

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
ZETA UPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER

In Partnership With
Youth Development Foundation of Pinellas County, Inc.

Presents

Essence of Ebony Pearls Debutante Cotillion

Participant Application & Information

Young Ladies and Parents:

Since 2001, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter has dedicated itself to presenting a new generation of young ladies into society. The Essence of Ebony Pearls Debutante Cotillion is a unique program that seeks to further develop and prepare its participants for transitioning into womanhood and for making their official entrance into society at a formal presentation. During this preparatory process, the Debutante focuses on her social, academic, leadership, and civic development and is involved in a series of workshops and activities that aim to expose the participants to leadership training, community engagement, and camaraderie. Our goal is to develop young women through essential life changing instruction and experiences.

Debutante Characteristics include:

- High Scholastic achievement
- Focus on goals and aspirations beyond High School
- Outstanding character and leadership
- Commitment to service in school or in the community

Participants will be attending will be a number of workshops and instructional sessions conducted over several months by dedicated mentors. The end of Debutante training culminates with the Cotillion on **March 20th, 2021**.

For Debutante Cotillion participation, young ladies must meet the following criteria:

- High school junior or senior
- Good academic standing. GPA 2.5 or better
- Participation in extra curricular school activities
- Volunteer in civic/community/church programs
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Maintain high moral values and self-respect
- Never have been arrested or detained for any criminal act
- Is not a parent/become a parent or pregnant before the Cotillion
- Two Character References (excluding family members)
- Provide a statement of "Why I would like to become a Debutante."

Please carefully review the materials and submit by **September 20th, 2020** to Youth Development Foundation via email to ydfdebutante@gmail.com. **Must be received by the deadline.** If technical assistance is needed please contact us.

- Completed and signed Application
- Two Character References
- Statement of Purpose
- Please print a copy for your records

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter

Youth Development Foundation of Pinellas County, Inc.

P. O. Box 16784 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733



Essence of Ebony Pearls 2021 Debutante Scholarship Cotillion Application For High School Juniors & Seniors

Please verify participation criteria before submitting the application. Two character reference letters are required. At least one letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor, or school administrator. Completed applications must be received by **Sunday, September 20th, 2020**.

A Parent/Legal Guardian **MUST** accompany you in the virtual interview and virtual orientation.

Receipt of application does not guarantee an invitation. Selection interviews to be held **Sunday, September 27th, 2020**.

Student Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____

Social Media Accounts (FB, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram) _____

EDUCATION

High School _____ Grade _____ GPA (weighted) _____

School Activities _____

CIVIC/COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (Attach additional page if needed)

CAREER/COLLEGE INTEREST

Plan to attend (1st choice): _____ Major: _____

Plan to attend (2nd choice): _____ Major: _____

CHARACTER REFERENCES (Attach reference letters)

I. Name (Print) _____ Phone _____

Job Title _____ E-mail _____

II. Name (Print) _____ Phone _____

Job Title _____ E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Relationship to participant _____

Alternate Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Relationship to participant _____

If invited to participate in the Cotillion, please inform the chairman of any known allergies/medical conditions. This information will remain confidential.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

NOTE: By signing this agreement, you are authorizing participation of your child as their parent/legal guardian to participate in all activities of the Debutante Experience. You are also agreeing to the use of photography/video of your child during the Debutante Experience. No personal or demographic information provided on this application will be used for any other purpose than for chapter records. At any time during the Debutante Experience the participant may be excused by either the parent/legal guardian or chapter for reasons unbecoming a Debutante and/or personal choice. As the parent/legal guardian, you agree that failure of the participant and/or parent to comply with the criteria, the Debutante will be asked to discontinue. The Participation Fee and Presentation Fee are non-refundable.

Name (Print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian E-mail _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

(Attach additional page if needed)

“Why do you want to become a Debutante?”

Cotillion Activities and Fundraising in Partnership with the Youth Development Foundation of Pinellas County, Inc.

[Click here to submit](#)