

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Psi Eta Omega Chapter

COTILLION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

It is with pleasure that the Psi Eta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. announces the Application Period for our 2012 Cotillion Scholarship Program. This program is an outstanding opportunity for young ladies and young men to experience a wide array of cultural, academic and social activities, while at the same time raising scholarship funds to support their college career. Young ladies and men graduating from high school in 2012 or 2013, having high academic standing, contributing positively to the climate of their school, and who are actively involved in the community, are encouraged to apply for consideration. This unique program, which culminates with a formal Cotillion Ball, is an experience that will remain in the hearts and minds of each young participant.

The Cotillion program is our chapter's primary vehicle for highlighting the accomplishments and achievements of graduating young ladies and young men from the Greater Columbus and Suburban metropolitan school systems. The Cotillion concept is a unique program, which seeks to further develop and prepare its participants for transitioning into adulthood through a series of workshops which expose the participants to leadership training, community altruism, camaraderie, and social etiquette. The program culminating event is the Cotillion. The Cotillion is an elegant black-tie affair in which the participants are presented to society and are recognized for their commitment and efforts during the program.

The program amounts to a three-month tour de force emphasizing values, goal-setting, African-American culture, personal presentation, grooming, decorum, and acceptable dating practices. The objective of this program is to offer enriching experiences and opportunities for participants to expand their network with like achievers and mentors, and to further develop their personal, social, and leadership skills through a variety of social, educational and cultural activities.

More than \$8,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the culminating Cotillion on March 17, 2012.

OFFICIAL APPLICANT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Note: All applicants must be graduating in 2012 or 2013 and planning to attend a college, university or vocational/technical school immediately upon graduation. Each applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Fees include:

- *Application fee: \$75 (Refundable only if not accepted into the program)*

The application deadline is December 15, 2011. Applications submitted after this time must include a \$50 late fee. No applications will be accepted after December 30, 2011.

The official application form, application fee, essay, and letters of recommendation **must be submitted as one package**. Mail completed packages to:

Tasha Wilson
P.O Box 282072
Columbus, Ohio 43228

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Minimum Participation Requirements

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Must be a junior or senior in high school in the 2011-2012 school year

Must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5

May not be pregnant or become pregnant during the process

May not have any children

Escorts

Must be a junior or senior in high school in the 2011-2012 school year

May not have any children

The official application form and essay must be submitted to:

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OFFICIAL COTILLION CONTACT

Tasha Wilson
Cotillion Committee Chair
614-394-6441

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION SHEET

Please type or print clearly:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Telephone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Grade Level: _____ Current Grade Point Average: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

College/ University/ Post Secondary School Interest:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities/ Sports/ Clubs, etc.:

Hobbies/ Interests:

Community Involvement:

List any significant high school honors, awards or recognitions that you have received:

OFFICIAL ESSAY

Write an autobiographical sketch. Include five short-term goals and five long-term goals (may include personal, educational or career-oriented goals). (Limit 500 words on a separate typed page.)

*****All private contact and identification for the applicant will be confidential and used only by the Cotillion Staff for the express purpose of promoting the Cotillion. *****

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OFFICIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION SHEET

(USE THIS SHEET AS A COVER PAGE FOR EACH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION)

This form may be duplicated as many times as needed. Each candidate must have a minimum of two, letters of recommendations. Teachers, parents, administrators, students, community agency representatives, and business/industry partners may submit letters of recommendations.

The letter **must not exceed one double spaced, type-written page.**

Name of Student Being Recommended: _____

High School of Student Being Recommended: _____

The most effective letters of recommendation will specifically address the questions to be considered by the selection committee. Those questions are listed below. Make sure you include the name of the applicant and your name and position in the letter. **Attach this form** as a cover to your letter.

The selection committee will consider the following questions:

1. How has the applicant promoted positive self-esteem for himself and served as a role model for others? How has this been done beyond what is generally expected?
2. How has the applicant demonstrated academic potential and achievement?
3. Has the applicant demonstrated a pursuit in post-secondary education, and if so, what has he done that demonstrates that he will successfully complete a post-secondary school program?
4. What about the applicant's character distinguishes him as a young gentleman?
5. How has the applicant been a force of constructive change in his school, church, home or community?

Recommended by: (Please type or print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Relationship: _____ Parent _____ Peer _____ Administrator _____ Teacher _____ Community
Agency Representative _____ Other (Specify) _____

Signature _____

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