

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter
2024 Debutante Cotillion

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the requirements to participate in the Debutante Cotillion?

To be eligible to participate in the 2024 Cotillion, Debutantes must meet all the following requirements:

- Female High School Sophomore or Junior
- Demonstrate excellence in academics, exemplary moral standards, and an active engagement in their local community
- 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 Saturday, November 4, 2023, 11:59pm.

What is the entry fee?

The non-refundable entry fee for Debutantes is **\$1600**. The first installment of \$800 must be paid before November 30, 2023. The final installment is due on or before January 12, 2024. The full payment can be accepted on the first installment date.

How are transcripts sent?

Official transcripts should be sent by a high school administrator. Instructions are outlined in the application.

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 (2) to the Debutante Ball (Parents/Guardians)
- Professional Make-up Artist (Debutantes Portraits & Cotillion Ball)
- Professional Photography Session
- Waltz Rehearsals with Choreographer
- Professional Development & Etiquette Luncheon (Debutante & Jr. Escort)
- Welcome Reception
- Debutante Day Party
- University Campus Visit
- Debutante/Escort Fun Day
- 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 Saturday, November 11, 2023.

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. The number of service hours and level of involvement are important in our evaluation.

Are there any additional requirements for participation? Each parent/guardian will have to undergo risk management training including a background check (at an additional fee). Our National leadership requires this training to provide a safe space for the Debutantes at all activities throughout the process.

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. 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 that have completed risk management training will be able to attend several activities throughout the Cotillion season.

Where are meetings/events held?

All events will be held throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

How much are tickets to the Cotillion Ball?

The final ticket price for the 2024 Cotillion Ball has not been determined. However, the ticket price for the 2022 Cotillion was \$125.

Will there be any events held during the week?

No, all events will occur 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.

How soon will Jr. Escorts need to be selected?

The Cotillion Chairs will communicate when Jr./Sr Escorts must be identified. Debutantes should consider brothers, cousins, other relatives, or family friends as their Jr. Escorts. Boyfriends as Jr. Escorts are highly discouraged.

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 with additional questions?

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