

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter
2022 Debutante Cotillion

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the requirements to participate in the Debutante Cotillion?

To be eligible to participate in the 2022 Cotillion, Debutantes must meet all the following requirements:

- African American Female
- Demonstrate excellence in academic, exemplary morale standards and active engagement in their local community
- Currently a High School Sophomore or Junior
- Reside in the Metropolitan Atlanta area
- Hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Plans to attend a Post-Secondary Institution/School

What are the application requirements?

All aspiring Debutantes are required to complete the following:

- Online application
- Letter of interest
- Official High School transcript
- Three (3) letters of recommendations
- Summation of public service activities including roles and responsibilities
- Essay
- Cotillion Participation Agreement
- Fundraising Agreement
- Scholarship Disbursement Agreement
- Release of Liability
- Code of Conduct
- Health Information
- Community Service Verification

Who should write my letters of recommendations?

Letters of recommendations can be from teachers, counselors, community service or faith-based organizations.

When is the application due?

Applications are due no later than Friday, November 19, 2021, 11:59pm.

What is the entry fee?

The non-refundable entry fee for Debutantes is \$1,250. The first installment of \$625 must be made on or before December 12, 2021. The final installment is due on or before January 8, 2022. The full payment is permitted on the first installment date.

Can official transcript be emailed?

Transcripts should be emailed to cotillionmrac@gmail.com directly from the school counselor or mailed to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter, P. O. Box 70786, Marietta, Georgia 30007-0786.

What does the entry fee cover?

Both time and monetary commitments are required as part of this experience; however, the return will far surpass the investment! The entry fee covers a portion of the cost for hosting each Debutante for the Cotillion season to include:

- Tickets (4) to the Debutante Ball (Debutante, Parent/Guardian(s) & Jr. Escort)
- Professional Make-up Artist (Portraits & Debutante Ball)
- Professional Photography Session
- Waltz Rehearsals with Choreographer
- Professional Development & Etiquette Luncheon (Debutante & Jr. Escort)
- Welcome Reception
- Debutante Day Party
- University Campus Visit
- Mother-Daughter Event Tickets (2)
- Father-Daughter Event Tickets (2)
- Other Monthly Activities

When will I be notified if selected as a Debutante?

All applicants will be notified no later than Monday, December 6, 2021.

How are scholarships awarded to Debutantes?

Scholarship winners will be determined by the amount of money raised in advertisements, sponsorships, donations and/or any other approved fundraising initiatives. First, Second, and Third Place Winners will receive 50%, 30% and 20%, respectively of their amounts raised. Each Debutante outside of the top 3 Scholarship Winners will receive 10% of their amount raised. All Debutantes must raise the minimum amount of \$2,500 to be considered for the scholarship and presented at the Cotillion Ball.

Where does the balance of the funds go after all Debutante scholarship funds have been disbursed?

Remaining funds, if any, will go to support Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter scholarships awarded to Atlanta Metropolitan area students and community programming.

What are the requirements for community service? Are there a certain number of hours required?

There are no set hours needed. All community service is considered and evaluated in determining the recipient of the community service award.

Do we have to attend all events?

Attendance is mandatory at every event. Unavoidable absences must be approved by the Cotillion chairs no later than one week prior to the event. Each Debutante must attend a minimum of 75 percent of required events, and any absences must be excused.

Can parents participate and/volunteer in any of the scheduled events?

Cotillion events are limited to Cotillion Committee members, Debutantes, and invited guests. Parents are not allowed to serve on the committee. However, parents are invited to several activities throughout the Cotillion season.

Where are meetings/events held?

Currently, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is not hosting in-person events for our youth programs. Once we transition to in-person programs, all events will be held throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

How much are tickets to the Cotillion Ball?

The final ticket price for the 2022 Cotillion Ball has not been determined. Historically, tickets have been between \$85 - \$100 per person.

Will there be any events held during the week?

No, all events will happen on the weekend.

Will the waltz rehearsals be in one location?

Historically, all waltz rehearsals have been in one location except for the final practice session, which occurs the night before the ball at the event venue.

Will the entire Cotillion experience be virtual?

Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter is closely monitoring COVID-19 guidelines as communicated by the Center for Disease Control. All programming will follow the recommendations provided by our National office. Currently, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is not hosting in-person events for our youth programs. As new information becomes available, we will notify parent/guardian(s) prior to transitioning to in-person programs. We are committed to providing quality programming throughout the Cotillion season.

How soon will Jr. Escorts need to be selected?

The Cotillion Chairs will communicate when Jr./Sr Escorts should be selected.

What is the minimum/maximum age of a Jr. Escort?

Jr. Escorts must be a High School male between the ages of 15 - 18 years old.

Who do I contact for with further questions?

Please contact cotillionmrac@gmail.com with any additional questions.