



2018/2019 DEBUTANTE CLASS

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The Flint Alumnae Chapter
of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

About the Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program

The Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program of the Flint Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., recognizes notable young ladies in the Flint/Genesee County Area who have demonstrated superior academic excellence, exemplary moral standards and are actively engaged in their local communities. This comprehensive seven-month program is designed for young ladies who will be sophomore, juniors or seniors in high school during the **2018-2019 school year**. Once achieved, the accomplishments of these young ladies are celebrated in a spectacular way at an elegant Cotillion Ball scheduled for **April 27, 2019**.

Through a series of workshops, cultural events and rehearsals, participants will gain etiquette and social grace skills, educational development, college preparedness skills and community service involvement. These activities are geared to enhance their personal growth as they transition into womanhood.

Those invited to participate in this program will benefit from their connection to a stellar group of women who are high achievers and serve as invaluable resources. Regardless of a Debutante's chosen path in life, she will forever have access to those in our organization who can serve as mentors, friends, and role models. This relationship as well as new found friendships, offer these young ladies the opportunity to create a unique bond which is like no other.

Being a participant in a Debutante Program is a great honor and those chosen for our program will be successful in their endeavors, serve as role models to their peers, and become future leaders in their communities.

For additional information, please contact:

Ms. Cheryl Thompson
2018 Debutante Chairperson
fac13198@gmail.com

~ **OR** ~

Visit our website at:

www.flintdeltas.org

or call

810-288-0958

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The selection process shall not deny any applicant the opportunity to participate based upon race, religious affiliation, or economic background

Eligibility Requirements

A prospective Debutante **must**:

- Must submit a completed application packet by **September 1, 2018**
- Must be a sophomore, junior or senior during the 2018-2019 school year
- Must possess a 2.5 or better cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Must display leadership ability and exhibit good moral character, evident by appropriate behavior in and outside of school
- Must be actively involved in school and community service
- Must be a highly respected role model and leader, with a commitment to community service and demonstrate future leadership ability evidenced by involvement in school, community and/or place or worship
- Must attend, with a parent, an Informational Meeting scheduled by the Pearls of Perfection Selection Committee
- Must pay a participation fee of \$400.00
- All participation fees are accepted by check or money order made payable to: Delta Sigma Theta.
PARTICIPATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
- Pay a **non-refundable** deposit of \$50 when registering with the balance of \$350.00 due by **September 1, 2018**. **A discount of \$50 will be given for Early Bird registration by June 30, 2018**
- Purchase/sell a minimum of five (5) pages in combined advertisement and patron sales for the souvenir booklet
- Purchase/sell a minimum of 10 tickets to the Cotillion Ball
- Attend program events, workshops, and cotillion rehearsals
- Select a reliable young male escort (ages 16-20) **and** an adult male escort (father or father-figure) for the Cotillion Ball. Selected males will be required to attend designated workshops and practice sessions

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- The completed 2018/2019 Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program Application Packet includes:
 - A. A completed and signed application, including:**
 - **Extracurricular Activities Form**
 - **Acknowledgement of Responsibilities Form**
 - B. Essay**
 - C. Official high school transcript or last report card**
 - D. Two (2) Recommendation Forms or letters**
- Applicants will be contacted with scheduling dates, if appropriate. Proper business attire is required
- Letters of acceptance will be mailed or emailed to applicants

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Application, Extracurricular Activities Form, Acknowledgement of Responsibilities Form, Essay and Two (2) Recommendation Forms must be typed
- Official high school transcript must **be in a sealed envelope**
***If last report card is submitted must provide official transcript no later than September 23, 2018**
- Two (2) Recommendation Forms or letters **must be in a sealed envelope**
- Mail **ALL** parts of the application packet in the **SAME** envelope
- Completed application packet must be received by **September 1, 2018**. Late applications will not be accepted. Please mail application to:

Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Flint Alumnae Chapter
P. O. Box 13198
Flint, MI 48501

INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

Application

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Birth Date: (mm/dd/yy): _____

How did you hear about the program (check all that apply): Direct Mail Flyer Personal Contact
 Other

Program you are applying for: Debutante

Mailing Address:

Number and Street Apartment #

City/Town State Zip Code County

Contact Information:

Email Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian #1: (check one) Mother Father Other (please specify):

Name	
Address	
Telephone number & email	

Parent/Guardian #2: (check one) Mother Father Other (please specify):

Name	
Address	
Telephone number & email	

Education (applicant):

Grade and graduation date	
School name	
School address	
Current GPA	

Future University or College	
Anticipated Major	
Career Goal	

Extracurricular Activities

Please list your current (2015 to present) extracurricular, volunteer, and work activities in their order of importance to you. Use the space available to provide details of your activities and accomplishments. All school and program acronyms and/or abbreviations should be spelled out completely to ensure information is transferred accurately. *(Please use additional sheets of paper as needed)*

Name of Organization	Start to End Date	Activity positions Held	Honors Received

Essay

The personal essay helps us to become acquainted with you as a person and a student. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize and express your thoughts. Please write an essay (400 words or less, but not less than 200 words) answering **one** of the questions listed below.

Indicate your topic by **checking the appropriate box**. Your essay should be typed (12-point Times New Roman), double-spaced, and submitted with your application.

- If you were the next President of the United States, what would be your first priority?
- Describe a major issue within your community and two potential solutions.
- Describe a woman in a leadership role who has influenced your life and why?

The Pearls of Perfection Selection Committee will consider the following criteria in scoring your essay:

- Correct use of grammar and punctuation
- Creativity, originality and quality of ideas
- Use of research materials to support ideas and/or assumptions
- Overall appearance of essay

Acknowledgment of Responsibilities

(Parents must initial their acknowledgment of the statements below.)

_____ During the debutante season (September 1, 2018 – April 2019), Debutantes may have only two excused absences. The academic and/or extracurricular schedule of the prospective Debutante will permit active involvement in the **FAC of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program**.

_____ Debutantes will be asked to solicit sponsorships (through ticket sales and ad sales) from family, friends, and local businesses in support of their participation in this program. I will be able to recruit financial supporters.

Have you been involved in any criminal incidents at school or in your community within the past 2 years?

Yes No If yes, please explain.

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I understand that the Flint Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program committee reserves the right to dismiss a Debutante from the program if she does not comply with the attendance policy, becomes disruptive within the program, is disrespectful to the program and its participants, or becomes pregnant or violates any rules of conduct during the debutante season. Falsification of any portion of this application may be grounds for dismissal. NOTE: Debutantes dismissed from the program will not receive a refund of any monies paid.

I have provided truthful and complete information in this application and understand the requirements of this program.

Prospective Debutante _____
Date

My daughter has permission to participate in the Flint Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program. I also agree to pay all participation fees and acknowledge that I have received a copy of all fees associated with the program. I understand that participation is voluntary and if my child withdraws at any time the full participation fee is non-refundable.

Parent/Guardian _____
Date

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO:
Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Flint Alumnae Chapter
P. O. Box 13198
Flint, MI 48501

- Completed application packet must include:**
- FAC 2018/2019 Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program Application, including Extracurricular Activities and Acknowledgment of Responsibilities Forms
 - Essay
 - Official high school transcript **in a sealed envelope**
 - Two (2) Recommendation Forms or letters **in a sealed envelope**

(NOTE: Qualified recommenders include teachers, community leaders, religious leaders, employers, and mentors.)

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2018/2019 Completed Application



Checklist

Debutantes

- Have you included your signed application form?
- Have you included your Extracurricular Activities Form?
- Have you included your Acknowledgement of Responsibilities Form?
- Have you included your Essay?
- Have you included your official high school transcript (or last report card) **in a sealed envelope?**
- Have you included your two (2) Recommendation Forms **in a sealed envelope?**

COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2018