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The Debutante Cotillion

For over 100 years, young ladies have been presented to their various communities through a debutante cotillion. This traditional and longstanding practice promotes and cultivates in young ladies proper grace, etiquette, poise and manners that sets them apart from their peers.

The ladies of the Delta Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will present young ladies to the Westchester and Bronx communities at the Eastwood Manor, Bronx, NY on the evening of Saturday May 19, 2012. Themed, “Enchanted Evening,” this cotillion will augment its traditional purpose with an education program that seeks to uplift the young ladies.

The debutante cotillion education program is enhanced through workshops which provide debutantes with current information and a medium for discussion on relevant topics. Activities are designed to promote sisterhood among the participating debutantes and the young ladies will have the opportunity to interact with community leaders and establish mentors who are interested in their future development. The debutante cotillion will not only be a vehicle for scholarship, but also a means in which young ladies can provide service to the community.

Applications are currently being accepted and we seek your assistance in dissemination of the attached information to all qualified and interested young ladies. Enclosed you will find several program application forms that may be reproduced and distributed to the young ladies in the graduating classes of 2011 and 2012.

Our informational seminar will be held on October 15, 2011, where we will provide specific information about our 2012 Debutante Cotillion and program and the exciting activities in store for the lucky ladies selected to participate.

Program Overview

The mission of the debutante cotillion is to provide scholarships and promote community service and volunteerism for high school juniors and seniors. Key to the program’s success is the spirit of sisterhood and development that is instilled in the participants in a fun and memorable environment.

The debutante cotillion program is made up of five key components:

- Workshops
- Community Service / Volunteerism
- Special programs
- Rehearsals
- The debutante cotillion presentation

Program Objectives

- To encourage the development of young ladies into good citizens.
- To promote high ideals and character building for young ladies during their formative years.
- To help young ladies acquire social graces and good citizenship through group activity.
- To develop new friendships, provide volunteer service, engage in structured leadership, etiquette, and educational workshops that will enhance their educational and social skills.
- To benefit young ladies who have the dedication, ambition, motivation, and drive to make a valuable contribution within their community.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a junior or senior enrolled in an accredited Westchester County or nearby County high school.
- May not be married nor have children.
- Must participate in an interview session.
- Must submit all required materials including: debutante application form, application fee, letters of recommendation, essay, photo, and an official transcript to evidence a minimum of 2.5 on a 4.0 grade scale. This minimum must be maintained throughout the program.
- Must pay a participation fee to cover part of the debutante's expenses.
- Must sell and pay for one table of 10 dinner tickets.
- Must pay a non-refundable application fee of \$25. **Note:** a fee of \$25 will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds.

Debutantes will be required to participate in various workshops and other activities through the cotillion program and they will be required to attend all dance rehearsals.

All applications must be postmarked no later than November 12, 2011.