Math Bowl (Coed)

The Math Bowl is a team-based academic competition designed to test speed, accuracy, strategy, and mathematical reasoning. Teams will compete in timed rounds answering math questions of varying difficulty.

- Each chapter may submit **two (2)** participants.
- Chapters will be combined to form a team of four (4) participants.
- Teams may be coed or single gender.
- No substitutions during a round.
- Competitions may consist of:
 1. Toss-Up Rounds
 2. Team Challenge Round
 3. Lightning Round
- Format will be determined once the number of participants is finalized.

Awards: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

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Robotics (Coed)

The Robotics Challenge is a team-based STEM competition where participants design, program, and operate robots to complete a timed obstacle and task-based course. Teams will be judged on strategy, functionality, accuracy, and teamwork.

- Each chapter may submit two (2) participants.
- Chapters will be combined to form a team of four (4) participants.
- Teams may be coed or single gender.
- No substitutions during a round.
- Competition consists of two rounds:
 1. Build & Code Round
 2. Challenge Course Round
- Teams must use approved robotics kits (provided or pre-approved)
- No pre-built robots allowed (unless specified in advance)
- Internet access prohibited unless provided by the Competitions Committee
- Teams must complete construction and programming within the time limit
- Points awarded based on:
 - Task completion
 - Accuracy of object placement
 - Speed of completion
 - Optional: Bonus for fully autonomous operation
- Penalties:
 - Leaving course boundary: -5 points
 - Manual interference: -10 points
 - Incomplete task: 0 points for that task

Highest total score wins.

CHAPTER COMPETITIONS SUMMARY FORM

****Separate Form for LTS Only due March 31, 2026****

Please use the Chapter Competitions Summary Form as a planning tool to for teen competition sign up. This submission is critical as it will be used to anticipate the interest level across competitions as well as Friday Fun Day, plan for the level of support (including number of judges) needed for each competition, form teams, and build brackets.

Any cancellations received after May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, will result in the chapter being assessed a \$25 penalty per person per competition. Failure to submit a required Chapter competition will result in a \$200 penalty per required chapter competition not submitted by the deadline.

Please complete the Chapter Competitions Form linked below:

[TC 2026 Chapter Competitions Summary Form](#)



THE VILLAGE GUIDE

ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS

Dressing appropriately for Teen Conference is essential to upholding the values and standards of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. ALL teens are required to follow protocol standards by wearing the specified attire for key events, which include:

- Ceremonial Attire – required for the Opening and Closing ceremonies
- Formal Attire – required for the Senior Gala & Awards presentation
- Business/Business Casual Attire – required for Plenary sessions, and
- Casual or Themed Attire – required for other designed sessions/events

Teens may choose to wear a pantsuit, skirt suit, or dress. However, all attire must adhere to the required attire guidelines. Any infractions, including dress code violations, will incur a chapter penalty. Chapter disqualifications and/or penalties will be applied by the Teen Advisory Board and Regional Director.

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

The following apparel selections are not acceptable and should not be worn at Jack and Jill business meetings:

- No halter or midriffs, strapless tops or dresses, spaghetti strap tops or dresses, or “see through”/transparent attire.
- No hats/caps/wave wraps/doo-rags/skull caps or bandanas.
- No skorts, mini-skirts, or shorts.
- No tank tops.
- No sagging pants, cut-off jeans (holes), or exposed midriffs.
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time

CEREMONIAL ATTIRE

Ceremonial attire may consist of White-colored clothing OR Dark-colored clothing

Ceremonial White Attire Requirements

Ceremonial attire must be WHITE (not off-white or beige) and uninterrupted, except for crystal accessories or pearls.

Dress & Skirt Suits

- Dress must be solid white and shoulders and back must be covered
- If dress or skirt has an exposed zipper, the zipper must be white
- Dress or skirt should be no more than 4 inches above the knee
- White blouse or dress shirt must have white collars and tucked in skirt
- Flesh-tone or white hosiery is required with skirts and dresses

Pant Suits

- Must be a solid white color (jacket, shirt, & pants)
- White shirts or blouses must have a white collar and tucked in pant
- A white tie, bow tie, or scarf must be paired with shirt
- Pants must be full length (no capri style) and belted
- White knee-high socks must be worn with pants

Footwear Guidelines

- Dress shoes must be solid white (flats, pumps, loafers, or oxfords)
- Flats, Loafers and Oxfords must have dark soles (no white soles)
- Pumps must have white heels (not metallic or wooden) and must be closed-toe, peep-toe, or sling-back (cannot be both peep-toe and sling-back). If the shoe has a zipper, zipper must be white

Ceremonial Dark Attire Requirements

Ceremonial attire must be Dark-colored (black or navy) and uninterrupted, except for crystal accessories or pearls (no pin stripe).

