

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

Alpha Mu Omega Chapter



2012 Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program
Sponsored by
Alpha Mu Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
& Ivy Endowment, Incorporated

For over 26 years, young ladies have been formally presented to society and the Indianapolis community through the Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. This signature event, hosted by Alpha Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) and Ivy Endowment, Incorporated cultivates elegance, scholarship and poise. Alpha Mu Omega Chapter of AKA has used the Debutante Cotillion as a means to award scholarship dollars to young women for their scholastic achievement, community service, fundraising efforts, and overall participation in the Debutante Cotillion program. Funding for the scholarships will come from patron donations and solicitations. Since 2006, deserving young ladies have been awarded over \$350,000 in scholarship. This year, our Debutante Cotillion will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, and we are planning a memorable and rewarding experience for our participants.

Program Objectives of the Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program

- To enhance personal, civic and leadership development through structured educational workshops.
- To promote high ethical standards, character development, good citizenship, and social graces during the formative years.
- To promote high academic achievement and provide scholarships towards higher education.
- To promote servant leadership through volunteerism and community service.
- To promote camaraderie and positive relationships with other young women.

Program Overview

The mission of the Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program is to enhance personal, civic and leadership development through educational workshops while promoting community service and scholarship. The culminating event is the Debutante Cotillion in which the young ladies debut into society. The Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program is made up of four key components:

- Educational Workshops
- Community Service / Volunteerism
- Rehearsals
- The Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Presentation

Selection Requirements

- Must be a junior or senior enrolled in a Central Indiana high school during the 2012-2013 school year.
- Must participate in an interview session.
- Must submit all required materials – Debutante application form with a \$25 **non-refundable application fee (must be a money order or cashier's check)**, a completed recommendation form, and an official, sealed transcript to evidence a minimum cumulative C+ Grade Point Average (GPA). This minimum C+ GPA must be maintained throughout the program.

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DEBUTANTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- I. Once accepted as a debutante, a **non-refundable** activity fee of \$250 must be paid on or before the date of the first orientation meeting on **Saturday, May 5, 2012**. Each debutante must also sell one table of ten for the Debutante Cotillion.
- II. The program components of the Debutante Cotillion will run throughout the summer and most of the fall semester of 2012 with activities that primarily occur on the weekends, with selected evening activities during the school week. Do you think that you will have the time to commit to this program? _____Yes _____No
- III. As part of its community service efforts, each Debutante is required complete at least 20 hours of community service during the program. Do you think that you will be able to complete at least 20 hours of community service? _____Yes _____No
- IV. I understand that I can be dismissed from the program for not complying with any obligation outlined above. _____Yes _____No
- V. Have you been involved in any criminal incidents at school or in the community?
_____Yes _____No

If your answer is "Yes," please explain.

- VI. Do you anticipate being employed during the upcoming school year?
_____Yes _____No

If your answer is "Yes," please estimate the number of hours and days.

_____Number of Hours _____Days of the Week

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Prospective Debutante Application

***All materials must be received on or before Friday, March 23, 2012
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(Please Use Black Ink or Type)

Applicant's Full Name:

Date of Birth _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home/Cell Phone _____
(please list both)

Participant's E-mail Address _____
(An active email address is required)

High School _____ Grade _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Do you have any members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in your family? _____ Yes _____ No

If your answer is "Yes," please give the member's name and relationship to you:

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EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

School Activities:

Extracurricular Activities:

Church/Community Experience:

Honors/Awards:

A separate document can be attached (Word Document) if needed.

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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION

I, _____ confirm that I meet all the Debutante Cotillion participation criteria listed below and understand that I must maintain these standards throughout the 2012 Debutante Cotillion Season.

- a. Achieve High School Junior or Senior classification for the 2012 school year.
- b. Demonstrate superior scholastic achievement (verified by official transcript).
- c. Exhibit commitment to community service.
- d. Demonstrated goals, aspirations, and plans to pursue an education beyond high school.
- e. Possess leadership potential and good character, which includes but not limited to:
 - a. No record of poor discipline at school or in the community.
 - b. No criminal, misdemeanor, or court record of any kind.
 - c. Must not be a parent or become pregnant during the Debutante Cotillion process.
- f. Must be able to commit to attending necessary rehearsals and activities that occur throughout the Cotillion season.
- g. Not be married or have been married.
- h. Not have any children.

Prospective Debutante Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & SIGNATURES

My signature below indicates that I have provided truthful and complete information in this application and I understand that I may be contacted if there are questions or concerns about my application packet.

Prospective Debutante's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Statement: If selected, I give permission for my daughter to participate in the 2012 Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. I understand that it will be my financial responsibility to provide the fees necessary to cover the cost of participation for my daughter and meet all deadlines in order to ensure proper inclusion in all Debutante materials. This includes the non-refundable \$25 application fee and the non-refundable participation fee of \$250 (if selected).

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

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DEBUTANTE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant (please print. First Name Middle Name Last Name)

Name of Parent(s) or Guardians _____

The above candidate has submitted an application to participate in the Debutante Cotillion hosted by Alpha Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Ivy Endowment, Incorporated. The candidate asks that you serve as a character and/or academic reference. This program is highly competitive, and while we wish we had room for all applicants, only those applicants with outstanding qualifications will be considered.

Your answers should be related to the qualifications of the applicant to maintain superior academic standards, strive for exceptional personal achievement, and exemplify high moral and spiritual attitudes. Please complete and return this form to us in the attached envelope provided by the applicant.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. Are you related to the applicant? _____
3. In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

Please respond to the following to the best of your knowledge about the applicant:

*(1=lowest level to 5 =highest level and most positive)

1. Exemplifies respect of authority _____
2. Demonstrates high ethical standards _____
3. Serves as a role model and leader _____
4. Demonstrates good citizenship (conduct) _____
5. Commits to academic and personal achievement _____
6. Gets along well with others _____

In a separate document (word document), please submit a formal letter of recommendation explaining why you feel this applicant would be an asset to the 2012 Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program. Please assemble this completed form and your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it to the candidate so that it can be included in the application submission packet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

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Please double check that you have included the following documents:

- Completed Application Form with all necessary signatures.
- Sealed Official Transcript.
- Completed Recommendation Form (with signatures) & formal letter of recommendation.
- Non-Refundable \$25 application fee made payable to **Alpha Mu Omega Chapter (money order or cashier's check only)**. Personal checks cannot be accepted.

Please mail your completed application materials, sealed transcript, and the application fee to:

Alicia Gordy
c/o Debutante Cotillion and Scholarship Program
5330 Radnor Road
Indianapolis, IN 46226

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Application materials can be scanned or e-mailed to: debutante@akaamo.org. However, the application fee and sealed official transcript must be mailed to the above address by the deadline March 23, 2012.