



2018-2019 APPLICATION PACKET

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The Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter
of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program Overview

The Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program of the Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, recognizes notable young ladies in the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Area who have demonstrated superior academic excellence, exemplary moral standards and are actively engaged in their local communities. This comprehensive program is designed for young ladies who will be high school seniors, graduating in the Class of 2019. Once achieved, the accomplishments of these young ladies are celebrated in a spectacular way at an eloquent Debutante Cotillion scheduled for January 5, 2019.

The Pearls of Perfection Debutante program is comprised of four key components:

- **Scholarship** – the program stresses the importance of scholastic achievement and the value of continuing education at the at the post-secondary level through scholarship awards
- **Service** – participants are taught the importance of giving back to their communities through individual and group community service projects
- **Leadership Skills** – an integral part of the program offers participants the opportunity to network and learn from professionals with various skills specific to educational development and college preparedness
- **Development** – through a series of workshops, cultural events and rehearsals, participants will learn etiquette and social grace skills, skills geared to enhance their personal growth as they transition into adulthood

Those invited to participate in this program 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, along with 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:

ccacdebutante@yahoo.com

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Visit our website at:

<https://www.ccadst.org>

**PEARLS OF PERFECTION
2018-2019
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A prospective Debutante **must**:

- Be a high school senior, graduating in the Class of 2019
- Secure a reliable young male escort (ages 16-19) **and** an adult male escort (father or father-figure) for the Debutante Cotillion. Both men will be required to attend selected workshops
- Submit a completed application packet by **Saturday, June 2, 2018**
- Submit an official transcript in a **sealed envelope** with evidence of a 2.5 or better cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Submit a personal essay
- Submit two (2) Recommendation Forms in a **sealed envelope**
- Submit a current photograph (jpeg or PDF formats)
- Attend along with the selected escort an Informational Meeting **and** Interview Session scheduled by the Pearls of Perfection Committee

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Mail **ALL** parts of the application packet in the **SAME** envelope
- Completed application packet must be **received by Saturday, June 2, 2018**

Mail completed application packets to:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter
P. O. Box 21811
El Sobrante, CA 94820
Attention: Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program

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

PEARLS OF PERFECTION DEBUTANTE APPLICATION

Debutante Applicant Information:

Name	First	Middle	Last
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-Mail			
Birth Date			

How did you hear about the program (check all that apply)

Social Media
 Personal Referral
 Other

Do you have any members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in your immediate (network, family, close friends, mentors)? Yes No

If your answer is "Yes," please give the member's name and relationship to you:

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

Name	First	Middle	Last
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-Mail			

PEARLS OF PERFECTION DEBUTANTE APPLICATION - CONTINUED

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

Name	First	Middle	Last
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-Mail			

Education (applicant)

Current grade and graduation date	
School name	
School address	
Current GPA	
Future University or College	
Anticipated major	
Career goal	

DEBUTANTE APPLICANT EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Be sure to include name of activity, grade level of participation, accomplishments and positions held. Please attach additional sheet(s) if necessary.

School-Related Activities:

Other Extracurricular Activities:

Church/Community Service Involvement:

Honors/Awards/Achievements:

Special Talents and Hobbies:

DEBUTANTE APPLICANT 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.

- What ultimate contributions do you wish to make to society?
- Describe how your involvement as a Debutante will enhance your personal character
- 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

DEBUTANTE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

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

I understand the debutante season is from July 2018 to December 2018 and that Debutantes may have no more than two (2) excused absences. The prospective Debutante must ensure academic and/or extracurricular schedules will permit active involvement in the **Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program**.

I understand Debutantes will be required to solicit sponsorships (through Cotillion tickets and ad sales) from family, friends, and local businesses in support of their participation in this program and I agree to recruit financial supporters.

I understand that the **Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter 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, becomes pregnant or violates any rules of conduct during the debutante season.

I understand Debutantes dismissed from the program **will not** receive a refund of any monies paid.