Dress & Skirt Suits

- Dress must be a solid black or navy color and shoulders and back must be covered
- If dress/skirt has an exposed zipper, the zipper must be black or navy
- Dress/skirt should be no more than 4 inches above the knee
- White blouse or dress shirt must have white collars and tucked in skirt
- Flesh-tone or nude hosiery is required with skirts and dresses

Pant Suits

- Must be a solid black or navy color (jacket & pants)
- White shirts or blouses must have a white collar and tucked in pant
- A black or navy tie, bow tie, or scarf must be paired with shirt
- Pants must be full length (no capri style) and belted
- Black or navy knee-high socks must be worn with pants

Footwear Guidelines

- Dress shoes must be black or navy (flats, pumps, loafers, or oxfords)
- Flats, Loafers and Oxfords must have dark soles (no white soles)
- Pumps must have black or navy heels (not metallic or wooden) and must be closed-toe, peep-toe, or sling-back (cannot be both peep-toe and sling-back). If the shoe has a zipper, zipper must be black or navy

FORMAL ATTIRE

Formal wear, including elegant dresses, gowns, and suits, is required for the Senior Gala to ensure an evening of sophistication and celebration.

General Guidelines

- Graduates: Long formal ball gown OR Tuxedo with tie/bow tie; can be white or off-white
- Non-Graduates: Formal dress (long or below the knee) OR Suit with a tie/bow tie; no white or off-white attire

Dress Guidelines

- Attire should be modest; avoid excessive skin display
- No mini-dresses or visible midsections, and no see-through fabrics
- Straps should be at least 1-inch thick

Footwear Guidelines

- Dress shoes (flats, pumps, sandals, loafers, or oxfords) must be worn; no restrictions on style
- Boots and sneakers are not permitted

BUSINESS ATTIRE

A professional and polished style of dress suitable for formal work environments, meetings, and conferences. It conveys professionalism, confidence, and respect for the occasion.

Guidelines for Business Attire:

For Women:

- Business suits (pants or skirts with a matching blazer)
- Dresses with conservative hemlines (knee-length or longer)
- Blouses or dress shirts (no sheer, low-cut, or sleeveless tops without a blazer)
- Dress pants or skirts (no mini-skirts or excessively tight clothing)
- Closed-toe dress shoes (pumps, loafers, or dress flats)

For Men:

- Business suits (matching jacket and dress pants)
- Dress shirts (button-up with a collar, tucked in)
- Ties (optional in some settings but encouraged)
- Dress shoes (loafers or oxfords; no sneakers)
- Belts that match shoes

Avoid:

- Jeans, leggings, or casual pants
- T-shirts, polo shirts, or hoodies
- Sneakers, sandals, or flip-flops
- Revealing, tight, or overly trendy clothing

Tip: When in doubt, **dress up rather than down**—it's always better to be overdressed than underdressed in professional settings.

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

Business casual attire is a professional yet relaxed dress code that blends formal business wear with a touch of casual style. It is less rigid than business attire but still polished and appropriate for professional settings.

Guidelines for Business Casual Attire:

For Women:

- Blouses, dress shirts, or conservative tops (no sheer or low-cut styles)
- Dress pants, slacks, or knee-length skirts
- Sweaters or cardigans (optional blazer for a more polished look)
- Closed-toe flats, loafers, dress boots, or low-to-mid heels

For Men:

- Collared shirts (button-ups or polo shirts)
- Dress slacks or khakis (no jeans or cargo pants)
- Blazers or sweaters (optional for added professionalism)
- Loafers, dress shoes, or clean dress boots

Avoid:

- T-shirts, tank tops, or overly casual tops
- Ripped jeans, leggings, or shorts
- Sneakers, flip-flops, or overly casual footwear
- Hoodies or overly trendy/streetwear styles

Tip: Business casual should be **neat, professional, and comfortable**—striking a balance between formal and casual without looking sloppy.

CASUAL AND THEMED ATTIRE

Casual and themed attire is only allowed for specific events at the Teen Conference, such as the welcome party, community service, sports day, and dance.

- Abide by the themes selected by the Region and/or your chapters.
- Acceptable casual wear will be determined by the region.

Images for White Ceremonial Attire



Images for Dark Ceremonial Attire



Images for Business / Business Casual Attire



CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

The following is a list of pertinent deadlines for the South Central Region.

DATE	EVENT
February 16, 2026	Candidate Application Packets for Teens due to SCR Nominating Chair
April 1, 2026	Approved Slate of Candidates for Elections Sent via email blast from National Recording Secretary
April 9, 2026	Next Steps in the Election Process Webinar Hosted by South Central Regional Nominating Committee Audience - Slated Candidates; Teen Conference Attendees, Mother Members
June 17-21, 2026	South Central Regional Teen Conference

Please view the 2026 Campaign Guidelines [here](#).

REGISTRATION & HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Hyatt Regency New Orleans is the host hotel for the 2026 Teen Conference. The hotel is directly located at: 601 Loyola Ave, New Orleans, LA 70113.

“Located next to the Caesars Superdome and Smoothie King Center, Hyatt Regency New Orleans offers spacious accommodations, an outdoor rooftop pool, an on-site Starbucks and FedEx Office, and multiple dining options—all within walking distance of the South Market District, Warehouse District, and the French Quarter.” -Hyatt.com

Check-in 4:00 PM

Check-out 11:00 AM

Important Booking Dates:

Hotel booking for teen, chaperone and lead teen sponsor registration types will occur through the rooming list process, and will be due no later than April 1, 2026 pursuant to the communicated instructions. The hotel room reservation for **all other registration types** has a deadline of May 26, 2026. The reservation link will be made available after the rooming list process has been completed.

Chapter Treasurers and Lead Teen Sponsors will receive the invoice for chapter room bookings by April 15, 2026. The payment deadline for chapter hotel rooms will be May 1, 2026. Chapters will be required to make rooming payments directly to the hotel via ACH or by check to be received no later than the payment due date of May 1, 2026.

ROOM TYPE	RATE	OCCUPANCY
Kings (Adults Only)	\$219/night	Double
Queen	\$219/night	Double
Queen	\$219/night	Triple (up to 3 to a room)
Queen	\$219/night	Quad (up to 4 to a room)

Direct hotel booking and rooming questions to:
Regional Treasurer Jennifer Jackson
scrtjenniferjackson@gmail.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I-IN-4 CONFERENCE COMPLIANCE

Q. What is required to meet the 1-in-4 conference requirements?

A. All members requiring 1-in-4 credit must be registered and wear the appropriate conference badge at all times throughout the conference. The following participation is required:

- Chaperones will meet the minimum requirements due to the expectations of the role.
- Non-chaperone registrants must attend two Plenaries, 2 General Sessions (Foundation Rally Breakfast, Host Night Party, Candidate Forum, Legislative Luncheon, Senior Gala, Gospel Breakfast), and 1 Parent Workshop

ATTIRE

Q. Can I wear jeans to meetings?

A. No denim is appropriate for business or business casual attire. All plenary sessions, committee meetings and workshops are business meetings and require business / business casual attire, unless otherwise permitted by the region.

Q. What is considered business and business casual?

A. Please refer to the Teen Conference attire guide.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Q. If I indicated special accommodations are needed during registration, how and when will we receive a cohesive list of accommodations or alternative programming that has been added?

A. South Central Region will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis. We understand that some may have unique needs, and we will attempt to meet the needs to the best of our ability. To facilitate this process, we utilize the expertise of the We Are One Task Force, among other resources, to determine what accommodations are reasonable both logistically and in terms of programming. It's important to note that there is not a comprehensive list of accommodations available, as needs may vary widely from person to person.

GENERAL

Q. For chapter elections that occur after registration closes, will teens be able to update their leadership roles in the registration platform?

A. Yes, teens will be able to change teen leadership roles after chapter elections. Guidance will be provided to Chapter Presidents and the Lead Teen Sponsor.

Q. Is there a limit to the number of teens who can participate in each committee meeting?

A. Yes. Each teen should select two committees during registration in case the first option is not available.

Q. What number of meals should chapters plan for?

A. The following table reflects the meals included with the registration fee (Included) and meals indicated “On Your Own” are meals that the registrants must provide.

Wednesday Dinner	On Your Own
Thursday Breakfast	Included
Thursday Lunch & Dinner	On Your Own
Friday Breakfast & Lunch	Included
Friday Dinner	On Your Own
Saturday Breakfast & Lunch	Included
Saturday Dinner	Included
Sunday Breakfast	Included

Q. Will newly initiated members be able to register for Teen Conference?

A. Newly initiated members may be allowed to register if space is available. Chapter Presidents must notify the Regional Director by May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, of new members’ intent to attend Teen Conference. Newly initiated members must register and book hotel rooms no later than May 15, 2026.