I understand Debutantes must secure a reliable young male escort (ages 16-19) **and** an adult male escort (father or father-figure) for the Debutante Cotillion who will be required to attend selected workshops.

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 **Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program and Cotillion**. I understand that participation is voluntary and if my child withdraws at any time, all fees paid are non-refundable.

Debutante Parent/Guardian

Date

PEARLS OF PERFECTION ESCORT PROFILE

Escort Information:

Name	First	Middle	Last
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-Mail			
Birth Date			

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

Name	First	Middle	Last
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-Mail			

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

Name	First	Middle	Last
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Home Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-Mail			

PEARLS OF PERFECTION ESCORT PROFILE -CONTINUED

List **THREE (3)** organizations you are involved in:

1.	
2.	
3.	

Proposed Career:

Please write a short paragraph about why you are interested in being an escort:

Please provide two (2) personal references:

Name	Relationship to you:
Phone:	Email:

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Phone:	Email:

ESCORT RESPONSIBILITIES

Activities are planned for escorts to encourage growth in areas of life skills, setting goals, etiquette, and commitment to themselves, family and their community.

- I. Pay an Escort Fee in the amount of \$350.00 on or before August 26, 2018.
- II. Attendance at the following activities is required of all escorts:
 - A. Self-esteem and etiquette workshop
 - B. Waltz practices
 - C. Debutante Cotillion
- III. All escorts must realize the necessity of attendance at scheduled activities in order for the event to be representative of you and the Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The following must be adhered to:
 - A. Escorts must attend all scheduled rehearsals
 - B. The escort must notify his debutante and a designated escort committee member if he is unable to attend rehearsals. Failure to do so may jeopardize participation in the Debutante Cotillion
 - C. Proper attire is the escort's responsibility for all events.
 - D. It is imperative that escorts conform to the guidelines set by the Escort Committee
- IV. It is imperative that escorts are punctual at all activities.
- V. Escorts should be of good character and good standing in the community.
 - A. An escort expelled or suspended from an academic institution will be terminated from participation in the Cotillion and all related activities.
 - B. An escort who exhibits unacceptable behavior that can be substantiated will be given one (1) warning. If unacceptable behavior continues, it will result in termination of participation. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior in class resulting in disciplinary action, disruptive behavior during Debutante Cotillion activities, inappropriate language, a negative attitude and disrespect.
 - C. An escort who exhibits substance use or abuse or has possession of a weapon will be terminated immediately from participation in the Debutante Cotillion.

Escort Name (printed)

Debutante Name (printed)

Escort Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Debutante Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ESCORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- I understand the debutante season is from July 2018 to December 2018 and that Escorts may have no more than two (2) excused absences. The prospective Escort must ensure academic and/or extracurricular schedules will permit active involvement in the **Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program**.
- I understand Escorts must pay an Escort Fee in the amount of \$350.00 on or before August 26, 2018
- I understand that the **Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program** committee reserves the right to dismiss an Escort from the program if he does not comply with the attendance policy, becomes disruptive within the program, is disrespectful to the program and its participants or violates any rules of conduct during the debutante season.
- I understand Escorts dismissed from the program **will not** receive a refund of any monies paid.
- I understand Escorts will be required to attend selected workshops.

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

Prospective Escort

Date

My son has permission to participate in the **Contra Costa Alumnae Chapter Pearls of Perfection Debutante Program and Cotillion**. I understand that participation is voluntary and if my child withdraws at any time, all fees paid are non-refundable.

Escort Parent/Guardian

Date

PEARLS OF PERFECTION DEBUTANTE PROGRAM 2018-2019 COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST



- Have you included your signed application form?
- Have you included your Extracurricular Activities Form?
- Have you included your Debutante Acknowledgement of Responsibilities Form?
- Have you included your Essay?
- Have you included your Escort Profile?
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- Have you included your official high school transcript **in a sealed envelope?**
- Have you included your two (2) Recommendation Forms **in a sealed envelope?**
- Have you attached a current photograph?

**COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE
RECEIVED BY
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018**