Q. Is there a cap on registration for Mothers and/or Teens?

A. Yes. Members are strongly encouraged to register early. The deadline is March 15, 2026.

Q. When will the conference guide and competitions guide be made available?

A. The Teen Conference Guide will be available within one week of Registration Opening . Please note that the Conference Guide is a living document and should be checked periodically for updates.

Q. Is a debit card acceptable for registration?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the teen’s email and mobile number used for?

A. There may be push notifications during the conference sent directly to teens.

Q. If a teen finds out that they must attend summer school after the May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, deadline, will there be a special allowance for a refund/teen transfer, or will all monies be lost?

A. We know that circumstances can change, so if you are seeking a refund for registration, email the notice of cancellation to support@viprllc.com. All registration refunds requested prior to May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT, will be refunded less a cancellation fee of \$150. A la carte tickets WILL NOT BE REFUNDED under any circumstances.

Q. When registering for more than one person, will the system recognize if one registrant is valid for chapter check but another is not?

A. The system will only accept one form of payment at a time.

Q. If I am registering myself as a chaperone and my teen, do I need to do two registrations to select “chapter check” for myself?

A. Yes, you will need to register separately, as the system will only accept one form of payment.

Q. If my teen is a delegate, will I need a separate registration to only attend the gala?

A. You will need to purchase a ticket to attend the gala if you are not registered for the conference.

Q. Will each chapter have an allocation of 25% registration for Five Star purposes?

A. Registration will occur on a first come first serve basis.

Q. Our delegate will be identified during upcoming elections. Are there any options for them if the conference is full?

A. Each teen should register for Teen Conference during the time of registration. If transfers or substitutions are needed after registration closes, the process should be followed to have those changes made prior to the deadline on May 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM CDT.

CHAPERONES, ASSOCIATES & POPS ON PATROL (POPS)

Q. Do volunteers (Pops on Patrol and Associates) pay a registration fee for the conference?

A. POPS and Associates are volunteers who do not pay for registration. Non paid registrants do not have access to events with meals provided. Access to non meal related events will be based on the specific volunteer activity performed.

Q. What are the requirements and expectations for Pops on Patrol?

A. Father's Auxiliary members play a critical role at Teen Conference. Their primary role is to keep our children safe. Below are roles Father's Auxiliary may have during Teen Conference:

- Registered Chaperone - attend Chaperone Training for details
- Pops on Patrol - monitor hallways after curfew (12:00AM - 5:00AM nightly).
- Volunteers - partner with the Teen Conference planning committee to coordinate and monitor Friday Fun Day activities.

Q. How do Fathers register as Pops on Patrol (POPs)? Can they also serve as a Chaperone?

A. POPs are non-registered volunteers and do not pay a registration fee. Chaperones are registered and must complete Chaperone Training. Chapter leaders should carefully weigh if a father has the capacity to fully serve as both POPS and Chaperone during Teen Conference. If POPS would like to attend the Senior Gala they must purchase a ticket.

Q. Do Pops on Patrol need to complete the chaperone training?

A. It is highly encouraged that all adults participating at Teen Conference complete Chaperone Training. POPS are not required to complete Chaperone Training but are encouraged to do so.

Q. How do you indicate if a father is a Chaperone or a Pops on Patrol?

A. Separate categories are included during the registration process.

Q. If you are a Mother Chaperone, do you have to pay for your hotel room?

A. Chapters determine the budget for chaperones. Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated requires a 1:5 chaperone-to-teen ratio. For every 15 teens registered, an additional chaperone is required to comply.

Q. What is the difference in the duties of the Mother Chaperone and Mother Member Attendee? The cost is the same.

A. Mother Chaperones are responsible for teens throughout the conference. She must attend Chaperone Training and provide supervision from the beginning of Teen Conference until the teens are no longer in her care. Registered Mother Members will have access to programming specifically designed for them during Teen Conference. Mother Members will also be able to attend all events that include meals. Both categories of registrants will receive the ability to obtain 1-in-4 conference attendance.

Q. What are the requirements and expectations for volunteer Associates?

A. The dedication and involvement of Associate Jewels as judges for competitions and have been instrumental in making our conference a success. Their expertise and enthusiasm bring an added level of excitement and professionalism to these events, enriching the experience for our teens. We recognize and deeply value the time and effort Associates invest in supporting our conference, and we are grateful for their ongoing commitment to our organization's mission. Once needs are identified, coordination of Associate involvement will be managed by the Regional Associate Chair.

SENIORS / SENIOR RECOGNITION & AWARDS GALA

Q. Can graduating Seniors leave early on Sunday before the worship service and breakfast?

A. Please send a request to Regional Director Jackie Ward at scrdjackieward@gmail.com for a late arrival or early dismissal.

Q. Do seniors have to purchase a separate ticket for the gala?

A. Gala tickets are included in registration.

Q. How many gala tickets are we able to purchase?

A. Guests of graduating seniors should purchase tickets as soon as possible. Additional guests can purchase tickets until the event sells out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Q. Where can I find additional information about the Senior Recognition Gala souvenir journal?

A. Information regarding senior bios, photos, ads and tickets to the gala can be found on the registration site. Submission are due on May 1, 2026. Tickets for the gala are available for purchase now.

Q. What if you need an allergen-sensitive meal that does not fit one of the listed categories?

A. Please send your request to Regional Secretary Dionne Williams at scrsdwilliams@gmail.com.

Q. Will the appointed teen officers be announced at Teen Conference or after?

A. Appointments for Regional Teen Officers will be announced after the Teen Conference

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Q. Is the hotel cost for the entire time or per night?

A. Hotel costs are per night. Please work with your Lead Teen Sponsor on rooming lists.

Q. Will hotel rooms be available for two teens per room?

A. Yes. Double occupancy rooms include two queen beds.

Q. Can hotel rooms be reserved by members who are not registering prior to the room block being made available.

A. Members are encouraged to allow teens and chaperones to secure hotel rooms first. All other registrants are expected to wait until the hotel booking link is shared to secure reservations. Members who are not registered for the conference are discouraged from being onsite at the hotel during the Conference.

GLOSSARY

- **Alternate:** A member selected to act as a substitute for a Delegate at Regional, National, or Teen Conferences of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The Alternate is often the Chapter Vice-President or Chapter Teen Vice President. Alternates step in to perform the duties of a Delegate if the Delegate is unable to attend or fulfill their responsibilities.
- **Appointed Position:** Selected to serve in a leadership role or responsibility rather than chosen by a vote.
- **Chaperone:** A Mother Member or Father Auxiliary Member who has completed the requisite Chaperone Certification requirements of her region. Chaperones assist in supporting and supervising Jacks and Jills at a 1:5 chaperone-to-teen ratio during Teen Conference and may also do so at other National, Regional, and local Chapter activities and events.
- **Chaperone Certification:** The process by which mothers or fathers attending Teen Conference are trained to be Chaperones. Certification may include webinars, presentations, information sessions, and tests.
- **Committee Liaison:** Mother Member assigned to work with Teen Committee Leaders to ensure sessions are planned and reports are submitted on time.
- **Code of Conduct Form:** Reviewed and signed by all chapter teens, mothers, and Teen Advisors to ensure expectations outlined in the Code of Ethics are understood and will be adhered to.
- **Code of Ethics:** Rules established by each region, as directed by the National Teen Bylaws, to govern standards of conduct for Teen Groups. Teens must always abide by the Code of Ethics during any Chapter, Regional, or National activity.
- **Delegate:** A member selected to represent their chapter at Regional, National, or Teen Conferences of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The Delegate is often the Chapter President or Chapter Teen President. At Teen Conferences, the Delegate is normally the Chapter Teen President. Delegates are responsible for voting on behalf of their chapter, participating in discussions, and ensuring their chapter's interests are represented in the decision-making processes. Chapters that do not have the requisite Delegate present are subject to fines.

- **Elected Position:** Chosen by a vote following specific guidelines outlined in campaign guidelines, teen guidelines and/or National Governing documents.
- **Judicial Committee:** Also known as the Judiciary Committee, it is responsible for establishing a process for addressing infractions during the Teen Conference and developing appropriate resolutions. Chaired by the Regional Teen President, its members are Jack and Jill teens from the conference's specific region. Guidance is provided by the Regional Director (RD) and the Regional Teen Advisor (RTA). This committee aims to provide fair
- **Lead Teen Sponsor (LTS):** The Chapter Lead Teen Sponsor is a mother responsible for the teen program year activities, including preparing for Teen Conference. She chairs the Chapter's Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) and works closely with Teen Advisors to plan and implement activities. The LTS's role is to guide and support the teens, emphasizing that the teens take the lead and do the work in their leadership development, community service, and personal growth.
- **Pops On Patrol (POPs):** Fathers who attend the Teen Conference to aid and assist Chaperones, the Host Chapter, and the Regional Leadership Team with supervising the Teen Group as a whole. They provide assistance and security for teens. POPs are normally overseen by the regional Father's Auxiliary Chair of that region.
- **Parliamentary Procedure:** A body of rules followed by an assembly to conduct meetings and make decisions. In addition to the governance provided by Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Robert's Rules of Order is also used as a resource for assisting with parliamentary procedure.
- **Plenary Session:** A formal meeting where the official business of Jack and Jill of America and restorative solutions to issues that arise, Inc. takes place. During the Plenary Session, reports are presented, elections and other votes occur, and general issues are discussed. All registered members, or in the case of Teen Conference, registered teens, may attend these sessions, but only Delegates are allowed to vote.
- **Region:** One of seven geographic areas in the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. organization: Central, Eastern, Far West, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Western, South Central, and Southeastern.

- **Regional Leadership Team (RLT):** Composed of the region's elected Regional Officers, including the Regional Director, National Officer, Regional Treasurer, Regional Secretary, Regional Foundation Member-At-Large, as well as the Nominating Chair and appointed Regional Chairs. The purpose of the RLT is to provide leadership, oversight, and coordination for regional activities and programs, ensuring alignment with the goals and mission of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. They support chapters within the region by offering guidance, resources, and training, and collaborate with National Officers to implement national programs and directives. The RLT also plans and executes regional events, such as conferences and workshops. support to the teens, ensuring the group's goals and objectives are met. TAs may also be known as Teen Sponsors or Co-Teen Advisors.
- **Teen:** A child between the ages of 13 and 19.
- **Teen Advisor (TA):** A mother responsible for aiding the Chapter Teen Group and supporting the LTS throughout the program year. Teen Advisors serve on the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) and work closely with the LTS to plan and implement activities. They provide mentorship and support to the teens, ensuring the group's goals and objectives are met. TAs may also be known as Teen Sponsors or Co-Teen Advisors.
- **Teen Advisory Committee (TAC):** A group of mothers responsible for providing guidance, support, and oversight to the Chapter Teen Group. Chaired by the LTS, the TAC helps empower teens to organize and facilitate their own business meetings and plan their activities. TAs serve on this committee, working closely with the LTS to ensure the teens receive the mentorship and resources needed to achieve their goals and objectives.
- **Teen Chaperone (TC):** A mother or father who attends the Teen Conference to supervise and support teens, ensuring their safety and well-being. Teen Chaperones maintain a 1:5 chaperone-to-teen ratio of chaperones to teens. They must complete Regional Certification and Training before qualifying as a Chaperone, ensuring they are well-prepared to fulfill their responsibilities effectively.
- **Teen Chaperone Certification:** The process by which mothers attending Teen Conference are trained to be Chaperones. Certification may include webinars, presentations, information sessions, and tests.

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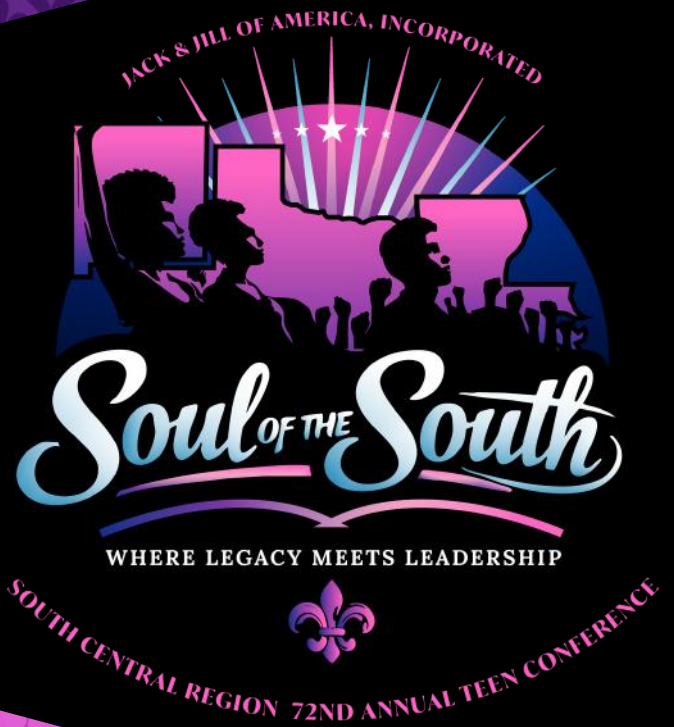


SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
TEEN CONFERENCE 2026



Attire Guide

JUNE 17-21, 2026
NEW ORLEANS, LA



Dressed with Purpose: What to Wear vs. What to Leave at Home

Show up rooted in pride. Walk in confidence.
Dress like the legacy you represent.

All attire must adhere to the required attire guidelines. Any infractions, including dress code violations, will incur a chapter penalty. Chapter disqualifications and/or penalties will be applied by the Teen Advisory Board and Regional Director.

Front Porch Ready

Approved & On-Point.

VS

Not Grandma's Table

Let's Skip It!

Business suits, dress shirts, dresses (fingertip-length), dress pants/skirts, closed-toe dress shoes. Belts that match shoes.

Knee length skirts, sweaters or cardigans, collared shirts, blazers.

Friday Fun Day: Fingertip-length athletic shorts, basketball shorts, sweatpants, athletic joggers, T-shirts, athletic shirts, and sneakers (must be worn).

Natural glam or light makeup, walking shoes, light layers for cool rooms.

Chapter tees, jeans (no holes or rips) or joggers. Casual and themed attire is only allowed for specific events, such as Arrival/Departure, Community Service, Fun Day, and Closing Party.

Graduates: Long formal ball gown OR Tuxedo with tie/bow tie.

Non-Graduates: Formal (long or knee length) dress OR suit with a tie/bow tie; no white or off-white attire.



**PHOTOS ARE FOR
INSPIRATION ONLY.
FAILURE TO REVIEW
THE GUIDELINES
DOES NOT EXEMPT
ATTENDEES FROM
DRESS CODE
VIOLATION FINES.**

No tank tops, halter tops or midriffs, strapless tops or dresses, spaghetti strap tops or dresses, or see-through/transparent attire.

No bonnets, slippers, hats/caps/wave caps/doo-rags/skull caps or bandanas.

No skorts or mini-skirts. No sagging pants, ripped or cut-off jeans (holes). Fingertip-length shorts are ONLY acceptable for Arrival/Departure, Friday Fun Day, and Variety Night.

Undergarments must not be visible at any time.

No leggings, sweatpants, hoodies, flip flops, and revealing, tight, or overly trendy clothing.

Attire should always be modest; avoid excessive skin display. No mini-dresses. Straps should be at least 1-inch thick. Off-the-shoulder dresses not allowed.

REMEMBER:

We represent our chapters.

We honor our families.

We carry the Soul of the South.

REP YOUR



TEEN CONFERENCE 2026

WELCOME DAY
WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 17



ARRIVE PROUD.
REPRESENT BOLD.

Chapter gear only – matching t-shirts, sweats, coordinated sets, unified colors. This is your first impression.

Make it count.

**Chapter shirts suggested. Shorts MUST BE appropriate fingertip-length.*

ROOTS



SOUL ACTION

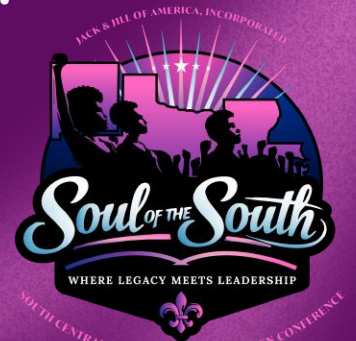
Community Service | *Serving with Soul*

Conference tee, plain (no holes or rips) jeans, sneakers.

Simple. Purposeful. Ready to Work.

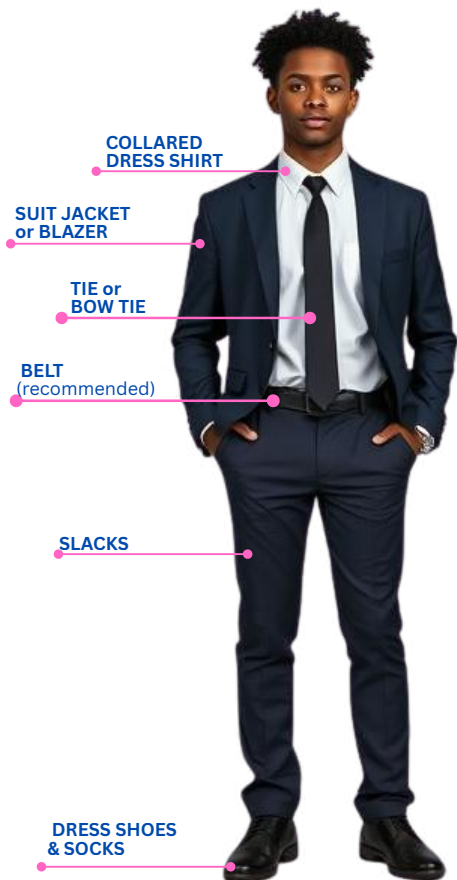
**conference t-shirt will be provided*

Thursday, June 18



CONFERENCE MEETING-APPROVED

BUSINESS



Dresses require sleeves or covered arms if sleeveless.



**NOTE: ALL Images are for inspiration.*

BUSINESS CASUAL



*PINK & BLUE STYLE



CEREMONY ATTIRE

TEEN CONFERENCE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES



DRESS & SUIT COLOR PALETTE



- FABRIC MUST BE UNINTERRUPTED (NO Lace or Eyelet)
- SUIT PANTS MUST EXTEND TO ANKLE, NO CAPRI-STYLE PANTS
- EXPOSED ZIPPERS or BUTTONS MUST BE SAME COLOR AS DRESS or SUIT

FOOTWEAR

- SOLID WHITE, NAVY or BLACK Dress Shoes ONLY (NO Sandals, Mules, Flip-Flops, Boots or Tennis)
- SHOES CAN BE (FLATS, LOAFERS, OXFORDS, or PUMPS)
- PUMPS MUST BE (CLOSED-TOE, PEEP-TOE, or SLING-BACKS)
- HEEL OF PUMP MUST BE SAME COLOR AS SHOE (Not Cork, Wooden, Clear or Metallic)
- IF HEEL OF SHOE HAS A ZIPPER, ZIPPER MUST BE SAME COLOR AS SHOE
- CRYSTAL OR PEARL ACCESSORIES ARE ALLOWED ON SHOES



CEREMONIAL ATTIRE

OFFICER INSTALLATION, TEEN CONFERENCE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES



SUIT COLOR PALETTE



SHIRT & TIE

- WHITE collared button-down dress shirt
- Tie/Bow Tie must be NAVY or BLACK

FOOTWEAR

LOAFER OXFORD



BLACK or NAVY Dress Shoes Only
NO Trendy White Sole Shoes
NO Athletic / Athleisure Shoes

SUIT COLOR PALETTE



SHIRT & TIE

- WHITE collared button-down dress shirt
- Tie/Bow Tie must be WHITE

FOOTWEAR

OXFORD LOAFER



WHITE Dress Shoes Only with
WHITE or BLACK Sole
NO Athletic / Athleisure Shoes



THURSDAY, JUNE 18

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS



OPENING CEREMONY &
PLENARY 1

*Ceremonial Attire

(For Girls: Hosiery is required)



NIGHT ON THE BAYOU



HOST NIGHT PARTY

THURSDAY, JUNE 18



SOUTHERN CHARM. BAYOU VIBES.

Flowy (*knee length*) dresses, jumpsuits, or coordinated sets for the ladies.

Button-downs, polos, or linen shirts with chinos for the gentlemen — relaxed, stylish, and ready to celebrate.



**“Homegrown.
High achieving.”**



GET READY FOR SOUL GAMES

W I L L Y O U R T E A M R U N T H E S O U T H ?

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Athletic shorts, t-shirt, sneakers.
Modest, coordinated, and ready to represent.
**Friday Fun Day t-shirt will be provided.
Shorts MUST BE appropriate fingertip-length.*

southern classic

VARIETY NIGHT
FRIDAY, JUNE 19



Timeless Style. Confident Energy.

Think modern old-money meets country club style — polos, loafers, button-downs, sweater sets, knee length shorts or skirts, and casual layers. Pastels, seersucker, and classic patterns like argyle fit the vibe.





**“Southern bred.
Leader led.”**

SATURDAY

WORKSHOPS & LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

Prepared minds. Polished presence.



SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Khaki pants, chinos, or knee length skirts paired with polished tops — polos, button-down shirts, sweaters, or blazers. Clean, classic, and conference-ready as we gather to learn, lead, and engage.

**Business Casual Attire.*



MASKED IN ELEGANCE

SENIOR
GALA

SATURDAY,
JUNE 20

FORMAL GOWNS,
SEQUINS, VELVET, AND
RICH JEWEL TONES SET
THE TONE FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE
EVENING.

SENIORS IN TUXEDOS
OR FORMAL SUITS, AND
FORMAL GOWNS.
ELEGANT MASKS
ENCOURAGED.



MYSTERY MEETS CELEBRATION.

GRAND FINALE CLOSING PARTY



**SATURDAY,
JUNE 20, 2026**

**FESTIVE ATTIRE AND
BOLD COLORS
ENCOURAGED AS WE
CELEBRATE THE FINAL
NIGHT TOGETHER.**

SECOND LINE CELEBRATION

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

Seniors: Rep Your Future — represent the college, career, or path you're stepping into next.

GOSPEL BREAK- FAST

& Closing Ceremony

Sunday, June 21

→ **PLENARY 3**

A final gathering of
faith, fellowship, and
celebration before
we depart.

**CEREMONIAL ATTIRE
REQUIRED.**

(For Girls: Hosiery is required)





Soul OF THE *South*